

**OREGON STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION
MEETING MINUTES
American Legion Post 173
158 E Main Street
Carlton, OR 97111
February 16, 2018**

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Deb Schallert-Chair, David Harrelson, Julie Osborne, Don Peting, and Gwendolyn Trice

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. Stephen Dow Beckham, Mary Oberst, and Dr. Mark Tveskov

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Chrissy Curran-Deputy SHPO, Ian Johnson-Associate Deputy SHPO, Robert Olguin-National Register Program Coordinator, and Tracy Zeller-Program Assistant

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Jason Allen-Historic Preservation Specialist

WORKING LUNCH PRESENTATION

Mr. Olguin gave a presentation proposing to draft a five-year plan of Oregon's National Register of Historic Places program that aligned with the goals and objectives of the 2018-2023 Oregon Historic Preservation Plan. The presentation discussed the progress of the program over prior years, proposed how to prioritize the National Register program, and invited the State Advisory Committee on Historic Preservation (SACHP) to think about underrepresented resources listed in Oregon's National Register.

GUESTS AND PROPONENTS

John B. Wennerberg Barn: Susan Cole and Corey Lentz

Lewis C. and Emma Thompson House: Eli and Stephanie Armstrong

Shute-Meierjorgen Farmstead: Mark and Erin Haag

Eastmoreland Historic District: Tom and Nancy Brown

General Interest: Kathy Rich, Pat Swanick, Shirley Wren Mullen, Carrie Simonson, Julia Flauaus, Samantha Gordon, and Starla Pointer

PUBLIC MEETING BEGAN AT 1:30PM

OPENING REMARKS AND INTRODUCTIONS

Ms. Schallert called the meeting to order and stated the role of the State Advisory Committee on Historic Preservation Office (SACHP). All committee members and staff introduced themselves.

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

Tom Brown, a resident in the previously proposed Eastmoreland Historic District stated the nomination was moved forward by a small group of 17 people from the Eastmoreland Neighborhood Association (ENA). According to Mr. Brown, this small number of people has the power to change the course of the entire neighborhood and thereby is creating an exclusive area, yet the ENA is not willing to share the burden of growth in Portland. There is currently a housing crisis in Portland, so there needs to be housing for everyone. This nomination is not about history, but about what people can do to change their property. They are discriminating against renters, the wealthy, and the poor. This is not the first time that Eastmoreland was discriminatory as when it was first built you had to be white to live there. If this proposed nomination is successful, all the other wealthy neighborhoods will do the same thing. This is not about history but about trying to keep people out by controlling growth. The Sellwood and Westmoreland neighborhoods are being changed by apartment buildings, duplexes and row-houses, but Eastmoreland is not sharing that burden, thereby creating a “little oasis”. Rod Merrick, President of the ENA, discussed at a recent ENA meeting the continuation of this program, and he believes there is a conspiracy against the ENA to try to defeat this nomination since the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) is allowing approximately another 45 days for objections to be submitted during the vote recount period. Mr. Brown stated that as far as he knows, the opponents have no way of getting information out to the neighborhood that the process is continuing, and the SHPO does not have a plan to help them. He is fearful they are going to continue to be locked out of the process. The ENA has never let anyone who is opposed to the nomination be on the board or use any of their resources to get the word out. The ENA is also not willing to send out information on how to object. The mission he feels is to educate, not advocate, which is what the ENA is doing. He would like SHPO’s help to get the word out.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Osborne approved the agenda as submitted. Ms. Trice seconded. **The motion passed unanimously.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Ms. Trice approved the minutes as submitted. Ms. Osborne seconded. **The motion passed unanimously.**

UPDATE FROM THE DEPUTY SHPO

Ms. Curran discussed that the Legislature is currently in their short session; however the SHPO does not have anything being discussed at this time. The SHPO will however, be looking to create a strategy to re-create the Special Assessment Program in 2020 once the interim session starts. Beth Dehn is the new Oregon Heritage Commission Coordinator, and Robert Olguin is the new National Register of Historic Places Program Coordinator. Ms. Curran mentioned that she will be traveling to Washington DC in March for the annual meeting of the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers. This meeting will have all 58 SHPO’s get together, receive updates from Capitol Hill, and share information with our congressionals. This is always a valuable time to connect, especially right now with all the changes happening at the National Park Service (NPS) and their new administration. The Oregon Heritage Conference will be held April 10 – 13 in Bend. The conference is now being held every other year, with an abbreviated conference being held the years in between. Each conference does still however hold the Oregon Heritage Excellence Awards and dinner. The Molalla Log House in Clackamas County is now dismantled as it needed a new home; it will be rebuilt in the Hopkins Demonstration Forest as an educational tool. The Ward Road to Gosney Road segment of the Central Oregon Canal, which previously came before the committee in October 2017, received

requests from the Deschutes County Landmarks Commission and the Deschutes County Commission not to list this segment. When a double negative comment from the local government and Certified Local Government (CLG) is received, the SHPO is obligated to pull it from the agenda under a provision of the National Historic Preservation Act that does not exist in the National Register regulations, but exists in the CLG regulations. Ms. Curran discussed how the SHPO was unable to determine owner consent for the proposed Eastmoreland Historic District by the 90-day deadline for nomination submittal to the NPS. The NPS sent the nomination back, which resulted in the SHPO consulting with the NPS and the Oregon Department of Justice to help the SHPO map out a path forward on how to determine owner consent. The SHPO did hear back from the Department of Justice and the NPS, and have since put together a 3-page document that tells the SHPO how to move forward with the process. The SHPO was instructed to use the property ownership list that was originally used in November 2016 so that there is a clear and current picture of ownership at the time the nomination was first brought forth to the SHPO. In terms of the NPS, this nomination is open until their signature is on the nomination. Anybody can object until the day the NPS signs the nomination, regardless of the process.

Mr. Johnson stated that the updated 2018-2023 Historic Preservation Plan has been written, approved by the NPS, and will be available soon.

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

Lewis C. and Emma Thompson House Carlton vicinity, Yamhill County

The committee was pleased to see this nomination come forward, however there are minor details in the nomination that need to be addressed such as the numbers on several of the figures were wrong or missing, and several of the architectural terms were incorrect. The committee would also like to see more discussion of the window materials in the alterations section of the nomination, as well as shorten the architectural context section as it is a bit lengthy. If possible, there should be more discussion about Emma Thompson as she had a large influence on this house as well. The committee was unsure if the construction date of 1892 for the house is accurate as it seems this house was built earlier, however, if it is determined to be earlier, an amendment to the nomination can be made. The nomination needs to include updated photographs, as well as photographs of the six fireplaces since they are a spectacular feature of the house.

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

Wennerberg Barn Carlton, Yamhill County

The committee was glad this nomination came forward as it is a spectacular barn and the nomination discussed the changes that had been made to the barn in a way that was easy to understand and showing that the historic integrity is still there. The committee appreciated the component of discussing how the Chinese arrived in the winter to clear the land and collect firewood so that John Wennerberg could farm on his land. The committee was uncomfortable with the unfinished apartment upstairs; however, it has not affected the structural system of the hayloft. The committee would like the construction date to be pinpointed as the nomination did not make it clear, and that was concerning to them. The nomination should also include newer photos of the comparable barns since those photographs are 35 years old.

Ms. Trice moved to forward this nomination to the Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A with amendments as recommended by the committee. Ms. Osborne seconded. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Dr. Robert R. and Mary Helen Mooers House
Roseburg, Douglas County

The committee thought that this nomination was well written compared to the first time it came before them; however there are still a few minor issues that need to be addressed. On page 11, under the Mooers' section the text states that the house was designed by Polly Povey Thompson and Raymond Kermit Mooers, but Raymond's last name should be Thompson. The committee would also like to see more background regarding Polly's life and ideally the nomination would reference the Thompson's connection to Pietro Belluschi. Lastly, it was stated that the description of the house is too lengthy and could be shortened.

Mr. Peting moved to forward this nomination to the Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C with amendments as recommended by the committee. Ms. Trice seconded. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Shute-Meierjorgen Farmstead
Hillsboro vicinity, Washington County

The committee felt the nomination overall was written well, however there were minor details that should be added. The committee would like to see included in the nomination maps that show the scale of the property, particularly of the interior of the building. The committee was not fond of the addition to the property, but they were not negatively swayed since the addition was on the back of the house, and the remainder of the property still retained its integrity.

Ms. Schallert moved to forward this nomination to the Keeper of the National Register under Criterion C with amendments as recommended by the committee. Ms. Trice seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:45PM.