

Oregon Heritage Commission
November 2, 2015
Teleconference
Public Listening Room: Room 146, North Mall Office Building
725 Summer St. NE., Suite C, Salem

Approved Minutes

Commissioners: MariLou Diamond, Kimberly Jensen, Todd Kepple, David Lewis, Eric Martin, Carol Michael, Andrea Morgan, Jerry Ostermiller, Layne Sawyer.

Staff: Kyle Jansson, Kuri Gill.

Public: None.

Martin called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m. Commissioners identified themselves.

Approval of Agenda: Michael moved the agenda be approved. Jensen second. Approved unanimously .

Minutes of September 21 meeting: Michael moved the minutes be approved. Lewis seconded. Approved without dissent.

Public Comments: There were none.

Heritage Grant Approval: Gill reviewed the process and recommendations of the review panel. Panelists included Kamla Hurst of Oregon Humanities, Jansson, Lewis, Annie Von Domitz of Oregon Travel Experience, and Wanda Chin. Fifty-four applications were received, well above the normal 30-40. Participating in joint grant planning and writing presentations with other Cultural Trust partners has increased both the quantity and quality of the applications. Geographical spread of applications was normal, although none from southeast Oregon. Some unsuccessful applicants were museums which can apply for their project in the Museum Grants next spring.

Ostermiller and Lewis offered suggestions to improve the program. Jensen asked about applications placing maps on websites and the UO Digital Newspaper program. Ostermiller said the committee made good recommendations and that the Heritage Grant program is woefully underfunded.

Michael moved the recommendations of the Heritage Grant Review Committee be approved. Jensen seconded. Approved without dissent.

Reports of Commissioners:

Sawyer reported that more than 150 people attended the State Archives open house on Halloween Day and that the event was written up in the Salem daily newspaper.

Adjournment: Michael moved adjournment. Approved without dissent at 11 a.m.

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