



HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 25, 2025 | 6:30 PM

**4500 SW Research Way, Corvallis
2nd Floor Conference Room, Kalapuya Building
Or via Teams**

The meeting started 6:30pm.

Those present at the meeting included:

HRC Commissioners: Bruce Anderson, Adrienne Fritze, Bob Honneffer, Autumn Peterson (chair)

Staff: Morgan Driggs, HRC Liaison

A. Welcome & Introductions

Chair Peterson led the meeting remotely.

B. Minutes Review and Approval – May 28, 2025

Minutes were approved.

C. Historic Preservation Month Programming

The Historic Preservation Month celebration was small, but powerful.

Commissioner Anderson proposed sending out handwritten thank you notes to the tour guides/hosts. Commissioner Peterson suggested getting together for coffee to write out the cards. The commissioners agreed and suggested meeting sometime after the 4th of July weekend.

Commissioner Fritze asked Morgan to look into the rules and restrictions around getting media sponsors or other kinds of sponsors to help cover the cost of ads. We also should put together a list of local resources. At the next meeting we will talk about the marketing campaign. Commissioner Fritze also suggested that we should start mapping out a plan between now and the next meeting as to who will be accountable for what and put a schedule together. The commissioners would also like to recruit members of the public to help with the planning process.

D. Van Buren Bridge Interpretive Station

Based on feedback, ODOT decided not to go with the east location across the river. So, the west location in Corvallis will be the location of the interpretive station. ODOT is now asking for feedback on the interpretive theme. Commissioners Fritze and Peterson met with



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Rebecca Landis in the last month to gather information on the proposed location of the interpretive station. As far as we know, the theme is different eras of vehicles with a display of old cars going over the bridge.

Commissioner Anderson brought up the fact that the interpretive station will be on city property. Will the final mitigation plan be decided by the city? The commissioners want to know the status of the project, what is being proposed, and if there are any specific items the HRC can offer feedback on. Morgan said they would send an email to Kirsten from ODOT and copy all the commissioners. Bruce will keep Roz Keeney updated because she's really passionate about this project.

E. Items from the Public - None

F. Items from County Commissioner Liaison Gabe Shepherd - None

G. Items from Staff

- a. Scott Ramsey from the College of Philomath Community Corporation offered us a tour of the college. He is free most days in the early afternoon after 1:30. He just needs a week's notice. Since there are no decisions being made or any cases in front of the commission about the College of Philomath, there's no need to worry about there being a quorum at the tour. Morgan will send out a doodle poll to the commissioners to find a date and time that works for everyone.
- b. This was Commissioner Honneffer's last day as a Historic Resources Commissioner. Everyone thanked Commissioner Honneffer for his service, perspective, and all he contributed to the commission. He contacted liaisons from Albany and Monmouth to let them know about the vacant commissioner position.

The county did receive one application and it went to the Board of Commissioners for review.

H. Items from the HRC Commissioners – None

Adjournment at 6:58pm

Next meeting: Wednesday, July 30th, 6:30 PM