

# Oregon Heritage Commission

June 4, 2018, 1-2 p.m.

Teleconference: 1-877-402-9757; Access Code: 4605348

Public Listening Room: Room 146

North Mall Building, 725 Summer St. NE, Suite C, Salem

**Commissioners:** Todd Kepple, Jerry Ostermiller, Sarah LeCompte, Eric Martin, Laura Ferguson, Chelsea Rose, Anne LeVant Prah, Matias Trejo de Dios, Layne Sawyer, Andrea Morgan

**Staff:** Kuri Gill, Beth Dehn

**Public:** None

**1. Call to Order (1:00 p.m.)** **Todd Kepple**

**2. Introductions** **All**

**3. Approval of Agenda (1:05)** **All**

Ferguson motioned for the agenda to be approved. Rose seconded; approved.

**4. Approval of Minutes April 4** **All**

Martin motioned for the agenda to be approved. Trejo de Dios seconded; approved.

**5. Public Comment**

**6. Museum Grant Approval, Action Item**

**Kuri Gill**

Gill reported that 25 applications were submitted for the 2018 Museum Grant. This is a record high number of applications, which can be attributed to an increase in outreach, including participating in the *Conversation with Funders* workshops arranged by the Cultural Trust. The grant review committee was comprised of two Heritage Commissioners, an Oregon Museum Association member, staff, and several museum leaders. Feedback from the Committee was that all the applications represented good projects, but some applications needed more detail. Staff will consider if attachments, including letters of recommendation, should be required in the future. Gill noted that there was good geographic distribution to the grants, though applications from southern Oregon and the coast were low. The majority of applications were for collections projects, which makes sense other grants don't specifically cover the topic. Gill noted that she would like to see an increase in tourism grants. Gill also that there was some repeat funding to certain organizations. Gill will send feedback to all unfunded applications and offer assistance for future applications.

Trejo de Dios motioned for all recommended 2018 Museum Grants be funded with the exception of the High Desert Museum and Oregon Jewish Museum. Ostermiller seconded; approved.

LeVant Prah motioned for the 2018 Museum Grant to be awarded to the High Desert Museum. Martin seconded. Ferguson recused herself; approved.

Ferguson motioned for the 2018 Museum Grant to be awarded to the Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Studies. Rose seconded. LeVant Prah recused herself; approved.

## 7. Reports by Commissioners

All

**Ferguson:** Nothing new to report.

**LeCompte:** Busy with field trip season.

**Ostermiller:** Working on July Commission meeting arrangements. Looks forward to welcoming commissioners to Astoria.

**Sawyer:** Nothing new to report.

**Morgan:** The State Board of Education adopted new Social Studies Standards in May after 2 years of work. The new standards include multi-cultural standards. Ethnic Studies standards will be added later.

**Trejo de Dios:** Preparing for overseas travel. Will spend time researching missing pieces of information about Oregon History while in Spain. The Instituto de Cultural Oregoniana is publishing a book of poetry in Spanish. The organization intends to provide copies to school libraries in the state. Additionally, the organization is transitioning to a new director.

**Rose:** Participated in the Archaeology Road Show in Portland. Over 1,200 people attended. Rose suggested opening Commission grants to archaeology because there is a need. Rose also reported that a new Heritage Bulletin about researching Historically Marginalized Communities has been published based on her 2016 Heritage Conference session.

**Martin:** Will present the Portland MidSummer Festival an Oregon Heritage Tradition designation.

**LeVant Prahl:** A student from Belfast will be interning at OJMCHC this summer.

**Kepple:** Will host tourism workshop in Klamath Falls.

## 8. Adjournment (1:38)

Next Meeting

Columbia River Maritime Museum, Astoria, July 30