

CITY OF COOS BAY URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY
Agenda Staff Report

MEETING DATE January 6, 2015	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
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TO: Chair Jennifer Groth and Board Members

FROM: Jackie Mickelson, Executive Assistant

THROUGH: Rodger Craddock, City Manager

ISSUE: **Oregon Coast Historical Railway**

BACKGROUND:

December 2000, the Urban Renewal Agency purchased property located at 766 South First Street for the use of developing a historic rail museum. May 2001, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Urban Renewal Agency for the City of Coos Bay (Agency), the City of Coos Bay (the City), and the Oregon Coast Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society (the Society). The Agency amended the 1988 Urban Renewal Plan for the City of Coos Bay (the Plan) to include a railway historical museum as a project in the Plan (the Project); the City exercised its powers to assist the Agency in the planning and carrying out the Project; and the Society a private, non-profit corporation is dedicated to the preservation of the nation's and region's railway heritage. The Agency, the City, and the Society entered into the MOU for the purposes of facilitating and carrying out the Project. Engine No. 104 was the first historic engine to be placed at the property.

Over the years, there has been other various personal property items including railroad locomotives and cars added to the Historical Rail Museum property. The Oregon Coast Historical Railway (OCHR) is the owner of various items of personal property. The Urban Renewal Agency (URA) expressed interest in but has not made a commitment to assisting with improving the property and developing the railway museum with use of the URA funds. On November 2012, the City of Coos Bay, Coos Bay URA, and OCHR entered into an agreement where the OCHR manages and operates the Historic Rail Museum.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

The City pays OCHR an annual management and operation fee of \$4,875.

ACTION REQUESTED:

No action requested.