

Oregon Heritage Commission
June 5, 2015
Teleconference, Public Listening Room in Room 146,
North Mall Office Building, 725 Summer St. NE, Salem

Approved Minutes

Commissioners: MariLou Diamond, Kimberly Jensen, Sarah LeCompte, David Lewis, Carol Michael, Jerry Ostermiller, Layne Sawyer.

Staff: Kyle Jansson, Kuri Gill, Mike Gushard.

Public: None.

Lewis called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

Approval of Agenda: Michael moved the agenda be approved as presented. Martin second. Approved without dissent.

Minutes of Feb. 2 meeting: Martin noted an incomplete sentence on the second page about the role of commission staff with the Willamette Falls State Heritage Area. Staff suggested language to complete it. Jensen moved the minutes be approved with that correction. Diamond second. Approved without dissent.

Minutes of April 24 meeting: Ostermiller requested the minutes show that he had recused himself from the item on designation of Astoria as a Heritage All-Star Community. Michael moved the minutes be approved with that correction. Diamond second. Approved without dissent.

Public Comments: There were none.

Museum Grant Approval: Gill said the review committee was comprised of Jansson, Gushard, Todd Kepple, Gwen Carr and Kylie Pine. She was asking the Commission to approve the ranking of the proposals in case A) any of the higher-ranked projects fall through B) additional funds become available. Gill noted that because the State Hospital Museum of Mental Health proposal involved state documents that the project might change. She also shared the comments of review meeting observer Amy Vandegrift that the museum grant does not require a match, although members often gave higher ratings to projects if they did. Vandegrift said that having the Commission in as a project's first funder may encourage other donors to gift. She also wondered about measureable outcomes for these projects.

Gill said the grants were awarded to a variety of regions, needs and differentially-sized organizations. More were awarded last time because the Commission used some of its Cultural Trust funds to support the program. Eight of the 30 proposals are recommended for funding. A number of proposals this time were of high quality but the \$55,000 available for this round were

insufficient to support them. Jansson said digitization project agreements will include language that the digitization must meet standards equal to the ALCTI's recommended standards.

Michael moved to approve funding of the first eight proposals and the ranking of proposals through number 20 in the committee's ranking. Diamond second. Approved without dissent.

Reports of Commissioners:

Lewis will be teaching soon at Willamette University. He speaks at Cannon Beach next week.

Ostermiller NOAA's plans for the Oregon coast in 2016 are continuing, with Loren Davis of OSU the lead on cultural topics.

Jensen said she had followed up with the Oregon Commission on Women and its presentation at the February meeting. Work is beginning on a women's history app.

Michael said she is delighted that Willamette Valley Vineyards has decided to use history to name its new site near Milton-Freewater the Panbrun Winery.

Martin attended the Historic Preservation Fair at the Capitol Mall last month and was impressed by the energetic people.

Lewis thanked commission members and staff for their support during his term as commission chair.

Adjournment: Michael moved adjourned. Approved without dissent at 10:48 a.m.