Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries (OCHC)

The Cemetery Records Clerk, Bev Power, has been serving on the OREGON HISTORIC CEMETRY COMMISSION since her appointment in 2016.

Kuri Gill, Interim Heritage Commission Coordinator, is liaison on behalf of the state to this commission and does not distribute signed minutes.

Attached:

January 29, 2016 Pre appointment notice

February 3, 2016 Appointment notice

October 14, 2016 Minutes

February 3, 2017 Minutes

From: GILL Kuri * OPRD <Kuri.Gill@oregon.gov>
To: "bev.power@cityofmedford.org" <bev.power@cityofmedford.org>
Date Sent: Friday, January 29, 2016 09:37 PST
Subject: OCHC position

Hi Bev,

You have been selected by the OPRD director for the Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries Southern Oregon position.

A background check is required, prior to final appointment. Please do not spread word of your appointment until the process is complete. You will receive an email from Aimee Buchholz in our HR office with instructions on how to complete this step.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Take care, Kuri

Kuri Gill

NOTE: My email address has changed!

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From: GILL Kuri * OPRD <Kuri.Gill@oregon.gov>
To: "bev.power@cityofmedford.org" <bev.power@cityofmedford.org>
Date Sent: Wednesday, February 03, 2016 08:23 PST
Subject: OCHC position
Attachments: FebConferenceCallAgenda2016.pdf

Hi Bev,

Congratulations! You are one of our great new commissioners! I am so happy to have you join us. You will get a formal letter in the next week or so.

I do need to clarify one thing. The position you are appointed to is actually the end of a vacated term. That term is through July 2017. You will be eligible to serve for another term after that if you are interested at that time.

If you are available, it would be great to have you call into the commission meeting on Friday. This way you can introduce yourself and jump right in. I have attached the agenda which also have the log in/call in instructions.

Tracy Zeller will send you some orientation information (travel reimbursement and arrangement info, binder, etc.). Generally for travel we make the lodging arrangements and pay for them, you make your travel arrangements and are reimbursed for them. You get a per diem reimbursement for food.

The next in person meeting will be in Salem, May 4, 9-12 at the Capitol Building. You are also welcome to attend the rest of the conference. We will cover the registration fee and it will fall under your commission duties, so travel and lodging is also covered. You are not required to attend the conference, if you don't have the time for or interest in it. We will also be having a cemetery marker cleaning and repair workshop on Sunday May 7th in the Salem area. http://www.oregon.gov/oprd/HCD/OHC/Pages/Conference.aspx

Please let me know if you have any questions at all.

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Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries
Minutes

October 14, 2016

Location: 1001 NE Memorial Drive
TOUR: 10:30 a.m.
Croxton Cemetery Site visit

BUSINESS MEETING: 1:00 p.m.
Location: Josephine County Historical Society Museum and Library, 512 SW 5th, Grants Pass

I. Welcome and Introductions (1:04 pm)
   a. Kim Morley, Bev Power, Charlotte Lehan, Mike Leamy, Diane Elder, Matt Diederich, Kuri Gill, Ian Johnson
   b. Mark Petrie, excused
   c. Bob Elder, Linda Leamy, Reeny Forncook, Lane Forncrook, Cynthia Gardiner, Gabriel Foltz

II. Public Comment (1:05 pm) Comment limited to 5 minutes
   a. No public comment –

III. Upcoming cemetery legislation (1:20 pm) Kuri Gill
   a. Discussed possible legislation to create a way for people to work in historic cemeteries that don't have current ownership or activity. It might include staff to help organizations to take on these cemeteries. Also, discussion about working with SOLV for a statewide cemetery clean-up day.

IV. Oregon Preservation Plan (1:40 pm) Ian Johnson
   a. Issue 1 – Government partnerships
      i. Goal – the city doesn't care about the cemetery, though it is owned by the cemetery, make agencies more aware of responsibilities for historic places & cemeteries. Remind the state that all heritage efforts are not under parks, state level things should be coordinated well.
      ii. Partners – federal, state, local, tribal, OTE, Travel Oregon, Business Oregon, service district, special districts
      iii. Work with OTE to make heritage places more accessible to travelers
   b. Issue 2 – Partner, build relationships
      i. Goal –
         1. Money is always an issue

2. Volunteer websites, including SOLV, united way, one stop shopping site
3. Getting into schools where kids need to be learning about the heritage, senior projects
4. More standard reporting out to the public, from state bodies

Partners – libraries, professional organizations, service organizations,

c. Issue 3 – identification and documentation of historic resources
    i. Goal – continue building designation programs
        1. Expanded list, local designation
d. Issue 4 – Preservation Rehabilitation
    i. Goal – good
        1. Increase benefit to cities
        2. Get to more people that the projects are available
        3. Qualifying contractors or a way to work with SHPO to handle the work if qualified people are not available
e. Issue 5 - Information accessibility
    i. Goal – good
        1. Provide resources for groups that can't provide GEO coding, 10 minute videos of places and store on state servers.
        2. Server to upload the information of small cemeteries
        3. National Standards for inter-operatibility
        4. Partners - universities, genealogy associations
f. Issue 6 – Economic Development
    i. Goal – no comments
        1. Coordinate with the tourism organization and Tourism tax boards
        2. Get heritage places incorporated in local, regional and state tourism plans
g. Issue 7 – Outreach and Communications
    i. Goal – no comments
        1. Evaluate the public outreach
        2. Communication with each other and to the public about what is going on
        3. Review before publish on Travel Oregon
        4. Partner chambers of commerce
h. Issue 8 – Funding
    i. Goal – yes, expand the number of places that can apply
        1. Cities and county counties should provide service to cemeteries in their areas, mandate to care of cemeteries, number of services to care of cemetery (mapping, insurance for volunteers, databases)
        2. State legislature, more lottery dollars
i. Issue 9 – Preservation Education
    i. Goal – Great!
        1. Send contractors to a few workshops
        2. Partner – NW Conservation Corps, Americorps, Community Colleges,

3. Develop attractive internship opportunities
4. For cemeteries - mapping and databases cc internships

j. Issue 10 – Codes and Ordinances
   i. Goal – add "on the local level"
   ii. Look at state statutes that encourage loss of property
k. Broad ideas – legislation for preserving farm houses, statute if property is zone for 10 dwelling for 10 acres, then want to allow a new building in addition to the historic without tearing it down.

V. Granting Authority Change (2:40 pm) Kuri Gill
   a. Removed from agenda

Staff report

Matt – Discussed his site visit with Roseburg District BLM, at the Laticia Carson, Stephens Cemetery

VI. Cemetery ownership Bulletin (3:00 pm) Charlotte Lehan
   a. Great information, maybe not a bulletin. Create documents for each of the responsibilities.
   b. Put it in a heritage bulletin –
   c. Have discussion on the active vs inactive position paper
   d. Charlotte will fill in some more on the outline and then give to Kuri to add and put in Heritage Bulletin format

VII. Oregon Heritage Conference/Summit(3:15 pm) Kuri Gill
   a. The Oregon Heritage Summit

VIII. Commissioner Comments/Reports (3:30 pm) All
   a. Diane Elder – Clean-up at local cemetery, irrigation discussion, etc.
   b. Charlotte Lehan – worked on the bulletin. Neighboring property event – warrior dash (8000 participants), ran all trucks through the cemetery, they agreed to do work.
   c. Bev Power – local cemetery meeting, 9 organizations represented. One person is doing a solar project to power cameras
   d. Kim Morley – Ian thanks for the presentation. Oregon Cemetery Association president. There will be a cemetery clean-up at Eureka Cemetery in Newport during the CAO conference. Savannah Herrell presenting about vandalism at the conference.
   e. Mike Leamy – Cemetery district idea he attempted to revive, and was brought up by the largest cemetery in the county is dead. There are so many political pit falls, and competition it just can't move forward. He has been in contact with various cemetery authorities in the area and encouraged them to get their signs. Fort Stevens Military Cemetery, Fort Lewis presented that the trees would be removed and replaced with approved list, the team from Arlington with realign the stones in the rows. They hired Mike to do it. A local artist group did pleine-air painting in the Greenwood Cemetery. It was a nice event.

IX. Approval of minutes - approved as published

IX. Upcoming Meetings & Workshops (3:45 pm)

February 3, 2017
Late April with Summit
July 14, 2017
October 13, 2017

X. Meeting Adjourned (4:00 pm)

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Minutes

February 3, 2017

BUSINESS MEETING: 1:00 p.m.
Location: Online, see login information below

I. Welcome and Introductions (1:00 pm) — Mike Leamy
   a. Diane Elder, Mike Leamy, Bev Power, Charlotte Lehan, Mark Petrie, Kim Morley
   b. Staff: Matt Diederich, Kuri Gill, Chrissy Curran
   c. Guests: Cricket Soules

II. Approval of Minutes — Mike Leamy
   a. Approved

III. Public Comment (1:05 pm) Comment limited to 5 minutes
   a. None

IV. Grant Update (1:20 pm) — Kuri Gill
   a. There will be a full grant report in July. Kuri request people help promote the grant opportunity.

V. Sally Donovan Award (1:30 pm)
   a. A new category of Oregon Heritage Excellence Award was created in honor of Sally Donovan.

VI. Upcoming cemetery legislation (1:35 pm) — Kuri Gill
   a. Two house bills were shared, permit to work in cemeteries and access on private property.

VII. Cemetery care & authority Bulletin (1:55 pm) — Charlotte Lehan
   a. We will create this following the legislative process

VIII. Statewide Cemetery Clean-up days (2:00 pm) — Kuri Gill
   a. SOLV has supported cemeteries in the past, including Marshfield, Cricket Soules is happy to work with a team on this.
   b. Have two clean up days, one ahead of Memorial Day
   c. Only for cemeteries that want to participate
   d. Sub-Committee – Charlotte, Diane, Cricket
   e. Promote via – press release, Oregon Heritage listservs, OMBC newsletter, OFDA, CAO, churches, scouts, SOLV

IX. Abandoned Cemeteries (2:30 pm) — Kuri Gill
   a. Commission will research status, Diane – Lake, Mark – Coos, Charlotte – Clackamas, Mike – Clatsop
   b. Recommended to check in with Harney County library and the Malheur County Historical Society folks.

X. Oregon Heritage Summit (3:00 pm) Kuri Gill
   a. April 26-27 in Newberg

XI. Commissioner Comments/Reports (3:10 pm) All
   a. Diane – No cemetery work
   b. Charlotte – migrated her cemetery information into a new database, preparing for spring
   c. Mark –Visited a few Tribabl cemeteries, is interested in surveying some
   d. Kim – Kim will need to resign as she has moved to Washington, but she will keep in touch.
   e. Mike – Is still working in the Fort Stevens Cemetery, trying to get them to care for the monuments.

XII. Upcoming Meetings & Workshops (3:30 pm)
   April 27, 2017 1:30-4:00 Newberg
   July 14, 2017
   October 13, 2017
   Possible meeting locations, The Dalles, Hood River, Moro, Ashland, Brookings, Myrtle Creek
   Possible workshops – Care and maintenance of granite markers,

XIII. Meeting Adjourned at 2:30

Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries

Fri, Feb 3, 2017 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Pacific Standard Time

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