

**Multnomah County History Levy Oversight Committee
Minutes of September 23 Meeting
Hatfield Room, Oregon Historical Society**

Attending in Person:

Jan Dilg, LOC Co-Chair
Scott Forrester, LOC Member
Elka Grisham, LOC Member
Bill Bennetts, LOC Member
Glenn Taylor, LOC Member
Libby Pruden, LOC Member
Joy Beldin, Treasurer, Troutdale Historical Society
Leslie Radke, Gresham Historical Society
Kerry Tymchuk, Executive Director, Oregon Historical Society
Eliza Canty-Jones, Executive Director, Oregon Historical Society

Attending virtually:

Peggy Olin, President East County History Organizations (ECHO)
Silvie Andrews, Executive Director, Gresham Historical Society
Debbie Menashe, LOC Member
Sandy Cartisser, Crown Point Country Historical Society
Giovanni Bautista, Liaison to Multnomah County Chair

Co-Chair Jan Dilg called the meeting to order at 3:00p.m. Co-Chair Dilg shared the news that Co-Chair McKeel had a minor medical issue and was unable to attend the meeting. Ms. Dilg spoke of the passing of LOC member James Harrison, who had served on the LOC for six years. Ms. Dilg shared that she took a class from Mr. Harrison at Portland Community College, and that he was an inspiration to her. Ms. Dilg invited others to share their memories of Mr. Harrison. Ms. Canty-Jones and Mr. Tymchuk spoke of Mr. Harrison's many years of service to OHS. Mr. Tymchuk stated that he had shared the condolences of LOC members in a communication with Mr. Harrison's daughter.

Co-Chair Dilg called upon Ms. Andrews to report on behalf of the Gresham Historical Society. Ms. Andrews reported that the past few months have been busy ones for GHS, with programs focusing on the Japanese-American experience during World War II, pioneer cemetery tours, a "History of Gresham in 100 Objects" exhibit, and a "Beyond Main Street" exhibit. Ms. Andrews also reported that GHS has hired a public historian, and are re-launching their oral history program. They are also seeking a grant to repair recent fire damage to their historic textile collection.

Co-Chair Dilg called upon Ms. Olin to report on behalf of ECHO. Ms. Olin detailed recent painting and repairs that have allowed both the Heslin House and the Zimmerman House to be open for tours and events. Ms. Olin also reported that the Heslin House recently hosted a doll

and toy exhibit, and that Halloween and Christmas activities are being planned. In response to a question from Ms. Pruden about ECHO's most recent financial report, Ms. Olin shared that most recent expenses have involved painting and repair.

Co-Chair Dilg called upon Ms. Cartisser to report on behalf of the Crown Point County Historical Society.

Ms. Cartisser detailed the many ongoing construction projects involved in building their new museum, and that supply chain issues continue to be an issue. She also reported that CPCHS recently received a \$10,000 grant from the Union Pacific Foundation, and that CPCHS is partnering with a local pioneer association to reprint a book on the history of the Crown Point country area.

Co-Chair Dilg called upon Ms. Beldin to report on behalf of the Troutdale Historical Society. Ms. Beldin reported on two very successful summer concerts, a community treasure hunt, and an October 1 bus tour of upper Troutdale and Corbett that has already been sold out. Ms. Beldin also reported that the Troutdale Historical Society is consulting with developers who are making improvements to Troutdale City Hall.

In response to a suggestion of Ms. Pruden that was endorsed by other LOC members, Mr. Tymchuk said that a standardized financial report form would be created to be used by the four east county history organizations in their twice yearly financial reports.

Co-Chair Dilg called upon Mr. Tymchuk to report on behalf of the Oregon Historical Society. Mr. Tymchuk and Ms. Canty-Jones hosted a powerpoint presentation that summarized recent programs and accomplishments.

Co-Chair Dilg then opened a discussion on draft by-laws for the LOC, a copy of which had been shared with LOC members in June, 2022. After a lively discussion, it was agreed by consensus that LOC members should send suggested edits to the draft by-laws to Mr. Bautista, and that approval of that edited version will be part of the agenda of the next LOC meeting.

Co-Chair Dilg also reported that she, Co-Chair McKeel, and Mr. Tymchuk would be delivering an annual LOC report to the Multnomah County Commissioners on October 18. She encouraged LOC members to attend either in person or virtually. With no further business, Co-Chair Dilg adjourned the meeting at 4:30.