

OREGON HERITAGE COMMISSION
Approved Meeting Minutes
February 1, 2010
Oregon Parks & Recreation Dept. – NMOB / Rm 124A
725 Summer St NE, Salem OR

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: David Lewis, E. John Rumpakis, Layne Sawyer, Andrea Morgan, Jan Mitchell, Charlotte Fugate (via conference call), Jim Scheppke, Jon Tullis, Carol Michael, Kimberly Jensen, Tim Wood, Irene Zenev.

STAFF: Kyle Jansson, Roger Roper, Kuri Gill, Kimarie Lamb, Aili Schreiner.

Call to order and Introductions

Mitchell called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. Commissioners and staff introduced themselves.

Approval of Agenda

Rumpakis made a motion to approve the agenda as proposed; Michael seconded. Approved unanimously.

Approval of December 18, 2009 minutes

Jensen made a motion to approve the minutes as drafted; Rumpakis seconded. Approved unanimously.

Commissioner Reports

Rumpakis reported that Portland State University will be making a significant announcement on Greek Classics.

Tullis reported that the Central Cascades GeoTourism Map Project was unveiled on Jan. 29 with good media coverage. He will send a map to commissioners or everyone is welcome to visit www.thecentralcascades.com on the web to obtain map information.

Morgan reported that a Social Science Curriculum Standards Review meeting will meet March 15-16 to begin revising standards using some work done in Colorado. She encouraged commissioners to attend. The time table for the entire process is 2011.

Michael announced that the 100th anniversary of the Pendleton Roundup is this year.

Roper said the Historic Preservation League of Oregon is promoting education through workshops and want to be statewide organizations and encouraged commissioners to look at its website. On Jan. 18, the Governor made an announcement that state agencies should hold meetings when possible in downtown Historic Districts throughout the state. Also when state employees travel they should do business in the historic downtowns. SHPO is

working with DAS on what that means and how to go about fulfilling those goals. The Main Street Program is coordinated by Sheri Stuart. Administrative issues are being worked on. National heritage districts are being developed in the Astoria and Oregon City areas.

Sawyer described the early Oregonians database being developed at the Oregon Archives and how additional information is being added to it.

Lewis mentioned Grand Ronde is involved in several efforts, including helping the Oregon Historical Quarterly with an issue on treaties and the First Nations Powwow.

Public Comments

There were no public comments at this time.

Joint meeting with the State Historic Records Advisory Board

All Commissioners and Staff re-introduced themselves. Records Advisory Board members were James Fox, University of Oregon; Larry Landis, Oregon State University; Mary Beth Herkert, State Archivist; Diana Banning, City of Portland; and Pat Duvall, City of Milwaukee.

Explanation of the purpose of SHRAB

Herkert reported on the SHRAB rejuvenation process during the past five years. It has provided funding for both archives and records management workshops, as well as for both paper and electronic records. It is seeking to solutions to other public records preservation and management issues.

Explanation of the purpose of OHC

Jansson said the Heritage Commission was founded to give heritage organizations a central venue to address common issues. The Commission inherited the Museum grant program from the Tourism Commission and then the Commission obtained its own grant program to find solutions for funding.

Oregon Heritage Assessment

Jansson and Schreiner explained how the Oregon Heritage Vitality Assessment came about and how it is being conducted. (A copy of their presentation is attached to these minutes.)

All extensively discussed the preliminary assessment results. Some discussion revolved around a fee that the Washington state archives charges to support digitization and preservation efforts, and its potential in Oregon. Attendees talked about how to move something forward together in a tough budgetary climate that is a sustainable solution. Somehow, heritage and heritage archives need to find ways that don't cost a lot of dollars in the short term and that make major savings in the longterm.

The SHRAB and the Commission agreed to keep in touch on these issues.

Adjournment of Joint Meeting

By common consent, the SHRAB and OHC concluded their joint meeting

Technical Assistance Project Update

Jansson talked about the progress or lack of progress toward developing the two regional technical assistance programs. He has identified strengthening it as one of his priorities for the year.

Planning

2009 OHC Strategic Plan Update: Jansson reviewed for the Commission the actions that have been added to each of the key strategies and outcomes for 2009-11. Commissioners reviewed the additions and the Heritage Conference was added under “Strengthening delivery of technical information to heritage organization across the state”

Director’s Update: Wood thanked the commissioners for their service. He talked about the assessment and how this is the type of work the Commission can do to enhance heritage in the state. He also described potential efforts to make permanent the Measure 66 funding for parks. He said the Heritage Commission is doing what it should be done with the survey and the conference.

OPRD Work Plan: Roper described the OPRD Annual Work Plan process and pointed out that the Heritage Commission’s assessment report was one of the projects selected as a Director’s priority.

2009 Regional Roundups:

Jansson updated commissioners on the dates, times and locations of each Regional Roundup. Lewis encouraged commission staff to consider include a natural heritage component in future conferences as many cultural heritage activities have been impacted by the natural environment. He also discussed heritage leadership panels.

Revised Statewide Celebration Declaration

Jensen presented the revised draft for the Women’s Suffrage Centennial Declaration. Michael made a motion to adopt the declaration; Lewis seconded. Approved unanimously.

Museum Grants

First Round: Jansson presented the revised recommendations from the Grant Committee. He said one application submitted only by electronic means had been overlooked for the first meeting. The committee met a second time and considered that application using the same criteria as the first meeting. The Committee is asking that the Commission approve their recommendation. Lewis made a motion to approve the recommendation; Zenev seconded. Approved unanimously.

Second Round: Applications are due May 17, 2010. The review committee will be comprised of the same individuals to maintain consistency, said Jansson.

Statute/Administrative Rule: Jensen shared concerns of the review committee that smaller museums were not funded. She said that it wanted the Commission to look at the law and administrative rule and consider changes that might improve their chances. Roper noted that OPRD would support changing the rules to make them less specific so that the commission has more flexibility in their grant program. Jansson said three of the biggest museums in the state applied this time and also were not funded. Commissioners discussed potential ways to address this issue. Gill said the issue is more about the projects and the museums' ability to complete them, and that improving our technical support might support those projects better than changing the grant qualifications.

Adjourn

Rumpakis made a motion to adjourn; Michael seconded. Approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.