



**Oregon Heritage Commission**  
**May 5, 2025**  
**Coburg City Council Chambers**  
**91136 N Willamette St, Coburg**  
**& Online**

**Agenda**

*\*all times are an estimate and items on the agenda may occur earlier or later*

**Sunday, May 4, 2025**

3pm – Tour of the Museum of Natural and Cultural History, 1680 E 15th Ave, Eugene, OR 97401  
6pm – Dinner at The Public House, 418 A Street, Springfield, OR 97477

**Monday, May 5, 2025**

**Business Meeting: 9:00 am**

- **In Person** - Coburg City Council Chambers, 91136 N Willamette St, Coburg
- **Zoom Meeting** – Registration is required to virtually attend the meeting. Meeting zoom registration available at:  
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**1. Commission Business**

- a) Welcome and Introductions (Information)
- b) Approval of Agenda (**Action**)
- c) Approval of Nov. 4, 2024 Meeting Minutes & Jan. 27, 2025 Meeting Minutes (**Action**)

**2. Public Comment:** *This is the time for the public to address the Commission. If the Commission is seeking public comment during discussion of specific agenda items, the public may have the opportunity to comment when Commission discussion has finished and the Chair opens up the floor for public to comment. Speaking time may be limited.*

**3. Oregon Heritage Staff Update** (9:20 a.m., Information)

Commission Coordinator Katie Henry will provide brief updates to the Commission related to the agency and programs.

**4. Oregon Museums Association Strategic Plan** (9:50, Information & Discussion)

Oregon Museums Association's Vice-President, Stacy Nalley, will present the Association's recently updated [Strategic Plan](#).

**5. Lane County Covered Bridges** (Information, 10:10am)

Members of the Lane County Parks Advisory Committee will present on the covered bridges that Lane County is responsible for and challenges related to funding for maintenance.

**6. Commission Sub-Committee Business** (10:30, Information & Discussion):

- a) Oregon Cultural Trust Partner Funds Sub-Committee – Call for FY26 Sub-Committee
- b) Tribal Relationship Building Sub Committee - discussion with Commissioners on the Resolution draft related to the Commission’s commitment towards building meaningful relationships with Oregon’s Tribes.

**7. Cottage Grove Survey (11:10, Information)**

Oregon Heritage/SHPO Survey Coordinator, Evan West, will present on the recent survey work done in Cottage Grove as a part of the Disaster Resilience planning process.

**8. Oregon Heritage Programs in Lane County and Surrounding Region (11:30, Information)**

Commission Coordinator, Katie Henry, will provide an overview of regional engagement with Oregon Heritage programs such as grants, designations, awards, and more.

**9. Working Lunch & Tour (11:50)**

Commissions will have lunch at the IOOF building and hear from Coburg Main Street Director, Megan Dompe, on downtown revitalization efforts followed by a tour of the Main Street. Virtual attendance options will be interrupted during this agenda item but will resume following the tour.

**10. Commissioner Reports (12:50, Information)**

Commissioners will relay challenges or successes from their region as it relates to the four goals of the Oregon Heritage Plan or any topics to recommend for future agenda items. For advisors and agency reports, reports related to work/updates/information from your agency or statewide perspective that can help contribute to the four goals.

**11. 2026 Oregon Heritage Plan Update (1:20pm, Information & Discussion)**

Kearns and West Consultant will present to the Commission the timeline and process for the update to the Oregon Heritage Plan. This process is funded by the Oregon Cultural Trust Partner Grant the Oregon Heritage Commission receives as one of the five statewide partners of the Oregon Cultural Trust.

**12. Upcoming meetings (1:50pm, Information)**

**13. Meeting Adjourns (2 p.m.)**

**Commission Planning Calendar (Information)**

- a) May 27 – Virtual (Museum Grant Approval)
- b) July 27-28 – tent. St. Helens
- c) October 26-27, joint meeting with OHC, OCHC, HARC, SACHP– Canby
- d) January 26, 2026 - Virtual

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## **Oregon Parks and Recreation Department Oregon Heritage Commission**

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### **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. 250<sup>th</sup> 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 250<sup>th</sup>.
- 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup>, 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



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**Monday, January 27, 2025**

**Zoom**

### **MINUTES**

**Monday, January 27, 2025**

**9:00 am**

### **Business Meeting**

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

**Public:** Catie Boucher, Elissa Bullion, Jennifer Fang

### **Meeting Notes**

Meeting brought to order at 9:03am.

#### **1. Commission Business**

#### **Action**

- a. Approval of Agenda



- i. Commissioner Provost, moved to approve the meeting agenda as submitted. Commissioner Melton seconded the motion. Commissioners Johnson, Savage, Marroquin, and Withee voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Flanagan Battistella was absent at the time of the vote.
    - 1. Motion carries; 6 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.
- b. Review of the November 3-4, 2024, meeting minutes will take place at the May 5, 2025, business meeting.

## **2. Public Comment**

## **Information**

- a. Chair Johnson called for public comment related to items not on the agenda.
  - i. None.

## **3. Tribal Relationship Resolution**

## **Information**

- a. The Tribal Relationship Building Sub-Committee members are Libby Provost, Randall Melton, Jamie Marroquin, Katie Henry, Kuri Gill.
- b. The Sub-Committee decided to pursue drafting a resolution showing a commitment to work on building Tribal relationships. The Sub-committee has divided the discussion based on the two sections of statements within a resolution:
  - “Whereas” statements are the reasons for the resolution, the sub-committee approached these as the why the Commission is doing this based on the conversations at the sub-committee level and Commission level over time.
  - “Therefore” statements are the actions that the Commission wants to take moving forward.
- c. An outline of these two types of statements has been presented to the Commission for consideration to make sure that the Commission discusses and agrees on the outline of statements so the sub-committee can then work on draft language.
- d. Discussion was had about land acknowledgement, “Federally recognized” vs Indigenous, reparative language descriptions and resources, other groups with similar and complimentary efforts, adding statements to highlight the individuality of each tribe, and intended use of the statements.

## **4. Oregon Heritage Update**

## **Information**

- a. Commission Coordinator, Katie Henry, informed the Commission of staffing and program updates.
  - i. The 2026 Heritage Plan – The request for proposals is open and will close February 5<sup>th</sup>. More information about a chosen consultant will be at the next meeting.

- ii. The 2024 Heritage Vitality Study – Entities have approached staff wanting to know how they can engage. Commissioners will receive an updated list of stakeholders to review and add to.
  - iii. The 2025 Oregon Heritage Virtual Summit will take place, April 17-18, 2025. The Non-Profit Association of Oregon is partnering with Oregon Heritage on the program. Topics will include recent studies about the decline of Non-Profit advocacy. Registration will open in early February.
  - iv. America 250 Oregon Commission – A website will be launching in February that will assist in giving guidelines for organizations becoming an official event, timelines, official events, and exhibits. These Commission meetings are open to the public.
  - v. Workday Support for Commissioners – There have been challenges. Staff ask that the Commissioners not hesitate to reach out when they encounter issues or questions.
  - vi. Public Meeting Law – Board and Commission staff participated in a webinar on public meeting law provided by the Oregon Ethics Commission. We will be working on adjusting some things in order to make sure we are following these laws.
- b. Kuri Gill, Oregon Heritage Grants & Outreach Coordinator gave a Legislative update about bills OPRD is tracking because of their projected impacts, as well as grant opportunities.
- i. Grants open now: Preserving Oregon, Diamonds in the Rough, Oregon Museum Grant, Historic Cemeteries. Workshops are available online and applications close in the Spring.

## **5. Commissioner Reports**

## **Information**

- a. Chair Johnson, Astoria; Utilizing grants received, she has been working on the North Coast's heritage disaster resiliency plan.
- b. Vice Chair Savage, Baker City; Continues to work on an insurance coverage issue that has impacted a local Heritage organization.
- c. Commissioner Battistella, Medford; no update.
- d. Commissioner Marroquin: Recommended the OHS.org website for more 250th information.
- e. Commissioner Melton, Pendleton; Nápt Tananáwit, Láxs Níšayčt, or Two Cultures - One Community Powwow is taking place February 28 - March 2, 2025, in Pendleton.
- f. Commissioner Provost, Portland; Acknowledged the financial hardships for heritage organizations and staff. The Five Oaks Museum in Washington County is temporarily closed.

- g. Commissioner Withee, John Day: Dates have been chosen for the Archaeology Roadshow and will be sent to Katie Henry for disbursement.
- h. Ian Johnson, Advisor, Associate Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer; His programs are now fully staffed after 9 hires last year, and they added 14 places to the National Register of Historic Places in 2024.
- i. Larry Landis, Advisor, Higher Education Coordinating Commission; no update.
- j. Mary McRobinson, Advisor, Oregon State Archives; no update.
- k. Kerry Tymchuk, Advisor, Oregon Historical Society; Recommended OHS.Org for more information about tour he is on with Megan Lallier-Barron.\*
- l. Michelle Woodward, Advisor, Travel Oregon; A lot of interest from the heritage community about grants available through Travel Oregon. This past fall, she assisted with workshops and events held in Central Oregon that emphasized heritage projects.
- m. Ross Fuqua, Advisor, State Library of Oregon: Northwest Digital Heritage is close to 1 million harvested records from institutions in Oregon and Washington. New collections are coming from small organizations and libraries.

**Meeting adjourned at 10:36am.**

#### **Commission Planning Calendar**

- 1. May 4-5, 2025** – Location to be determined; Eugene or Coburg
- 2. May 27, 2025** – Virtual; Museum Grant Approval
- 3. July 27-28, 2025** – Location to be determined
- 4. October 26-27, 2025** – Location to be determined
- 5. January 26, 2026** - Virtual



## Resolution of Intention for Tribal Engagement and Relationship Building

**WHEREAS**, Oregon is situated within the traditional homelands of Indigenous peoples and Tribes who have lived here since time immemorial, and

**WHEREAS**, the Oregon Heritage Commission is a representative(?) of the State of Oregon and recognizes the government to government relationship with Oregon's nine federally recognized Tribes, and

**WHEREAS**, the Oregon Heritage Commission is designated in [ORS 358.570-595](#) as the primary agency for coordination of heritage activities and shall coordinate its activities with public and private organizations that express an interest in the heritage of Oregon, and

**WHEREAS**, Tribal interests are inherent to heritage work, interface with Tribal history, culture, and people, and

**WHEREAS**, Indigenous peoples and Tribes each have individual values, needs, goals, and capabilities, and

**WHEREAS**, the Oregon Heritage Commission acknowledges that past actions have been harmful to Indigenous people and Tribes, including the removal of items from originating communities, and

**WHEREAS**, the Oregon Heritage Commission wishes to move beyond a land acknowledgement and ensure a focus on meaningful relationship building with Oregon's Indigenous people, and

**WHEREAS**, the Oregon Heritage Commission wishes to support Tribes in their own work, and

**WHEREAS**, the Oregon Heritage Commission recognizes this work is about long-term relationship development and understanding,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Oregon Heritage Commission has a duty to center Tribal interests in all actions and decision making of the Commission, while practicing cultural humility, and

Therefore, the Oregon Heritage Commission will center the values and priorities of Tribes in the relationship building process and any actions the Commission might take to support Tribal efforts within the scope of the Commission's work, and

Therefore, the Oregon Heritage Commission is committed to sharing resources to increase public engagement with Tribes,



Approved by the Oregon Heritage Commission

May xx, 2025

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Rosemary Johnson

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