

## Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission

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Agenda Item:	6a	<b>Information</b>
Topic:	Community Engagement, Oregon Preservation Plan Outreach	
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The National Park Service provides a portion of the State Historic Preservation Office's (SHPO) funding through a biannual grant under the provisions of the 1966 Historic Preservation Act. The grant requires that the SHPO complete a state-wide preservation plan every five years that describes how the SHPO, government agencies, non-profit organizations, advocacy groups, and the public will work together to identify, designate, protect, and treat our state's important historic places. The current 2018-2023 Oregon Historic Preservation Plan is available on the agency website. [See the 2018-2023 Plan](#). While the plan must address SHPO programs, there is an opportunity to discuss the concerns of the larger "heritage community," which includes the public, museums, archives, non-profit organizations, Tribes, and all levels of government.

This summer and fall the Oregon SHPO will ask Oregonians how the heritage community can work together to identify and preserve historic places, collections, and traditional practices, educate the general public about the State's history, and build support for cultural organizations and programs. Participants will also be asked to consider how the heritage community can better address diversity, equity, and inclusion in cultural resource programs, disaster preparedness, and planning for cultural resources in development and infrastructure projects.

Beginning in June, the agency will post a project page on the agency website, offer an online survey, and host a series of 90-minute public meetings. Meetings will focus on a specific region of the state or topic, but all will be welcome to attend one or more session. Participants in the survey or who attend meetings will identify what issues matter most, how to best preserve our history, and what government agencies, cultural institutions, and each Oregonian can do to protect and share our history. The agency will invite Oregon Tribes to Government-to-Government consultation to provide input on the Plan, and will host a separate discussion session for cultural resource staff. Staff will also offer presentations at appropriate agency-sponsored events and state commission and committee meetings, and to federal, state, and local agency partners and non-profit organizations. Presentations will range from brief, informational sessions to staff-led workshops, depending on the organization's preference.

**Prior Action by Commission:** none

**Action Requested:** none

**Attachments:** none

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