

Oregon Cultural Trust Board Meeting Minutes



July 19, 2018

Salem, Oregon

Board Members Present: Chuck Sams, Chair; Niki Price, Vice Chair; Nathalie Johnson (via phone); Theo Downes-Le Guin; George Kramer; Gustavo Morales; Carole Morse.

Board Members Absent: John Goodwin; Bereniece Jones-Centano; Chris Van Dyke; Gayle Yamasaki; Representative Margaret Doherty; Senator Elizabeth Steiner Hayward.

Partners Present: Adam Davis, Oregon Humanities; Beth Dehn, Heritage Commission Coordinator; David Huff, Oregon Arts Commission.

Staff Present: Brian Rogers, Executive Director; Kat Bell, Grants and Office Coordinator; Raissa Fleming, Trust Assistant; Carrie Kikel, Communications Manager; Aili Schreiner, Trust Manager; David Huff, Assistant Director.

Others Present: Steve Bender, Legislative Fiscal Office

Welcome and Call to Order

Chuck Sams called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

Minutes Approval

Brian Rogers provided an overview of action and follow up items from last Board meeting. Theo Downes-Le Guin and Carole Morse volunteered to coordinate end-of-year fundraising events.

Action: Sams called for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 17, 2018 meeting. Morse moved and George Kramer seconded the motion.

Vote: Minutes approved.

Executive Director's Report

Rogers presented his report and introduced a memo to the Commission about legislatively mandated 5-10% reduction options [Attachment A].

Morse asked when the Board would know whether we are going to Ashland or Salem for the Oct. 25 meeting. Rogers said we should discuss after the spending plan discussion.

Cultural Partners Update

Oregon Arts Commission: David Huff discussed the Commission's Operating Support grant program. He said the Commission would submit a full application to the National Endowment for the Arts this year. They only submit the full application every three years.

On behalf of the Commission and Trust, he works with Business Oregon's Management Leadership Team to integrate Business Oregon's strategic plan with the plans of the Commission and Trust.

Oregon Heritage Commission: Beth Dehn said they recently did a survey of digital collections across the state and gave out over \$60,000 in museum grants.

Oregon Humanities: Adam Davis discussed the Bridging Oregon project that does intensive work in specific communities. The first in the series was in Prineville.

The Cultural Advocacy Coalition hired a new Executive Director, Sue Hildick, and a new lobbyist, Paul Cosgrove.

Cooperative Projects: Aili Schreiner presented a report on FY2018 Cooperative funded grants.

Spending Plan FY2019

Rogers and David Huff presented the report.

Action: Sams called for a motion to approve budget Option A, allocating 40% of FY2018 raised funds for the permanent fund and 60% for grantmaking. Kramer moved and Gustavo Morales seconded.

Vote: the FY2018 Spending Plan with a 40% to permanent fund and 60% to disbursement for grantmaking approved.

Rogers presented the administrative budget. Discussion followed about strategies for overcoming budget issues.

Cultural Development Grants

Kramer discussed the Preservation panel. Schreiner presented the report from panels and the recommendations for funding.

Action: Sams called for a motion to approve the Option 2 recommendation with the exception of applications for which board members have claimed a conflict of interest, Lincoln City Cultural Center (Niki Price), Crow's Shadow Institute of the Arts (Chuck Sams), the Confederated Tribes of Umatilla (Chuck Sams, the Lakeview Community Partnership George Kramer), the Butte Creek Mill Foundation (George Kramer) and Literary Arts (Theo Downes-Le Guin. Kramer moved and Morse seconded.

Vote: Cultural Development Grants Option 2, approved, exceptions excluded.

Sams called for approval of Option 2 recommendation for the Lincoln City Cultural Center. Niki Price abstained.

Sams called for approval of Option 2 recommendation for the Lakeview Community Partnership and the Butte Creek Mill Foundation. Kramer abstained.

Sams called for approval of Option 2 recommendation for Literary Arts. Downes-Le Guin abstained.

Price called for approval of Option 2 recommendation for Crow's Shadow Institute of the Arts and the Confederated Tribes of Umatilla. Sams abstained.

Each application and was approved in succession to receive a grant award.

Action: Provide summary of DEI questions from applications.

County and Tribal Coalition Funding Recommendations

Schreiner presented report.

Action: Sams called for a motion to approve the County and Tribal Funding recommendations as presented. Morse moved and Price seconded.

Vote: County and Tribal Coalition Funding approved.

Legislative Update, Tax Credit Renewal Ad Hoc Report, Cultural Advocacy Update

Rogers discussed the tax credit renewal update from the ad hoc meeting and presented the Impact Report completed by ECONorthwest.

2018 Fall Campaign Update

Carrie Kikel presented report.

Rogers encouraged board members to continue to promote the Trust at events and on social media.

Staff Member and Board Updates

Price will attend the Coastal Economic Caucus. She and Bereniece Centano-Jones are hosting "Tango of the White Gardenia" as a fundraising event.

Morales is opening an office in Hermiston next month that will expand the counties they are able to reach.

Schreiner discussed her participation on Travel Oregon's grants panel. Travel Oregon has created a new position to help with cross-agency collaboration.

Raissa Fleming discussed the World Beat Festival. She and Kat Bell were volunteers.

Downes-Le Guin discussed the memorial program about Ursula Le Guin.

Kramer said the Lakeview Community Partnership has purchased the Algiers movie theater and is showing movies. The Butte Creek Foundation is working to rebuild a water-powered flourmill that burned down in 2015.

Rogers said the Cultural Advocacy Coalition is starting to review the Creative Resource Economic Fund applications to bring before the Legislature in 2019. The Art Gym will be moving their collection to the Oregon College of Art and Craft.

Sams joined the Gray Family Foundation.

Adjourn

Sams adjourned the meeting at 2:02 pm.