

**CITY OF COOS BAY URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY**  
**Agenda Staff Report**

<b>MEETING DATE</b> March 20, 2012	<b>AGENDA ITEM NUMBER</b>
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TO: Chair Gene Melton and Board Members

FROM: Joyce Jansen, Economic Revitalization Administrator 

Through: Rodger Craddock, City Manager 

**ISSUE      Accepting a Grant from the Three Rivers Foundation**

**BACKGROUND**

The Hollering Place Wayside project was completed in 2010 and a dedication held November 4, 2010. Preserving the area's history is a component of the concept plan for the Hollering Place and with that in mind, the City and the Confederated Tribes partnered in August 2010 to participate in the historic marker program through Oregon Travel Information Council (OTIC). An Historic Marker Committee was formed consisting of Tom Greaves, Steve Skinner, Mike Vaughan, Wendy Williford, Steve Greif, and Joyce Jansen to work with OTIC on developing the marker and interpretive signs. During 2011 staff worked with the Daughters of the American Revolution to re-locate the Camp-cast-away historic marker to the wayside. Dedication of the marker was held June 25, 2011.

To be considered for the program an entity is required to submit a pre-application for their project and if accepted, approval to submit the full application is given. The Hollering Place marker project pre-application was accepted on June 12, 2011 and the full application was submitted in December. OTIC reviewed and accepted the application on February 22, 2012. The Historic Marker Committee will meet with OTIC on March 15<sup>th</sup> to begin developing information for the marker and interpretive signs and visit the site to consider locations for the interpretive signs. The project is expected to take six to ten months to complete.

The total cost for the marker and interpretive signs is \$16,300 and to help fund the project a grant application was submitted to the Three Rivers Foundation in December 2011. Notification of the grant award of \$2,000 was received February 8, 2012. Availability of the grant was unknown at the time the Urban Renewal Agency's budget was adopted. A supplemental budget is required to be adopted in order for the grant funds to be appropriated to the Empire Capital Improvements Fund. Resolution 12-03 has been prepared and notice of consideration of the supplemental budget has been published as required by local budget law.

**ADVANTAGES**

Preserving the history of the Hollering Place is included in the concept plan and the grant will help fund the development and construction of the historic marker and interpretive signs. The Hollering Place has always been one of the most important places of commerce, transportation, and communication on Coos Bay. The marker and signage will preserve the history of the Native American village and the European settlement of Empire City.

DISADVANTAGES

None identified.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Grant funds in the amount of \$2,000 will be appropriated to the Empire Capital Improvements Funds budget. The balance of the project, \$14,300, will be paid from line item 58-945-530-3108.

ACTION REQUESTED

Staff is requesting the Agency adopt Resolution 12-03 adopting the supplemental budget and making appropriations to the Empire Capital Improvements Funds.

Attachments

- Resolution URA 12-03
- Hollering Place History
- OTIC / Heritage Programs Information

**Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Coos Bay**

**Resolution 12-03**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY OF CITY OF COOS BAY, COOS COUNTY, OREGON, ADOPTING A SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET, MAKING APPROPRIATIONS IN THE EMPIRE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND**

WHEREAS, the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Coos Bay has complied with the provisions of ORS 294.471(3) where the new appropriation differs by less than ten percent of the individual fund; and

WHEREAS, the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Coos Bay has received a grant through the Three Rivers Foundation in the amount of \$2,000 to develop a historic marker to be placed at the Hollering Place Wayside located on South Empire Blvd. The grant and Urban Renewal Agency share of \$14,300 will fund the project for a total of \$16,300 in FYE12-13 Empire Capital Improvements Fund budget, new appropriations are made as set forth:

<u>Empire Capital Improvements Fund</u>		
Requirements	Grants	\$2,000
Requirements	Capital	\$2,000
New Total Empire Capital Improvements Fund		\$1,224,892

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Coos Bay, Coos County, Oregon this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March 2012.

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Gene Melton, Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Susanne Baker, City Recorder

## The Hollering Place

Prepared by Steve Greif

This special place has always been a center of commerce, transportation, and communication. Native Hanis Coos people established a village near here on the east shore of the bay called Kie-mis-tic. Another village named El-ka-titc (Hollering Place) was directly across the bay on the North Spit. As the narrowest part of the lower Coos Bay (about 600 yards) is between these two villages, people traveling along the Pacific Ocean beach route would yell for someone to paddle over and provide passage. Later, Euro-American settlers adopted this same practice and the location became generally known as the "Hollerin' Place".

In 1826 early U.S. explorer and fur trader Jedediah Smith, travelling overland from California, camped near here. He noted "a great many Inds. in camp with fish and berries for sale" before crossing over the bay on his way north. In 1852, the *Captain Lincoln*, a military schooner, ran aground directly west of here on the ocean side of the spit. Natives helped to rescue the crew, then "were much disposed to barter" with the soldiers during their four-month encampment of Camp Castaway (see related monument nearby).

In 1853, the first Euro-American settlement on the bay, Empire City, was established here. Its location has all to do with geography. Once over the Coos Bay bar, this is the first site along the lower channel's shoreline to provide a water depth (23'-26') adequate for anchorage of ships. Elsewhere extensive tidal mudflats are exposed at low tide making ship anchorage near shore impossible.

Empire City became the seat of Coos County and remained so until 1896. Nearby docks exported lumber, coal, and agricultural products and off-loaded fish. The original courthouse stood on the lot directly north of here. Prior to the 1920s, this was the entrance/exit point for many ship-bound passengers. A lifesaving station was established directly west on the spit to safeguard passage. Capt. James Magee, master bar pilot, built his home in 1873 just below this wayside. It still stands today. The Major Morton Tower House (1869), located one block northeast, which used the parlor as the area's first customhouse, and the Charles Tower House (1872), behind you on the north side of Newmark, are two of the oldest homes in the county.

All of these historic sites can be visited by walking the Sawmill & Tribal Trail which begins here. The route honors paths developed by Coos tribal ancestors that connected their bayside villages as well as lumbermen and shipbuilders who walked between sawmills here and old-town North Bend. Today, hikers along the 400 mile Oregon Coast Trail also pass by this point.

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Oregon's Historical Markers have a history of their own. Many were built by the Oregon Department of Transportation in the 1940's, 50's and 60's. They are majestic, routed wood signs made from native Port Orford cedar and routed by master craftsmen. When the Travel Information Council adopted the program in 1991, signs had not been built for many years and many were suffering the effects of Oregon's climate. The Travel Information Council is currently restoring old markers with the assistance of dedicated volunteers. Recent markers tell their tales through panels of colorful text and graphics mounted on cedar frames and posts. Old and new markers not only tell the stories of Oregon, they reflect the changing perspective of Oregon history.



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### Historical marker program description

Persons who have been dead for a length of time, generally at least 50 years in order for their ideas, services, and/or accomplishments to be placed in accurate historical perspective. There must be a place in the State of Oregon where they:

1. Were born, or ...
2. Were killed, if death was of state or national significance, or ...
3. Lived for a substantial period of time at a permanent residence, or ...
4. Performed some act of state or national significance.

**Events** which took place within the State of Oregon, generally at least 50 years ago, which are mentioned in at least one authoritative historical work and were:

1. Military operations, or ...
2. Meetings with historically important results, or
3. Acts of such historic importance as to have changed the course of state or national history.

**Places:**

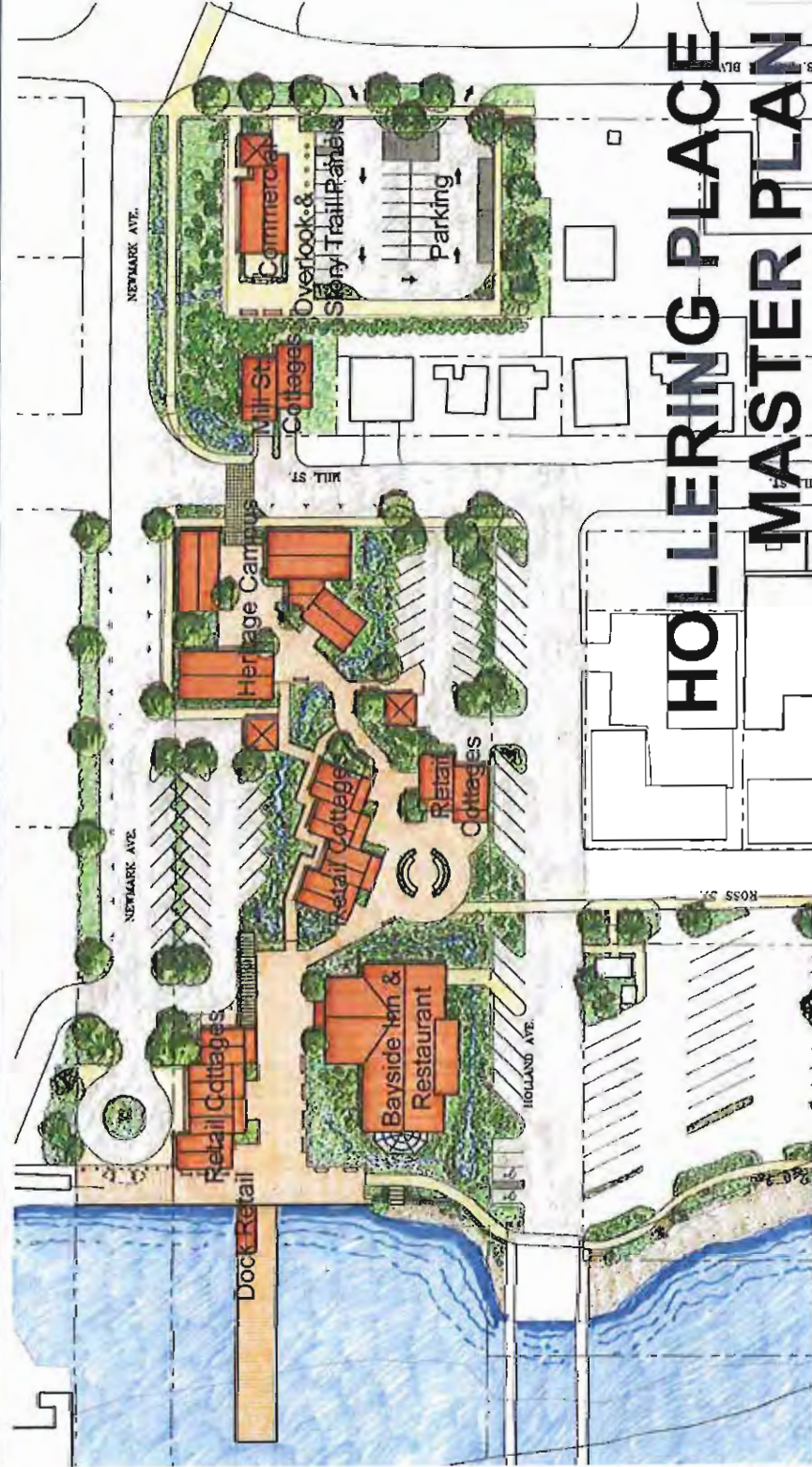
1. Where a historic event occurred, or ...
2. That have special historic interest by reason of being the first of what later became an institution of general use and acceptance in the field of human relations, or ...
3. That are associated with native American culture, or ...
4. That are authoritatively identified with non-Indian exploration and settlement.

**Geologic features** which are generally within one mile of the marker site and/or are visible from the site, and are:

1. Of state or national significance, i.e. a landmark for the Oregon Trail pioneers or Native Americans, aided in settlement of state, etc., or ...
2. Unique to the state or Northwest, e.g. deepest, widest, first, last, oldest, etc., or ...
3. Illustrate hazards, e.g., volcanoes, earthquakes, tsunamis, which are of continuing concern and for which the public need continued reminders., or ...
4. Exemplary examples of natural events.

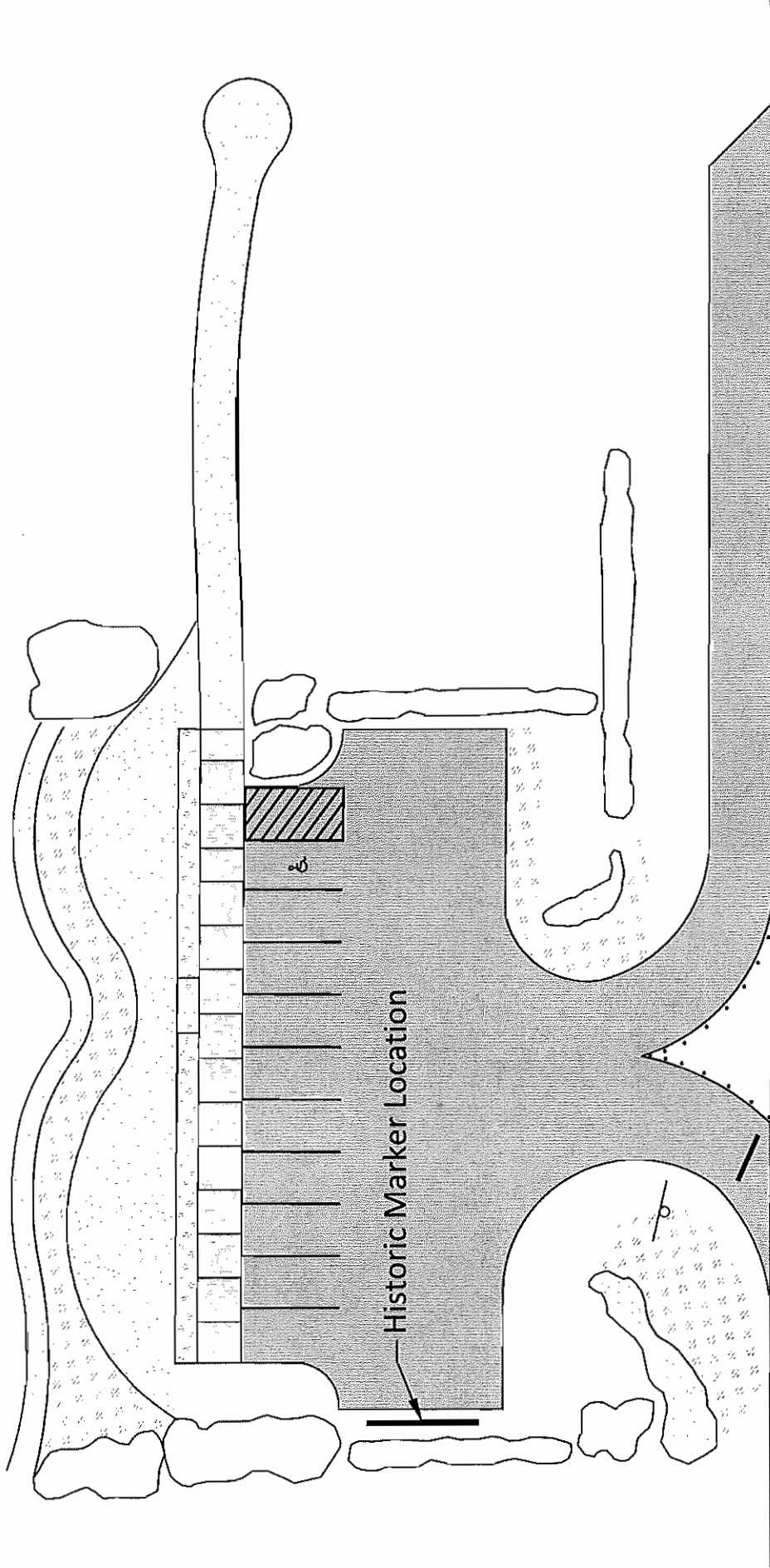
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Adopted December 2, 2008

Wayside at the Historic Hollering Place  
Dedicated November 4, 2010



112 South Empire Blvd (Cape Arago Hwy)



## Hollering Place Historic Marker Timeline

July 2010	Staff met with Confederated Tribes and Oregon Travel Information Council
Aug. 2010	Historic Marker Advisor Committee established
Sept. 21, 2010	First committee meeting
Jan. 27, 2011	Committee meeting
Feb. 14, 2011	Committee meeting
Feb. 28, 2011	Committee meeting
Apr. 8, 2011	Pre-application submitted
June 12, 2011	Pre-Application accepted
July 26, 2011	Annie Von Domitz site visit for Hollering Place and for a regional marker at the Visitor Information Center
Sept. 21, 2011	Teleconference with Annie Von Domitz to review process for development of the historic marker and submission of the formal application
Dec. 6, 2011	Submitted application to OTIC for regular-size marker and three interpretive signs
Dec. 15, 2011	Submitted grant application to Three Rivers Foundation
Jan. 20, 2012	Notification that we will receive a grant
Feb. 18, 2012	Rec'd \$2,000 grant
Feb. 22, 2012	OTIC accepted project for the historic marker program
Mar. 15, 2012	Meeting in Coos Bay with OTIC, include site visit

## OREGON HISTORICAL MARKERS



### Wood Mounted Historical Marker

- 45"x 60" full-color phenolic resin panel
- Wood posts and support structure
- Anodized aluminum frame
- Can be located on highway right-of-way

### Pedestal Historical Marker

- 28" x 36" full-color phenolic resin panel
- Anodized aluminum frame/mount
- Low profile
- Best located in pedestrian areas

