

**Oregon Heritage Commission
May 4, 2016
Oregon State Capitol, Room 243
Salem**

Approved Minutes

Commissioners: Carole Astley, Eliza Canty-Jones (for OHS), Chrissy Curran, MariLou Diamond, Kimberly Jensen, Todd Kepple, Sarah LeCompte, David Lewis, Andrea Morgan, Jerry Ostermiller, Chelsea Rose, Layne Sawyer.

Staff: Kyle Jansson, Katie Henry.

Public: Lisa Sumption, Bevin Clapper, Danielle Utter, Luke Sprunger, Annie Von Domitz, Jessica Carbone, Tom Chandler, Sarah Raymond, Sheri Stuart, and others.

Vice chair LeCompte, in absence of the chair Eric Martin, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Commissioners, staff and the public identified themselves. The newest commission member, Chelsea Rose, was introduced.

Approval of Agenda: With the addition of the appointment of a committee to review staff recommendations for use of next year's Cultural Trust grant, approved unanimously.

Minutes of Nov. 2 meeting: Motion to approve. Second. Approved.

Minutes of Feb. 1 meeting: Motion to approve. Second. Approved.

Public Comments: None.

Director's Comments: Lisa Sumption, the director of the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, discussed the philosophical and factual aspects of the department's current operations.

Oregon Main Street Program: Sheri Stuart, the director of the Oregon Main Street program, made a presentation about the goals and operations of the programs.

Bylaws Review, Discussion and Adoption: Jansson noted this draft reflects the wording changes made by the Commission at its February meeting. If the Commission approves them today, they will become an operational document for the Commission. Motion to approve. Second. Approved unanimously.

Grants: Jansson reported the number of applicants and their combined requests for museum grants. Approval of the grants will be at the next Commission meeting.

Heritage MentorCorps: Jansson said a workshop for new and current members will take place this afternoon as part of the conference. Because the number of mentors has declined and since it has been three years since the first cohort was recruited, a new recruitment will be taking place soon. Initial cohort was involved with collections care and emergency preparedness. The new cohort will also handle board development issues, if they have adequate experience, training and interest.

Oregon Heritage Tradition Designations: Jansson said the sub-committee that reviews the proposals met this week. Each of the sub-committee members used a new grid featuring the designation criteria to evaluate the nominations.

Happy Canyon: The subcommittee recommends that additional information be sought.

Pear Blossom Festival: Subcommittee believes the criteria have been met and recommends approval. Motion made to approve designation of Pear Blossom Festival as an Oregon Heritage Tradition. Seconded. Approved.

Heritage Tourism Workshops: The Commission's funds from the Cultural Trust were used last month to stage workshops in John Day and Pendleton. Jansson said more than 30 people attended, including folks from both heritage and tourism sectors. These workshops had more impact and networking than the pilot workshop done two years ago.

Heritage Conference Preview: Jansson talked about anticipated attendance, and the content of the conference. It has been a delight and honor to have the conference in the Capitol.

Cultural Trust Grant Proposal Review: Jansson noted that it is time to plan the uses of the Cultural Trust funds that become available later this summer. Several commission members volunteered to work with the coordinator to develop recommendations.

Commissioner's Reports: Commissioners reported on past, current and future heritage activities.

Adjournment: LeCompte adjourned the meeting about 11:40 a.m.