



Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries
Thursday, October 10, 2024
Sutherlin Community Center
150 S Willamette Street, Sutherlin
Online

Friday, October 11, 2024
Mildred Knipe Memorial Park
16513 Elkhead Road, Oakland

AGENDA

Thursday, July 18, 2024

Zoom Meeting - https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_eMo-YfiwSsyNoRyyR_h0kw

Business Meeting: 1:00pm

1. Commission Business

- a) Welcome and Introductions (Information)
 - a) Jesse Jackson, Education Programs Officer, Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians – Meeting blessing.
- b) Approval of October 10, 2024 Agenda (**Action**)
- c) Approval of July 18, 2024 Minutes (**Action**)

2. Public Comment: *This is the time for the public to address the Commission. If you wish to make public comment on an item on the agenda you can choose to make your comment either when the item is heard, or during this allotted time. **Speaking time is limited to 3 minutes.***

3. Disasters in Historic Cemeteries (Information) –

- a) **Community Wide Disaster Resilience Planning** – Melissa Graciosa, University of Oregon, Institute for Policy Research and Engagement (IPRE)
Oregon Heritage, in collaboration with IPRE has developed a community planning process for heritage resources that can be replicated in any community. The pilot project was in Cottage Grove and now the work is happening in Bend and Salem. Check out the examples, guidebook and orientation videos [here](#).
- b) **Value of Heritage Resources in Community Recovery-** Kuri Gill
Heritage resources are critical in community recovery from disaster. This conversation will share some resources that support this and share example.
[Culture in City Reconstruction & Recovery](#), UNESCO
[Value of Heritage in Disaster Resilience Report and Messaging Guide](#), Oregon Heritage Commission
[Fact Sheet on Art & Culture: Helping People Before, During, and After Disasters](#), FEMA
- c) **Bureau of Land Management Cemetery protection effort –**

The 2020 effort was highlighted in the Oregon Heritage Exchange.

<https://oregonheritage.wordpress.com/2020/11/19/protecting-two-cemeteries-in-the-path-of-a-fire/>

- d) **Ways the commission can support disaster planning for historic cemeteries.** (Discussion)
4. **Cemetery Care Permit Program (Information)** – Koren Tippett
 - a) This will be an overview of the permit program, what it is and how to access. It will also include a summary of work completed and highlights from one of the permit users.
<https://www.oregon.gov/oprd/OH/pages/historic-cemeteries-program.aspx>
5. **OPRD & Oregon Heritage Update**
 - a) Oregon Heritage Update (Information)
 - i. [Oregon Historic Preservation Plan](#) – released!
6. **SOLVE Historic Cemeteries Clean-up Day (Information)** – Kuri Gill
 - a) Ways to promote and encourage folks to use this resource.
7. **Cemetery Records Project (Discussion & possible Action)**
 - a) Bulletin Discussion & Blog
8. **Project Check-in (Information)**
 - a) Cemetery Stories – Themes between now and the next meeting. Archives Month, Historic Cemeteries Month, Native American Heritage Month, Veterans Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday.
 - b) Remote Sensing Project – Shawn Steinmetz
9. **Upcoming Cemetery Resources (Information)**
 - a) Oregon Historic Cemeteries Grant <https://www.oregon.gov/oprd/OH/Pages/Grants.aspx>
 - b) SOLVE Historic Cemeteries Cleanup Support <https://www.oregon.gov/oprd/OH/pages/tools.aspx>
10. **Items for Future Meetings (Discussion)**
11. **Reports: Commissioner Actions and Issues (Information)**
12. **Fatality Management (Information)**
 - a) Candy Cates with Oregon Health Authority will share information about a disaster issue that is often overlooked in regard to cemeteries and disaster planning and response, fatality management. In some situations, human or natural caused, there are mass fatalities and cemeteries and funeral service providers need to be prepared for this. The state is coordinating a working group to address this issue. Candy will share some of the primary issues and the role of the working group.
13. **Commission Planning Calendar (Information)**
 - a) February 7, 2025 – Online
 - b) April 24-25, 2025 – TBA (suggested - Gorge Area)
 - c) May TBA, online grant approval
 - d) July 24-25, 2025 – TBA (suggested Astoria Area – Clatsop Community College)

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Tour: 9:00 am

Mildred Memorial Knipe Park Burial –

Meet at Mildred Memorial Knipe Park, 16513 Elkhead Road, Oakland, OR campground and equestrian area. Transportation not provided. The park is about 15 minutes from Sutherlin. The Friends of Mildred Knipe Memorial Park will host a visit to this interesting historic site owned by Douglas County. There is a “lost” cemetery at the park which the Friends have worked to identify using ground Penetrating Radar. Patrick O’Grady, who was involved in the research and is an archaeologist training in the use of GPR will share more information about remote sensing techniques in this work.

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