



Oregon Parks and Recreation Department Oregon Heritage Commission

The Oregon Heritage Commission is a group of leaders from across the state that works collaboratively to champion resources, recognition, and funding for preserving and interpreting Oregon's past. Founded in 1995 by the Legislature, the Heritage Commission is comprised of nine gubernatorial appointments and nine ex-officio members. The Commission is designated in [ORS 358.570-595](#) as the primary agency for coordination of heritage activities in Oregon.

Commission Members:

Rosemary Johnson (Chair), Kerry Savage (Vice Chair), Maureen Flanagan-Battistella, Randall Melton, Libby Provost, Jamie Marroquin, Katee Withee.

Advisory Members:

Chrissy Curran, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer; Ross Fuqua, State Library of Oregon; Amit Kobrowski, Department of Education; Larry Landis, Higher Education Coordinating Commission; Mary McRobinson, Oregon State Archives; Kerry Tymchuk, Oregon Historical Society; Michelle Woodard, Travel Oregon

November 3-4, 2024

Tamástslikt Cultural Institute

47106 Wildhorse Blvd, Pendleton, OR 97801

Concurrently held via Zoom

MINUTES

Sunday, November 3, 2024

3:00pm

Local tours

Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N Main St, Pendleton.

Heritage Station Museum: Umatilla County Historical Society, 108 SW Frazer Ave, Pendleton.

Monday, November 4, 2024

9:00am

Business Meeting

Members Present: Rosemary Johnson (Chair), Maureen Flanagan Battistella, Randall Melton, Libby Provost, Jamie Marroquin, Katee Withee. **Advisory members:** Ian Johnson, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer; Buzzy Nielsen, State Library of Oregon; Larry Landis, Higher Education Coordinating Commission; Theresa Rea, Oregon State Archives; Kerry Tymchuk, Oregon Historical Society; Michelle Woodard, Travel Oregon

Staff Present: Katie Henry, Commission Coordinator; Kuri Gill, Oregon Heritage Grants & Outreach Coordinator; Mary Newcomb, Administrative Assistant

Public: Aili Shreiner,

Meeting Notes

Meeting brought to order at 9:20am.

1. Commission Business

Action

- a. Approval of Agenda
 - i. Commissioner Provost, moved to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Commissioner Flanagan Battistella seconded the motion. Motion carries; 6 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.
- b. Review of the July 22, 2024 meeting minutes.
 - i. Commissioner Provost identified corrections.
 - ii. Commissioner Melton moved to approve the July 22, 2024 meeting minutes. Commissioner Flanagan Battistella, seconded the motion. Motion carries; 6 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.

2. Public Comment

Information

- a. Chair called for public comment related to items not on the agenda.
 - i. Dale & Jane Mammon introduced themselves and the historic preservation work they do in Eastern Oregon, including a historic house that they want to convert into a research center, Mammon Union County Research Center.

3. Oregon Heritage Update

Information

- a. Heritage Staff informed the Commission of staffing and program updates.
 - i. Staffing updates: Johnson provided updates to staffing referencing the updated org. chart.
 - ii. 2025 Summit: Henry reminded the Commission of the Virtual Summit on April 17-18 with the theme Mobilize for Heritage. Nonprofit Association of Oregon agreed to partner with Oregon Heritage on the program.
 - iii. Fall Workshops: Henry made an announcement for the free Fall Workshops, in-person and online, on collections care and assessments
 - iv. Multiple Property Documents: Gill updated the Commission on the African American MPD project and the Women's History MPD project. Commissioner Flanagan Battistella commented on the African American MPD noting the resources in Southern Oregon that she learned about from that MPD. Commissioner Provost was contacted by someone whose property was included in the MPD and was able to pass on that resource to them.
 - v. 250th Commission: Henry updated the Commission on the progress of Oregon 250 and her goal of centering inclusiveness and the opportunity

for small heritage organizations to leverage this anniversary for value messaging opportunities.

- vi. Cultural Value of Heritage Flyer: Henry let the Commission know this flyer has been translated into Spanish, Chinese, and Russian.

4. Committee Update

Information

- a. Tribal Relationship Building Committee: Commissioner Provost provided background on the decision to draft a resolution related to Tribal relationship building. Henry provided background on resolutions generally and guidelines for the language and intent. Commission Provost discussed the timeline for the process, bringing forth draft language for facilitated discussion at the January meeting. Provost asked for volunteers to be on the Committee and requested the Chair or Vice-Chair be on it.
- b. Heritage Traditions Committee: Commissioner Provost reported on the presentation of the Heritage Tradition banner to the Portland Saturday Market. Henry and Provost discussed tools to help these entities leverage the presentation events. Henry would like to have future discussion on criteria of the Heritage Tradition designation and possible exceptions for the continuous 50 year criteria.
- c. Chair Johnson would like to have a conversation with Savage about Chair and Vice Chair serving on one of the Committees. Commissioner Maroquin volunteered to serve on the Tribal Relationship Building Committee, Commissioner Flanagan Battistella volunteered for the Heritage Traditions Committee.

5. Oregon Cultural Trust Strategic Plan & Tax Credit

Information

- a. Aili Shreiner, Cultural Trust Manager for Oregon Cultural Trust, gave a presentation to the Commission about the 2023-2027 Oregon Cultural Trust strategic plan and the Cultural Tax Credit. The Commission is one of the Oregon Cultural Trust's five statewide partners that receive a percentage of the funds distributed by the Trust each year to support the programs and services they provide across the state.

6. Northwest Digital Heritage

Information

- a. Coordinator Henry provided an update on Northwest Digital Heritage; a partnership of the Commission, Washington State Library, and the State Library of Oregon, that serves as the primary service hub in the Pacific Northwest for the Digital Public Library of America's national discovery platform. The Commission's focus in this project is providing pathways for small heritage organizations to digitally preserve and share their collections.

7. Break

8. 2024-2033 Oregon Historic Preservation Plan **Information**

- a. ADSHPO Johnson, presented an overview of the recently released 2024-2033 Oregon Historic Preservation Plan. This plan is one of two statewide plans under the Oregon Heritage/SHPO to help prioritize and direct heritage preservation work in Oregon, the other plan being the Oregon Heritage Plan.
- b. Discussion was had about the differences in scope between the Oregon Historic Preservation Plan and the Oregon Heritage Plan.

9. 2026-2030 Oregon Heritage Plan **Information**

- a. Henry reviewed the documentation of previous plans and goals and objectives of each and the shift that occurred in the 2020 plans. Chair Johnson provided background on the effort around updating the 2020 plan.
Gill mentioned that our grant applicants indicate which goal their project relates to which shows which goals are being moved forward and that it will be important to include a section similar to the Preservation Plan on how to use the plan.
Henry discussed whether the process starts from scratch or reviews, adjusts, expands on current goals. Commission agreed on reviewing and adjusting current goals.
Provost asked for consideration on shifting to a 10 year plan or a 7 year plan.
Melton commented on a 5 year plan allows for input for every Commissioner at some point during their 4 year term.

10. Commissioner Reports (Working Lunch) **Information**

- a. Chair Johnson, Astoria; City of Astoria has started the process of the Disaster Resilience planning for heritage resources, the presentation of the All-Star designation to Coos Bay was well attended and went very well.
- b. Vice Chair Savage, Baker City; Henry on behalf of Savage discussed that there has been a case of a heritage organization that was denied insurance coverage
- c. Commissioner Battistella, Medford; Oregon Museums Association is shifting its meeting to Spring and focusing on heritage tourism. Jefferson Public Radio files have been ingested by Library of Congress and Illinois Valley News has been ingested up through 2021, discussed hacking of Internet Archives and they announced an announcement focused on community archives, EO media has been sold and its unknown about the impact on news in Southern Oregon.
- d. Commissioner Melton, Pendleton; nothing to report
- e. Commission Withee, John Day; Archaeology Road Show in Burns for the fourth year, the Occidental College in Portland closed and there is an effort to figure out where the Kam Wah Chung online collection will live.

- f. Commissioner Maroquin, Sherwood; reported on the call for submissions for the OHS quarterly edition featuring the 250th.
- g. Commissioner Provost, Portland; Coming Home event with several heritage organizations a part of it held in Old Town Portland
- h. Ian Johnson, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer designee; staff is working on updated guidelines for the NR program, staff regularly attend Culture Cluster, and SHPO coordinates a Intergovernmental Cultural Resources Council (ICRC).
- i. Buzzy Nelson, State Library of Oregon; Government services division has archives and they were just migrated to a new platform which will be included in NWDH, working with Tribes on digitizing Tribal newspapers, reported on the rise of challenged materials in libraries.
- j. Larry Landis, Higher Education Coordinating Commission; Fall of 2024 is the 20th anniversary of Archives West that includes several Oregon collections, loss of a National Register designated resource, the Grand Staircase on the Eastern Oregon campus was demolished, several universities held Indigenous Day celebrations in October, OSU has recently opened a new NAGPRA facility on campus.
- k. Theresa Rea, Oregon State Archives designee; Archives Division has purchased a professional large format book scanner, completing the final phase of compact shelving, Archives is working hard to ensure a safe and secure election.

11. Tour of Tamástslikt Cultural Institute

Information

- a. Commissioner Melton led a tour of the Tamástslikt Cultural Institute. Owned and operated by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, the institute is dedicated to the preservation and cultural research of three American Indian Tribes; the Cayuse, Umatilla and Walla Walla.

12. 2024 Oregon Heritage Vitality Study

Information

- a. The Commission reviewed and discussed the final draft of the 2024 Oregon Heritage Vitality Report. The final report is expected to be released publicly the week of November 11th, 2024.

Meeting adjourned at 2:29pm.

Commission Planning Calendar

- 1. January 27, 2025** – To be held virtually
- 2. April 27 – 28, 2025** – South Willamette Valley Region