

Oregon Cultural Trust Board Meeting Minutes



August 30, 2019

Teleconference

Board Members Present: Chuck Sams, Chair; Niki Price, Vice Chair; Theo Downes-Le Guin; Bereniece Jones-Centeno; Nathalie Johnson; George Kramer; Gustavo Morales; Carole Morse; Chris Van Dyke; Gayle Yamasaki.

Board Members Absent: Sen. Cliff Bentz; Rep. Margaret Doherty

Partners Present: Adam Davis, Oregon Humanities; Chrissy Curran, State Historic Preservation Office; Beth Dehn, Oregon Heritage Commission; Brian Wagner, Oregon Arts Commission.

Staff Present: Brian Rogers, Executive Director; Raissa Fleming, Trust Assistant; Carrie Kikel, Communications Manager; Aili Schreiner, Trust Manager.

Staff Absent: Kat Bell, Grants and Office Coordinator

Others Present:

Welcome and Call to Order

Niki Price, Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

Minutes Approval

Action: Price called for a motion to approve the minutes from the October 25, 2018, meeting in Ashland. Theo Downes-Le Guin moved and Carole Morse seconded the motion.

Action: Price called for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 7 and 8, 2019, teleconferences. George Kramer moved and Bereniece Jones-Centeno seconded the motion.

Action: Price called for a motion to approve the minutes from the June 20, 2019 meeting. Carole moved and John Goodwin seconded the motion.

Vote: Minutes approved

Legislative Session Update and Executive Director's Report

Rep. Margaret Doherty and Sen. Cliff Bentz shared their session experiences.

Rogers presented his report.

Action: Update report to reflect that the Cultural Tax Credit was extended until 2023.

Chuck Sams said he has already begun having conversations with the Governor's Office and

Cultural Partners Update

Oregon Arts Commission: Brian Wagner said that the staff has been working to absorb the workload of the eliminated Assistant Director position. He said the Arts Commission will review funding recommendations for Operating Support Program at its Sept. 4 meeting. The staff met yesterday with Michael Greer, the newest Arts Commissioner. He is the executive director of Oregon Ballet Theatre.

Oregon Heritage Commission: Beth Dehn said the Heritage Commission is working on a plan for 2020-25. Heritage Grant application period is now open and funds have increased for the biennium. Working on supplying resources to those working on the anniversary of the passage of the 19th amendment. Oregon Heritage will partner with Restore Oregon to allocate an additional \$150,000 in grants for historic theaters.

State Historic Preservation Office: Chrissy Curran was absent.

Oregon Humanities: Adam Davis said Oregon Poet Laureate Kim Stafford continues to fulfill his role. Facilitation workshop trainings are happening around the state. Also are training groups in other states. Conversation program is accepting applications. Responsive program and public program grants are open. Bridging Oregon just finished a session in the Gorge, has one coming up on the Coast and looking to schedule one in Eastern Oregon.

Oregon Historical Society: Rogers referenced a written report from Eliza Canty-Jones regarding an upcoming exhibit commemorating the XIX Amendment and the Oregon Woman Suffrage History.

Spending Plan Review Preliminary Action

Rogers reviewed the FY2020 spending plan. Discussion about impact of reductions on the marketing campaign.

Action: Price called for a motion to approve the preliminary FY2019-20 spending plan. Yamasaki moved, Kramer seconded.

Vote: Unanimously passed.

Cultural Development Program

Aili Schreiner presented the funding recommendations for the FY2020 Cultural Development Program and thanked board members who served as panel chairs.

Discussion around scoring applications on diversity, equity and inclusion efforts.

Discussion about funding projects at a percentage of the request and ensuring realistic expectations of funding levels.

Action: Price called for a motion to approve Option 3 for Cultural Development Program FY2020 awards. Moved by Goodwin, seconded by Johnson.

Vote: Passed unanimously.

Action: Schreiner will send out a signup sheet for board members who wish to contact applicants with news of their awards. Kikel will provide a recommended script to board members who make the calls.

County and Tribal Coalition Funding Recommendations

Schreiner presented the FY2020 funding recommendations for County and Tribal Coalitions.

Discussion around Tribes that are not currently accepting Cultural Trust funds and what happens to unspent funds.

Action: Rogers will clarify with the Business Oregon fiscal office what happens to undisbursed award funds.

Action: Price called for a motion to approve County and Tribal Coalitions awards as recommended. Morse moved, Kramer seconded.

Vote: Passed unanimously.

Lapsed Donor Survey Preliminary Findings

Carrie Kikel presented the results of a recent lapsed donor survey. Raissa Fleming spoke to the results of a lapsed donor appeal just prior to the survey.

Board and Staff Updates

Rogers spoke to the process to continue the feasibility study to explore joining the Cultural Trust and Arts Commission boards.

Umatilla Tribes are hosting an upcoming Business Oregon Commission meeting.

Price asked about a process for recommending new members of the Cultural Trust board of directors. Rogers gave an overview of the governance process.

Next board meeting is October 17 in Portland.

Adjourn

Price adjourned the meeting at 12:15 p.m.