

**OREGON STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION
MEETING MINUTES
Skype Virtual Meeting
June 19, 2020
9:00AM**

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Stephen Dow Beckham - Chair, Dr. Mark Tveskov, Dr. John Arroyo, Jacqueline Cheung, David Harrelson, Stephen Mark, Julie Osborne, Heidi Slaybaugh, and Gwendolyn Trice

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Ian Johnson-Associate Deputy SHPO, Jason Allen-Historic Preservation Specialist, Robert Olguin-National Register Program Coordinator, and Tracy Collis-Program Assistant

STAFF MEMBERS ABSENT

Chrissy Curran-Deputy SHPO

GUESTS AND PROPONENTS

General Interest: Kuri Gill

Postal Employees Credit Union: Jessica Engeman

German Baptist Old Person's Home: Jessica Engeman and Wendy Klein

Darcelle XV: Kristen Minor, Don Horn, Walter Cole, Pamela Pelett, Terry Bean, Brandon Spencer-Hartle, and Former Governor Barbara Roberts

Riverside Park: George Kramer

Forest Grove Downtown Historic District: Diana Painter

MEETING BEGAN AT 9:00AM

DISCUSSION OF ISSUES OF INTEREST AND CONCERN TO THE PUBLIC NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Osborne moved to remove the Greyhound Bus Terminal from the agenda as the owners chose to withdraw the nomination. Ms. Trice seconded. **The motion passed unanimously.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Ms. Slaybaugh moved to approve the minutes as submitted with the exception of removing David Harrelson from attendance. Mr. Mark seconded. **The motion passed unanimously.**

UPDATE FROM THE DEPUTY AND ASSOCIATE DEPUTY SHPO

Mr. Johnson discussed that the National Register of Historic Places (NR) rule making, which are the state level procedures for running the NR in Oregon is proceeding on schedule. The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) has found gaps between state level rules, and the national level rules over the past several years. The Oregon Parks & Recreation Commission voted this week to go ahead with rulemaking, with the proposed rule changes and amendments. The Commission also invited each of the nine federally recognized tribes in Oregon to be involved with Government to Government consultation, but none have taken the SHPO up on the offer as of yet. Notification was also provided to the National Park Service (NPS) inviting their comment on the proposed changes as well. The rulemaking process will open on July 1, 2020, and the SHPO will have public meetings the last half of July through August. The SHPO will then gather the feedback received at these meetings, and determine whether the SHPO needs to reconvene the Rules Advisory Committee group, or possibly re-open the public comment period. The SHPO hopes to have these issues resolved by end of year before the legislative session in 2021.

Mr. Johnson also stated that due to Covid-19, most SHPO staff are now teleworking from home, and the SHPO has had to cancel quite a few events, such as, the Heritage Conference. In-person meetings, trainings, and other opportunities have also been canceled. The SHPO is trying to replace as many canceled events as possible with virtual meetings, digital downloads, etc. The SHPO non-profit partners are under a great deal of stress right now. The SHPO receives funds from two sources, which are, park user fees and lottery fees, and these funds have dried up. The Oregon Parks & Recreation Department (OPRD) had some funds set aside, but still is laying people off. The SHPO positions that have been affected are Tracy Schwartz (Review & Compliance), Joy Sears (Special Assessment Tax Program), Shane James (Archaeologist), and Katie Henry (Outreach). Budget cut backs also affect travel, trainings, and supplies. The Veterans and War Memorial, Preserving Oregon, Diamonds in the Rough, and the Certified Local Government grant programs have also been cut for now. The Cemetery, Museum, and Historic Theater grants are still going forward as they are not paid for with lottery funds. The Oregon Heritage Plan is still moving forward, and is well-received by the public. The SHPO is currently working on a new Multiple Property Document (MPD) for New Deal Era resources. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the US Forest Service (USFS), the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE), and the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), have offered to assist the SHPO by potentially funding a position in the SHPO office.

ACTION ITEM

State Advisory Committee on Historic Preservation (SACHP) update of the National Register program 5-year work plan presented by Mr. Olguin. Plan was reviewed and presented to the SACHP who agreed that it still was in line with the direction and goals of the Statewide Preservation plan.

PRESENTATION

Mr. Olguin gave a presentation to the committee on how National Register nominations should be written, and how they should be reviewed for eligibility during SACHP meetings.

OPENING REMARKS AND INTRODUCTIONS

Dr. Dow Beckham called the meeting to order and stated the role of the SACHP. All committee members and staff introduced themselves.

REVIEW OF PROPERTIES PROPOSED FOR LISTING ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

Postal Employees Credit Union

Portland, Multnomah County

(Audio starts at 1:27:50)

The committee felt this is a fairly common mid-century bank building that still retains good integrity. Section 7 is too general and does not convey the character of the building well; a clearer description and overall mapping to scale is needed. The nomination needs a better description of what are contributing vs. non-contributing resources. The settings and hardscapes in the courtyard also need more of a description. The significance and context sections did a good job describing the International Style, and its history, however looking at the building from the street front, it does not look welcoming or transparent as it has limited windows. If the nomination is going to rely on that character defining feature, the argument needs to be strengthened. The Comparative Analysis is Section 8 was well written, but the nomination needs to be strengthened to show how it differentiates itself from the Postal Employees Credit Union Building. A summary paragraph at the end of the nomination is needed. The orientation of the photos at the end of the nomination should be reorganized as they are confusing to look at.

Ms. Slaybaugh moved to forward the nomination to the Keeper of the National Register with amendments recommended by the committee, as well as the Portland Historic Landmarks Commission via letter to the SHPO office under Criterion C. Mr. Tveskov seconded. **The motion passed unanimously.**

German Baptist Old Person's Home

Portland, Multnomah County

(Audio starts at 2:02:35)

This nomination retains only a moderate level of integrity because of where and what it is, and due to having several additions, however, the committee understands why most of this nomination is focused on the outside of the building. There is a lot of inferred dates, such as when the German Baptist gave up ownership; actual dates should be included if they can be found. The Significance, Context statements and the Comparative examples were well written, but the Comparative Analysis section could use more examples. The Period of Significance of 1928-1950 contained as much information as could be done in a nomination. The illustrations provided a clear and a good sense of the current conditions, and were easy to understand. The nomination should be clearer as to whether the 1968 addition of the medical wing is part of the structure, or a separate building.

Mr. Mark moved to forward the nomination to the Keeper of the National register with amendments recommended by the committee under Criterion A. Mr. Tveskov seconded. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Darcelle XV

Portland, Multnomah County

(Audio starts at 2:36:50)

The committee was very pleased to see this building come before them as there are no other properties like this in Oregon. The scale of the building in the Statement of Significance needs to be more defined so that people on the east coast and elsewhere, will care about this building being listed for national significance for the LGBTQIA+ community, and not just for gay men. This property is important as it welcomes everyone, not just the LGBTQIA+ community, whereas most places are primarily focused on straight or gay men. The message in the conclusion of the nomination should be moved to earlier in the nomination, and the headings and sub-headings should be reorganized. A

reorganization of the nomination itself needs to be done as well to be more about the broad history of the LGBTQIA+ community. The Portland Historic Landmarks Commission submitted comments to the SHPO office, and those need to be included in the nomination. Criterion A should be strengthened for a national level of significance.

Mr. Arroyo moved to forward the nomination to the Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places with amendments recommended by the committee under Criterion A. Mr. Tveskov seconded. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Riverside Park

Grants Pass, Josephine County
(Audio starts at 3:37:30)

The Context section seems a little thin, and the nomination being based primarily on community planning seems like a bit of a stretch the way it is written. A comparison to similar parks should be included in the nomination as there is not a strong case as to why this park more special than others. The committee liked the explanation of the park history, but they struggled with integrity due to all of the changes that have occurred over the years, especially the flood of 1968. They would like more descriptions and photos of the 18 resources that were listed in the nomination.

Mr. Tveskov moved to forward the nomination to the Keeper of the National Register with amendments recommended by the committee under Criterion A. Ms. Osborne seconded. **The motion passed unanimously.**

New Fliedner Building

Portland, Multnomah County
(Audio starts at 4:15:58)

Overall, the committee enjoyed this nomination and thought it was well-written, and made its case for listing in the NR. However, the committee stated that the architectural significance is apparent, but they still struggled with the community planning and development element, as well as the building's style being completely changed.

Ms. Trice moved to forward the nomination to the Keeper of the National Register under Criterion A and C. Ms. Cheung seconded. **The motion passed 8-1. Ms. Slaybaugh opposed.**

Forest Grove Downtown Historic District

Forest Grove, Washington County
(Audio starts at 4:44:44)

The Historic Context was too extensive, and could be reduced as the pre and post significance makes it hard to get to "meat" of the nomination. Adding specifics about the people instrumental in the development of Forest Grove would help to show why Forest Grove is unique. Some of the pre-history information is inaccurate, so the committee recommended checking the source material. An example of an inaccuracy would be the statement that says "Tualatin Calapooia people came to Grand Ronde, not Siletz. The nomination should discuss the impact of World War I in what got developed commercially in Forest Grove. It would help to understand the impact of the fires on the building stock if the number of Sanborn maps were reduced, and key the buildings that are still extant. Bullet points for each style of each of the buildings would be helpful. The nomination started out with Block styles, but then changed to architectural styles; this order should be reversed. The district boundary map did not properly correlate to the numbers, and Section 7 was hard to understand and follow and should be reorganized. A couple paragraphs discussing the Forest Grove Indian Training Industrial School should be added to the nomination.

Ms. Osborne moved to forward the nomination to the Keeper of the National Register under Criterion A and C with amendments recommended by the committee. Ms. Slaybaugh seconded. **The motion passed unanimously.**

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:30PM