

**Oregon Heritage Commission
September 8, 2014
Redmond Public Library
827 SW Deschutes Ave.
Redmond, Oregon**

Approved Minutes

Commissioners: MaryKay Dahlgreen, Mari Lou Diamond, Todd Kepple, Sarah LeCompte, David Lewis, Eric Martin, Andrea Morgan, Jerry Ostermiller, Roger Roper, Jon Tullis.

Staff: Kyle Jansson, Kuri Gill.

Public: George Endicott, Heather Richards, Nunzie Gould, Aleta Warren and others.

Lewis called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

Jerry Ostermiller, a former commissioner who was recently appointed to the Commission, was introduced.

Mayor George Endicott of Redmond welcomed commissioners to Redmond, and talked about his own interest in history and the city's efforts at preserving its history.

Agenda: Tullis moved the draft agenda be approved. Martin second. Approved without dissent.

Minutes of May 28: Diamond moved the draft minutes be approved. Tullis second. Approved without dissent.

Public Comments: Aleta Warren of the Pilot Butte Canal Preservation Alliance said irrigators helped make Central Oregon what it is. She talked about the work her group of 70 neighbors are doing to preserve the canal. She is concerned that efforts by the irrigation district to pipe the water in the canal will destroy the historic canal.

Nunzie Gould said water resources and land use decisions are vital to remaining true to Governor McCall's vision for the state.

Cultural Trust Funds: Jansson said that his recommendation comes after reviewing the new Oregon Heritage Plan, commission and Cultural Trust statutes, and the Heritage Vitality Report. The recommendation is to provide \$30,000 to the technical assistance program partners and \$23,594 to the five cities that have been designated Heritage All-Star Communities. Gill and Jansson said several of the communities have already been contacted and are have projects in mind. Roper said the heritage division programs work together and the All-Star communities program encourages the same. The cities will have grant agreements and the distributions will be managed similar to the Certified Local Government grants. Tullis moved that the proposed distribution of funds be approved and that the Commission recommend that the heritage division

find funds to raise the All-Star communities total to \$25,000. Diamond second. Approved without objection.

Collections

Digitization Standards: Dahlgreen said the information in the board packet about the proposed LSTA standards was self-explanatory.

State Library Reorganization: Dahlgreen said the State Library is closing its public reference room because the funds used to operate it were not the appropriate ones. It maybe will re-open with alternative funding. There are concerns about how to access the collections of the State Library and the Willamette Valley Genealogical Society. Commission staff received a letter from the WVGS president about its concerns.

Economic Development and Tourism

Redmond Community Development Director Heather Richards provided commissioners a packet of information about the historic preservation and economic development efforts in the city, including surveys and incentives. Following a brief presentation, she led the commissioners on a brief walk to see preservation and development efforts in downtown Redmond.

Grant Updates: Gill gave an illustrated talk about the status of Oregon Heritage's grant programs, including those of the Heritage Grants and Museum Grants awarded by the Commission. A few of the projects have been completed, but most are underway.

Heritage Tradition Designation: Jansson described the process of submission and review of a nomination to designate the Klamath Basin Potato Festival an Oregon Heritage Tradition. Tullis said Tradition designations are some of the better things the Commission does and they add value to the events themselves. Martin moved that the Klamath Basin Potato Festival be named an Oregon Heritage Tradition. Kepple seconded. Approved without objection. Commissioners said now would be a good time to promote all of the designees as a group with airline magazines, travel writers, 1859 Magazine, Gerry Frank and others.

Education

SB 739. Morgan talked about working with the groups designated in the law to create a website useful for teachers to use in teaching about these groups. Considerable material was found already existing that had been produced by the Portland Public Schools and the now-ended Teaching American History programs. However, they would still like to take additional steps to help teachers be trained on the content, something that usually doesn't happen when their content options in college are limited. They are making sure that consultations are done with groups that are being included in the content.

Communications

Jansson reported that nothing new has occurred in this area.

Reports by Commissioners

Lewis is giving a talk tonight in Portland. Among other activities, the Grand Ronde are hosting another history conference on Nov. 14 to follow the success of the first one a year ago.

Tullis said Timberline is considering taking on the management of an additional historic building.

Kepple said the Klamath County history community is grieving the sudden death of the historical society's president.

Diamond urged commissioners to attend the Greek festival in Portland this fall.

LeCompte said the BLM's Oregon Trail interpretive unit is reacting to many development proposals that would impact the trail and other historic sites.

Ostermiller noted several leadership changes in Astoria that could change the community's direction during the coming years.

Martin said a large number of in-fill and development plans for historic Portland neighborhoods are raising concerns. Solutions are being discussed.

Roper said both Oregon Heritage and the Cultural Trust have made new hires, with Brian Rogers and Aili Schreiner already on board at the Trust. Also, Restore Oregon is working to have tax credit legislation introduced for the 2015 Legislative session.

Adjournment: Lewis adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m.