

**Multnomah County Historical Organization Levy Oversight Committee**  
**Minutes of Meeting of June 25, 2024**  
**Oregon Historical Society**

Co-Chair Diane McKeel called the meeting to order at 3:00p.m. She invited other attendees to provide self-introductions.

Attending in-person the following LOC Members: Bill Bennetts, Elka Grisham, Lib Pruden, Scott Forrester

LOC Members attending via zoom were: Co-Chair Jan Dilg, Jennifer Burns, Debbie Menashe

Other in-person attendees: Kerry Tymchuk, Executive Director Oregon Historical Society; Shawna Gandy, OHS Library Director; Chris Garza, Executive Director Troutdale Historical Society; Dave Ripma, Board Chair of Troutdale Historical Society; Silvie Andrews, Executive Director of Gresham Historical Society; Ruby Gonzales, Liaison from Multnomah County Chair's Office

Other zoom attendees: Peggy Olin, President, East County History Organization; Sandy Cartisser, Treasurer, Crown Point Country Historical Society; Leslie Radke, Treasurer, Gresham Historical Society

**Update from County Chair**

Co-Chair McKeel asked Ms. Gonzales to provide an update from the County Chair's office on possible new additions to the LOC. Ms. Gonzales reported that Chair Vega-Pederson's office is continuing to reach out to possible candidates for appointment to the LOC. She invited current members to also think of possible candidates who would represent the diversity of the Multnomah County population. Her goal is to have two to three new members on board by the fall meeting of the LOC.

**Reports from Historical Organizations**

Co-Chair McKeel then asked the five history organizations supported by Levy funding to provide updates.

**Gresham Historical Society:** Ms. Andrews provided an extensive list of activities recently sponsored by the Gresham Historical Society, including a very successful monthly "History Pub" lecture series, a "Voices in Gresham" podcast, a You Tube channel, on -line exhibits, and 2,000 items being added to the GHS collection. She expressed her gratitude for the levy funding, which has been instrumental in the success of GHS.

**Troutdale Historical Society:** Mr. Risma introduced Mr. Garza, and praised him for his work as Executive Director of the Troutdale Historical Society. Mr. Garza provided a written report that summarizes the many programs and activities of the Troutdale Historical Society. A copy of that report is attached to these minutes.

**East County History Organization:** Ms. Olin highlighted recent activities at the Zimmerman House, which is marking its 150<sup>th</sup> birthday, and the Heslin House. ECHO's annual event featuring Music in the Park, and Ice Cream Social, and a Vintage Car Show, will be held on July 14.

**Crown Point Country Historical Society:** Ms. Cartisser provided an update on the ongoing construction at the CPCHS museum. She thanked Mr. Forrester for his assistance in that construction. She stated her hope that the construction will be completed in 2025.

**Oregon Historical Society:** Mr. Tymchuk reported on the many activities, programs, and exhibits of OHS. He highlighted the recent opening of the new permanent exhibit, *"Rivers, Roses, and Rip City: The Remarkable History of Portland."* He then turned program over to Ms. Gandy, who provided a power point presentation on all the services of the OHS Research Library, which are provided to Multnomah County residents at no cost.

Co-Chair McKeel offered her thanks to everyone for their service, stating it was so encouraging to hear the great work that has been supported by the levy funding. She adjourned the meeting at 4:30, and Mr. Tymchuk invited attendees to join him for a tour of *"Rivers, Roses and Rip City."*