

# Oregon Heritage Commission

Nov. 2, 2020, 9a.m.--- APPROVED MINUTES

**Commissioners:** Chelsea Rose, Rosemary Johnson, Kerry Savage, Anne LeVant Prah, Laura Ferguson, Kimberly Moreland, Matias Trejo De Dios, Todd Kepple, Layne Sawyer, Larry Landis, Michelle Woodard, Jennifer Patterson, Kerry Tymchuk, Amit Kobrowski

**Staff:** Katie Henry, Kuri Gill, Jamie French

**Public:** Kyle Jansson

1) **Call to Order (9:00 a.m.)** Chelsea Rose

2) **Introductions** All

3) **Approval of Agenda** All

Todd Kepple moved to approve the agenda. Johnson seconded; approved.

4) **Approval of Minutes Aug. 3** All

Commissioner Landis requested an edit to his commissioner report.

Kerry Tymchuk moved to approve the Aug. 3 minutes with the requested edit by Landis. LeVant Prah seconded; approved.

5) **Public Comment**

None.

6) **Oregon Heritage Update** Kuri Gill & Katie Henry

Gill reported on the OPRD's process to prioritize following staff reductions. That process is currently happening and we will update the commission following the end of that process.

Gill addressed staff updates. State Archaeologist Dennis Griffin retired and we are in the hiring process for his replacement.

Henry reported the following:

- **2021 Oregon Heritage Summit** – The decision was made to move the Summit online. The theme will be Collaboration. The April meeting that usually coordinates with the Summit will be pushed to June due to Henry's maternity leave.
- **Oregon Heritage Excellence Awards** – Videos for 2020 awardees were completed and available online and so far have over 723 views. Nominations for 2021 awards are open with an Jan. 14 deadline. This year the application process has changed to be online

through the grant application system. We will do videos again this year that will be shown at the online Summit.

- **COVID-19 Survey** – We delayed getting the first survey out due to the wildfires. Staff is concerned about seeing more impact on heritage organizations as we move into 2021. We intend to do three surveys: First one going out this week to capture June 2020-October 2020, #2 goes out March for Nov. 2020-February 2021, #3 goes out June to capture March 2021-May 2021. Henry will update commission with results from survey #1 at the January meeting.
- **Volunteer Survey** – Staff has the results back and are finalizing the final products to be released in Nov./Dec.
- **Wildfire Disaster Update** – The website created for wildfire and smoke resources had over 300 views. We contacted the National Heritage Responders who assisted at least one Southern Oregon organization and it was a good exercise to contact them. Tried something early on in the disaster and coordinating a call with other statewide agencies/organizations and will begin to work with State Library and State Archives on a collaborative disaster response plan. French reported on the GIS mapping that was done during the wildfire response and recovery effort.

## 7) Break

## 8) Digitization Partnership Update

Ross Fuqua, State Library

Fuqua reported on the status of the digitization hub. The DPLA application for a northwest heritage hub as a partnership between State Library of Oregon, Washington State Library, and Oregon Heritage Commission was approved. The first phase of the project involves a large ingest of digital collections from a few Oregon and Washington organizations, including Oregon Historical Society and Multnomah Library. The second phase will look at working with smaller heritage organizations and libraries. Henry added that the second phase is where the commission and Oregon Heritage staff will be helping to organize and may involve pilot projects around the state and may involve future Cultural Trust funds.

## 9) MentorCorps Update

Katie Henry

Henry reported that due to the layoffs and capacity issues, she explored a partnership with OMA to manage MentorCorps. As discussions progressed, a decision was made that the goals and capacity of OMA conflicted with Oregon Heritage's goal for the program so we amicably decided it would not work at this time. We are still open to it in the future. Henry will hire a consultant to revamp the MentorCorps program and streamline it and build in ways to address staff capacity issues. Henry will keep Commission updated on this process.

## 10) Fieldwork reports by Commissioners

All

**Trejo De Dios:** Brought up concerns about terminology used for Latino/Heritage community.

**Moreland:** Reported that Oregon Black Pioneers has a new Executive Director and that it would be good to have him present at a future Commission meeting with the work they are doing.

**Sawyer:** Will be retiring at the end of the year and this will be her last meeting. Commissioners and staff wished Sawyer the best and Kyle Jansson spoke to her contribution to the Commission over the time she has served on it.

**11) Adjournment** (12:07pm)

**Next Meeting**

Jan. 25, Virtual Meeting