OREGON STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION
MEETING MINUTES
The Mill Casino
3201 Tremont Street
North Bend, OR 97459
February 22, 2019

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Julie Osborne - Chair, Dr. Stephen Dow Beckham, David Harrelson, Stephen Mark, Mary Oberst, Gwendolyn Trice, and Dr. Mark Tveskov

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Deb Schallert

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Chrissy Curran-Deputy SHPO, Ian Johnson-Associate Deputy SHPO, Jason Allen-Historic Preservation Specialist, Robert Olguin, National Register Program Coordinator, and Tracy Collis-Program Assistant

STAFF MEMBERS ABSENT

None

WORKING LUNCH PRESENTATION

Ms. French and Ms. Lopez gave a presentation on Archaeology and how it relates to the National Register of Historic Places (NR)

GUESTS AND PROPONENTS

SHPO staff: Jamie French, Kirsten Lopez, Dennis Griffin, and John Pouley


Amundsen House: Adrienne Donovan-Boyd and Janice Barsanti,

Bates House: Rachel A. Verdick, Charlene A. Green, and Clayton B. Powers,
PUBLIC MEETING BEGAN AT 9:00 AM

OPENING REMARKS AND INTRODUCTIONS

Ms. Osborne called the meeting to order and stated the role of the State Advisory Committee on Historic Preservation Office (SACHP). All committee members and staff introduced themselves.

PRESENTATION

Mr. Olguin gave a presentation on a Traditional Cultural Property (TCP) nomination on how to evaluate them and what they mean.

DISCUSSION OF ISSUES OF INTEREST AND CONCERN TO THE PUBLIC NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Mark approved the agenda as submitted. Mr. Harrelson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Ms. Oberst approved the minutes as submitted. Ms. Trice seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

UPDATE FROM THE DEPUTY SHPO

Ms. Curran stated the legislature is in session and there are six legislative concepts from the Oregon Parks & Recreation Department (OPRD). One concept that was heritage related, which included a statewide anniversary acknowledgement, changed the terminology “statewide celebration” to “commemoration” as it better acknowledges that not everything that has happened in the state should be considered a celebration. Senate Bill 48, which was introduced but not yet approved, is an extension of the Special Assessment Tax Program. Other heritage related concepts deal with owner consent at the state level, and the potential for a historic state tax credit program. The SHPO has had three lawsuits filed against them over the proposed Eastmoreland Historic District; all three have since been dismissed. The SHPO is awaiting guidance from the Department of Justice on how to proceed with the nomination.

Mr. Johnson stated the vacant Review and Compliance position has been filled by Tracy Schwartz, and Shane James has been hired to backfill an open GIS Archaeologist position. The recent government shutdown created a bit of a backlog with the National Park Service (NPS), which led the SHPO to hold off on sending new approved nominations to the National Register of Historic Places.

REVIEW OF REQUESTS FOR DELISTING PROPERTIES LISTED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

John M. and Elizabeth Bates House #4
Lake Oswego, Clackamas County

Mr. Dow Beckham recused himself from this discussion and vote as he had a potential conflict of interest.

Ms. Oberst approved Mr. Dow Beckham’s request for recusal, and Ms. Trice seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
The committee appreciated the information that was put forth for a delisting request, however the committee agreed that although the house is in disrepair, the house still retains its historic integrity to meet the requirements for listing on the National Register of Historic Places (NR), and may still be easily repaired.

Mr. Harrelson moved to deny the petition to delist the John M. and Elizabeth Bates House. Mr. Tveskov seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

REVIEW OF PROPERTIES PROPOSED FOR LISTING IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

Roy E. and Hildur L. Amundsen House
Gresham, Multnomah County

The committee was happy to see this nomination come before them as it is a beautiful house in pristine condition. There are several minor edits to the nomination that the committee would like to have the SHPO correct before submission, such as the header on page 14 states this is in Union County and not Multnomah County; page 14 discusses that this is a Usonian House, however, the Gordon House near Silver Falls State Park has a second floor, so they would like the nomination to state “most Usonian houses are single story”; page 10 states the Donation Land Claim act was available to everyone, however not everyone was eligible, so please state that “most people were eligible; page 11 mentions the new Columbia River Highway, but the committee would prefer the nomination state I-84 instead; and mention that the radiant floor heating is still be generated by the original boiler.

Ms. Oberst moved to forward the nomination to the Keeper of the National Register under Criterion C with amendments as recommended by the committee. Mr. Mark seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Oregon Trail: La Grande to Hilgard Segment
Unincorporated, Union County

The committee felt the nomination made very clear points as to the connection to people and how that area grew and prospered. The committee would like to see the nomination reference the exclusion laws in Oregon for African Americans and the Chinese being excluded from owning land at that time. The third paragraph on page 8 uses the words, “the ill-fated Whitman party”, however they were not fond of that terminology and requested using different phrasing to discuss this incident.

Ms. Trice moved to forward the nomination to the Keeper of the National Register under Criterion A with amendments as recommended by the committee. Ms. Oberst seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Q’alya ta Kukwis shichdiit me TCP Historic District
Coos Bay, Coos County

Mr. Harrelson stated there may be a perceived conflict of interest with him reviewing and voting on this nomination. After discussion, the committee did not feel there was a conflict of interest to have Mr. Harrelson recuse himself from reviewing and voting on the nomination.

Ms. Oberst moved to allow Mr. Harrelson to review and vote on the nomination. Ms. Trice seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
Mr. Dow Beckham stated there may be a perceived conflict of interest with him reviewing and voting on this nomination. After discussion, the committee did not feel there was a conflict of interest to have Mr. Dow Beckham recuse himself from reviewing and voting on the nomination.

Ms. Oberst moved to allow Mr. Dow Beckham to review and vote on the nomination. Mr. Mark seconded. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Tveskov stated there may be a perceived conflict of interest with him reviewing and voting on this nomination. After discussion, the committee did not feel there was a conflict of interest to have Mr. Tveskov recuse himself from reviewing and voting on the nomination.

Mr. Harrelson moved to allow Mr. Tveskov to review and vote on the nomination. Ms. Oberst seconded. **The motion passed unanimously.**

The committee felt this nomination was written in a way that is easy for people to understand what a Traditional Cultural Property (TCP) is, as well as makes the argument for eligibility for a TCP. However, there are some minor edits such as capitalization of words and spelling, and the narrative was hard to find. In addition, the section that discusses Criterion D eligibility is less strong and should be strengthened. It was also not clear in the nomination how the boundary was established and should be made clear in the nomination.

Mr. Tveskov moved to forward the nomination to the Keeper of the National Register under Criterion A, B, and D as is. Ms. Oberst seconded. **The motion passed unanimously.**

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:45 PM**