



Notice of Public Meeting

Historic Landmarks Commission Meeting

AGENDA

CITY OF FALLS CITY, OREGON

Meeting Location: 320 N Main Street, Falls City

Meeting Date: Monday October 07, 2019 6:30 PM

Posted on: Friday October 04, 2019

1) Call to order

Roll Call: Mike McConnell ___ Guy Mack ___ Amy Houghtaling ___ Bruce Garrett ___
Vacant ___ Vacant ___ Vacant ___

2) Pledge of Allegiance

3) Motion to adopt the entire agenda

4) Consent Agenda: Motion Action Approving Consent Agenda Items

A) HLC Minutes February 19, 2019 (p.1)

5) Public Comments: Citizens may address the Commission or introduce items for Commission consideration on any matters. The Commission may not be able to provide an immediate answer or response, but may direct staff to follow up on any questions raised. Out of respect to the Commission and others in attendance, please limit your comment to five (5) minutes. Please state your name and city of residence for the record.

6) Old Business

None

7) New Business

A) Committee Structure (p. 2-5)

B) Historic Feasibility Study Grant & CGL Program Review (p. 6-13)

C) 1920-2020 Women's Vote Centennial (p. 14-17)

8) Correspondence, Comments and Ex-Officio Reports

9) Adjourn

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City of Falls City
Historic Landmark Commission Workshop
Tuesday February 19, 2019 6:30PM
Meeting Location: 320 N Main Street, Falls City in Community Center

Committee Members Present

Mike McConnell, Bruce Garrett, Amy Houghtaling, Guy Mack

1) Roll Call

Chair McConnell called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM, took roll call.

2) Pledge of Allegiance

Chair McConnell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3) Motion to Adopt the entire Agenda

A motion was made by Commissioner Mack and seconded by Commissioner Houghtaling that we adopt the entire Agenda. Motion carried 4-0-0 Ayes. Mike McConnell, Bruce Garrett, Amy Houghtaling, Guy Mack.

4) Consent Agenda Motion Action Approving Consent Agenda Items

A motion was made by Commissioner Houghtaling and seconded by Chair McConnell that we approve Consent Agenda Items **A.** HLC Meeting minutes January 15, 2019 and **B.** HLC Meeting minutes January 30, 2019. Motion carried 4-0-0 Ayes. Mike McConnell, Bruce Garrett, Amy Houghtaling, Guy Mack.

5) Public Comment - None

6) Old Business

A. Commissioner Houghtaling updated Commission on the 2019 CLG Grant Application for High School students to develop an Interactive Phone App for Falls City Historic Properties. The HLC will work with Falls City High School teachers and students to develop a phone App containing locations and pictures of historic properties and places so the Community and visitors can explore Falls City history. Committee Member Houghtaling provided information on **1.** Project Budget (\$8955), **2.** Grant Administration (City Staff/Manager), **3.** Education purposes of Grant (technical skills, research, team building), **4.** Review and Compliance (HLC will meet with students and teacher at least four times with one HLC member designated to work with students, teachers and City Staff to ensure reporting is completed. Grant goals are accomplished and tracking volunteer hours), **5.** Budget detail (where monies will be allocated) and **6.** Project Timeline (begin June 2019 with completion by June 2020.)

7) New Business - None

8) Correspondence, Comments and Ex-Officio Reports

Commissioner Houghtaling reminded Commission Members of the City's 'Vision' meeting to be held at the Boondocks on Saturday March 2, 2019 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM.

9) Adjourn

A motion was made by Commissioner Mack and seconded by Commissioner Houghtaling we adjourn. Motion carried 4-0-0 Ayes. Mike McConnell, Bruce Garrett, Amy Houghtaling, Guy Mack. Meeting adjourned at 7:02.

Commissioners decided to set next Meeting date after Grant Application has been approved.

_____ Historic Landmark Commissioner Chair McConnell

Attested: _____ Historic Landmark Committee Member

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AGENDA REPORT

TO: Historic Landmark Commission
FROM: JoHanna Birr, City Clerk
SUBJECT: Committee Structure
DATE: 10/02/2019

SUMMARY

Oregon state law has changed to require a minimum of four (4) meetings per year for Historic Landmark Commission meetings.

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION

This report is informational only, City Staff will make appropriate revisions to relevant ordinances and present to City Council.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The Historic Landmark Commission must hold four (4) public meetings per calendar year.

EXHIBIT

N/A

PROPOSED MOTION

N/A

Falls City, OR Code of Ordinances

Falls City code and ordinances.

32.05 HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

- 32.05.010 Historic Landmarks Commission established.
- 32.05.020 Membership qualifications.
- 32.05.030 Terms of office
- 32.05.040 Meetings.
- 32.05.050 Purpose.
- 32.05.060 Compensation of members.
- 32.05.070 Rules and regulations.

32.05.010 Historic Landmark Commission Established

The historic landmarks commission is hereby established. The commission shall be composed of seven members appointed by the mayor, with the consent of the council. The historic landmarks commission members shall elect, at their first regular meeting, a chairperson, vice chairperson and secretary from their membership. Thereafter, the commission shall elect a chairperson at its first meeting each year, to serve for the calendar year and until the chairperson's successor has been elected; provided, however, that no member shall serve more than two consecutive terms as chairperson.

32.05.020 Membership Qualifications

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Falls City, OR Code of Ordinances

At least four of the members of the historic landmark commission, must reside in the city at the time of their appointment and at all times during their term in office. Three nonresident members may be appointed and approved when the Mayor and City Council determine that such individuals have special qualifications and expertise in the subject matter of the commission, and have expressed interest in being appointed and serving and advancing the interests of the City.

(Ord. 543-2017 passed 4-13-2017)

32.01.030 Terms of Office; Vacancies and Removal

Historic landmark commission members shall hold office for four years, except when filling the unexpired portion of a vacancy in office. Any vacancies in the commission shall be filled by appointment by the Mayor, with the consent of the council. A member of the commission who is absent from two consecutive meetings without the approval of the commission is presumed to be in nonperformance of duty and the council may remove the member from the commission and declare the position vacant.

32.05.040 Meetings

Four members of the commission shall constitute a quorum. When a quorum is present, the concurrence of a majority of the members present shall be required to decide any matter. It shall meet at least ~~twice~~ four times per year, at such times and places as may be fixed by the chairperson, or as directed by the city council. If necessary, members may attend a meeting of the committee by conference call in accordance with state law.

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32.05.050 Purpose

The purpose of historic landmark commission shall be to advise the city council regarding matters in the historic buildings, landmarks, historic preservation planning, historic site acquisition, construction and maintenance, grants acquisition, volunteer coordination, improvements, and the following tasks:

- A. Review and make recommendations on historic landmark commission projects.
- B. Advise on historic preservation efforts and recommendations.
- C. Advise on city historic preservation and promotion activities.
- D. Advise on capital improvements to facilitate historic preservation.
- E. Troubleshoot historic preservation issues for city improvement projects.
- F. Advise on historic preservation rule and policy recommendations.

In addition, the board may advise the council on any matter upon which the council requests guidance.

32.05.060 Compensation of Members

The historic preservation commission members shall receive no compensation for their services. The historic preservation commission members shall have no authority to make any expenditure

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Falls City, OR Code of Ordinances

on behalf of the city, or obligate the city for payment of any sums of money. However, they may make recommendations to the city council from time to time regarding expenditures and/or obligations.

32.05.070 Rules and Regulations

The commission may adopt rules and regulations to conduct its affairs, which rules and regulations shall be consistent with the laws of the state of Oregon, Falls City Charter and city of Falls City code and ordinances.

32.06 BUILDING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

- 32.06.010 Building and Safety Committee established.
- 32.06.020 Membership qualifications.
- 32.06.030 Terms of office
- 32.06.040 Meetings.
- 32.06.050 Purpose.
- 32.06.060 Compensation of members.
- 32.06.070 Rules and regulations.

32.06.010 Building and Safety Committee Established

The building and safety committee is composed of all available employees, include at least one employer representative authorized to ensure correction of safety and health issues, and be held on company time and attendees paid at their regular rate of pay. If Falls City has 10 or fewer employees it may hold Safety Meetings with available staff in lieu of having a Safety Committee.

32.06.020 Membership Qualifications

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AGENDA REPORT

TO: Historic Landmark Commission
FROM: JoHanna Birr, City Clerk
SUBJECT: Historic Feasibility Study Grant
DATE: 7/26/2019

SUMMARY

The Oregon Heritage Commission (OHC) and Oregon Recreation and Parks Department (ORPD) have several grants available for historic properties. Grants available include; Certified Local Government (CLG) funds, Oregon Preservation grant, Restore Oregon and the National Trust for Historic Preservation to name only a few. Kuri Gill, Oregon Heritage & ORPD Grants & Research Coordinator suggested applying for feasibility (best use) study on one of our city owned properties. Grants are available each biennium, the next being available in 2021. There are other organizations and programs that will help find funding resources for American Disability Act (ADA) accommodations and or improvements as well as other modifications for historic properties. (Exhibit A) While some of these grants call for 1:1 matching funds, we do not meet this requirement because Falls City's population is fewer than 5,000.

A feasibility study examines the history and construction of a historic property, records the current condition of the structure, its major systems and finishes; and explores the feasibility of various reuse options through consideration of structural, mechanical, code and architectural changes, as well as associated costs needed to accommodate the recommended uses.

Feasibility studies funded with Historic Preservation Fund grants propose use and design solutions that comply with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.

Recommended study components:

- Field inspection to photograph and record original and existing construction methods, materials and conditions of the structure and finishes, both exterior and interior. Include a narrative of the field inspection findings.
- Current overall and detail photographs of all exterior and interior elevations and spaces keyed to existing floor plans. Include historic photos if available. Label all photographs with building name, view, photographer and date.
- Existing floor plans. Include north arrow on each plan view.
- Discussion and recommendation for potential use options for the building. Each use option is to include discussion of building code and access issues specific to the proposed use and the potential impact on the building's significant features. Include discussion of the alternative compliance methods in Oregon Building Code and the Americans with Disabilities Act, as relevant.
- Provide an overview of relevant local zoning and historic preservation requirements, per use, as relevant.

- Provide preliminary cost estimates for each proposed use.
- Discussion of hazardous materials, such as asbestos, that may need to be abated in any rehabilitation.
- Discussion of financial incentives available to undertake project such as grants and federal and state tax credits.
- Summary of public comments obtained about the proposed reuse options.

BACKGROUND

Two (2) city owned historic properties are ideal candidates for the grant funded feasibility study. The first property is located at 304/306 N Main St. more often referred to as the Dr.'s Office or Clinic. In 1997 Randolph Osman and the HLC was instrumental in creating a Historic Property Survey which included this property. It was built as a doctor's office in 1914 and has held this position until it closed under the name of Luckiamute Clinic in the late spring of 2014. The City gained the property through donation in 2017 after two (2) years of negotiations. The property boasts a carriage house, small office building adjacent and fresh water spring in the southeast corner of the basement.

The second property or building is the Old City Jail. This jail was inspected in 1969 and deemed unfit to hold prisoners for any duration other than a brief transport hold to Polk County Jail. This was due to lack of observation area and inadequate male/ female segregation. The jail nicknamed the "Pink Pokey" has had its roof redone and the interior restored to pink which was used as an aide in calming drunken inmates. Some work has been done with Marion County Sheriff's Office in assisting with replacing interior items. The HLC Commission had hoped to develop this site into a small museum. Self-funding sources for operation of a museum would need to be identified.

PRIOR COMMISSION ACTIONS- N/A

FIANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Jail does not currently put financial drain on city resources as there are no utilities being used at the site. To date, the city has invested over \$8,955.86 in appraisal/ inspection and utility fees (not including electric) on the 304/306 N. Main St. property.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends Commission analyze which site would gain the most benefit from a feasibility study and move ahead with a recommendation to Council for the upcoming 2021 grant cycle.

EXHIBIT A- List of available grants

EXHIBIT B- CGL Program Review

PROPOSED MOTIONS

- A-** I move that the Historic Landmark Commission recommend the City of Falls City, City Council to apply for the 2021 grant cycle to provide a feasibility study on City owned property located at 304/306 N. Main St. (Dr.'s Office).

B- I move that the Historic Landmark Commission recommend the City of Falls City, City Council to apply for the 2021 grant cycle to provide a feasibility study on City owned property located at 299 Mill St. (Jail).

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OREGON HERITAGE GRANT PROGRAMS

OREGON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Oregon Heritage offers several grant programs serving all areas of heritage projects. Each program has different eligibility, match, and professional requirements. All grants are reimbursement grants. For more details on each program, visit www.oregonheritage.org.

PRESERVING OREGON GRANT:

Preserving Oregon Grant Programs funds are to be used for:

- rehabilitation work on properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places, or
- significant work contributing to identifying, preserving and/or interpreting archaeological sites.
 - Eligibility: open, must meet one of the two above criteria
 - Awards: up to \$20,000
 - Match: 1:1, match may be in the form of cash, volunteer time, in-kind donations
 - Timing: offered annually, typically with a spring deadline

DIAMONDS IN THE ROUGH GRANT:

"Diamonds in the Rough" grants are to restore or reconstruct the facades of buildings that have been heavily altered over the years. The purpose is to return them to their historic appearance and potentially qualify them for historic register designation (local or national). These grants are funded in part by the Oregon Cultural Trust.

- Eligibility: buildings with heavily modified primary facades
- Awards: up to \$20,000
- Match: 1:1, match may be in the form of cash, volunteer time, in-kind donations
- Timing: offered annually, typically with a spring deadline

OREGON MAIN STREET REVITALIZATION GRANT:

Oregon Main Street Revitalization Grant awards are to be used to acquire, rehabilitate and construct buildings on properties in designated downtown areas statewide; and to facilitate community revitalization that will lead to private investment, job creation or retention, establishing or expanding viable business or creating a stronger tax base.

- Eligibility: Oregon Main Street Network organizations for projects within the Main Street boundary.
- Awards: up to \$200,000
- Match: 70% grant award, match 30% of grant award
- Timing: winter 2019 deadline

OREGON HERITAGE GRANT:

Support of projects for the conservation, development and interpretation of Oregon's cultural heritage. Priority will be given to projects that preserve, develop or interpret threatened heritage resources and/or heritage resources of statewide significance.

- Eligibility: 501(c)3 nonprofit, incorporated in the state of Oregon, local governments and Oregon colleges and universities
- Awards: typically \$5000 - \$20,000
- Match: 1:1 required 50% of the match must be cash
- Timing: offered once per biennium, usually fall of the odd year



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OREGON MUSEUM GRANT:

Support of projects for the collection and management of heritage collections, for heritage-related tourism, and heritage education and interpretation.

- Eligibility: must be a qualifying museum
- Awards: typically \$1000-\$8000
- Match: not required, but recommended
- Timing: offered annually, typically with a spring deadline

HISTORIC CEMETERIES GRANT:

Funds are for projects in and for qualifying historic cemeteries. Eligible projects may include, but aren't limited to: security fencing or lighting, skilled monument repair or training, repair of historic elements such as fencing, curbs, markers, etc., documentation and mapping, signage, landscape work, planning and interpretation.

- Eligibility: open, project must be related to a qualifying historic cemetery
- Awards: typically \$500-\$8000
- Match: not required, but recommended
- Timing: offered annually, typically with a spring application deadline

VETERANS AND WAR MEMORIALS GRANT:

The Veterans' and War Memorials Grant Program was established to provide funding assistance to local governments for the construction and restoration of veterans' and war memorials. The program will help honor Oregon's soldiers and veterans by commemorating their service to the country.

- Eligibility: local government entities, with a veteran organization partner
- Awards: typically \$2000-\$100,000
- Match: 20% of the total project
- Timing: offered annually, typically with a late fall deadline

ELIZABETH WALTON POTTER HERITAGE PRESERVATION SCHOLARSHIP:

The Elisabeth Walton Potter Oregon Heritage Preservation Scholarship provides financial assistance for Oregon residents to attend a preservation-related conference, workshop, or training in the United States. Eligible travel expenses include registration fees, transportation, lodging, and meals. Scholarships are offered to those actively involved in local preservation efforts and who demonstrate how attendance at a preservation-related conference, workshop, or training will help meet the preservation needs of their local community.

- Eligibility: Oregon residents
- Awards: typically \$300-\$1500
- Match: not required, but is more competitive
- Timing: December and May

CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANT:

The Certified Local Government (CLG) program offers matching grants to cities and counties that have been "certified" as historic preservation partners with both the state and the federal governments. These grants can be used for a wide-range of preservation projects, including National Register nominations, historic resource surveys, preservation education, preservation code development, building restoration, and planning.

- Eligibility: certified local governments
- Awards: typically \$10,000-15,000
- Match: 1:1, match may be in the form of cash, volunteer time, in-kind donations
- Timing: annually, February deadline

ASSISTANCE:

Grant questions and OPRD: Grants Online support: Kuri Gill, kuri.gill@oregon.gov, 503-986-0685.



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CLG Program Review

The primary purpose of this review is to ensure that the local government continues to meet the basic requirements to be a Certified Local Government.

CLG: _____ Falls City _____

Contact Person: _____ Mac Corthell and JoHanna Birr _____

1. Historic Preservation Commission

- Is the commission fully constituted (no vacancies), and have copies of current members' resumes been forwarded to the SHPO?
- Are reasonable efforts made to appoint at least a few historic preservation "professionals"?
- Approximately how many times per year does the commission meet?
- Are written minutes kept and available to the public?
- Are proper public notices given for commission meetings?

Comments:

Seven is a full commission, they currently have four members, the same people for several years. They can have people from out of town. Didn't meet in 2018, they renewed the membership and have been meeting in 2019. Minutes are posted online with the new meeting packets. Treated as public meeting under state law. Recommendations: Consider updating code for fewer committee members in the future. Recruit through associations. Kuri will check in to be sure the regular meetings are happening. Consider having trainings or public presentations at the meetings (National Register – general information, resources for historic properties, Oregon Main Street Network, character defining features of historic properties).

2. Protection of Historic Properties

- Does the historic preservation ordinance still contain appropriate protections for designated historic properties?
- Are the historic design review decisions made by the staff and/or commission appropriate and in keeping with accepted historic preservation standards?
- Are commission members and staff provided training in how to apply historic preservation standards?
- Are local historic preservation decisions consistent with decisions made through either the state or federal historic preservation process?

Comments: Only one locally designated property, the church, so not much to focus on the code.

Recommendation: When you do a code update, change to meet NR review requirements and local designation. Send RARE participant to visit SHPO to figure out and update commission/CLG processes and learn about Main Street. Consider sending staff and commissioners to the NAPC conference in Tacoma in July 2020. In the future, grant funds can be used for training.

3. Maintain Appropriate Historic Property Records

- Is there an organized filing system for properties that have been surveyed or listed in historic site registers?
- Are these records available to the public?
- Are survey and inventory records consistent with SHPO standards and provided to the SHPO for integration into the master statewide system?

Comments: Have an older, but detailed survey. They have revisited it a few times.

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Recommendation: Don't work on survey right now, focus on public education, nominations and other work.

4. Participation in the National Register Nomination Process

- Has the CLG provided SHPO written comments on National Register nominations?
- Have nominations submitted by the CLG been approved by the State Advisory Committee on Historic Preservation and the National Park Service?

Comments: None under process right now.

Recommendation: The City is required to comment on and provide for public comment on National Register nominations. Consider students nominating the school, doctor office and jail in a future grant. Or just have the nominations done. Have Robert present at a meeting about NR for school, doctor office and jail, public and the commission.

5. Public Education and Awareness

- Does the CLG sponsor or support events and activities that promote awareness, understanding, and appreciation for historic properties within the community?
 - o Examples:

Comments: Current project is an application about the historic properties.

Recommendation: Have presentations by SHPO and others at the meeting to engage the community and ensure meetings happen as required. Continue the focus on public outreach. Collect jail and doctor office oral history for the application.

6. Grant Management

- Has the CLG used its grant funds appropriately and completely?
- Has grant paperwork been submitted to the SHPO in a timely and organized fashion?
- Are grant records in good order and maintained for the appropriate 5-year (?) retention period?

Comments: They make great choices to engage the youth and the school district. Would like to see consistent applications every time they are eligible. Note, that 1:1 match is not required for Falls City.

Overall evaluation

Meets Requirements

Does Not Meet Requirements

Comments: They missed a year of meeting during the staff and committee transition. They are up and running now and have a plan to meet this requirement. I will check in annually to be sure they meet that.

SHPO Evaluator: Kuri Gill
(print name)

(signature)

Date: July 23, 2019

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From: GILL Kuri * OPRD <Kuri.Gill@oregon.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 5, 2019 10:58 AM
To: manager@fallscityoregon.gov; jbirr@fallscityoregon.gov
Subject: CLG check-in
Attachments: 2019CLG Program Reviewfallscity.doc; GrantInformation2.docx

Hi Mac and Jo Hanna,

It was super nice to meet with you. We left very excited about the opportunities there.

I have attached the document please let me know if it is OK or if you have any changes. Then I will sign and send you the final version.

I have attached our list of grants.

Here are some others to consider.

Building preservation plan (Doctor office)
National Trust for Historic Preservation
Kinsman Foundation

Feasibility study/Preservation plan
National Trust for Historic Preservation
Restore Oregon – Most Endangered Places program

Preservation –
Preserving Oregon Grant (requires National register listing)
Kinsman Foundation
Oregon Community Foundation

Kuri Gill

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AGENDA REPORT

TO: All Falls City Public Bodies
FROM: JoHanna Birr, City Clerk
SUBJECT: 1920- 2020 Women's Vote Centennial
DATE: 7/24/2019

SUMMARY

The 2020 centennial presents a unique opportunity to expand the narrative of women's suffrage and women's history by sharing the stories of women who have made strides in our community. Finding and telling these stories inserts more voices into our community's history, engages more community members and recognizes an important piece of not only local, but American history.

To participate in this celebration, the City of Falls City will need a champion (individual or group) to help create, coordinate, and place exhibits/events, as well as to liaison between contributors and potential exhibitors. PLEASE CONTACT CITY HALL IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING MAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY A REALITY!

BACKGROUND

In 1920, Women gained the right to vote with the passage of the 19th Amendment to the US Constitution. One hundred years later, communities across the nation will celebrate this Centennial. The attached guide is designed to help heritage organizations in Oregon plan ahead to incorporate stories and programming related to the women's vote and women's history into their 2020 activities. Oregon was one of several western states that saw early victories approving women's voting rights in 1912.

Celebration of the Centennial planning should start now for events in our community to commemorate and share stories of women who have changed history. Because women were historically denied full participation in mainstream cultural, social, political and economic activities, many of their stories have been marginalized or gone unrecorded.

Falls City has a surprising heritage in own right. Florence Wolfe [1850-1939] came to Oregon in 1853, crossing the plains with her parents William and Ruth Ruble. They settled in the Eola Hills where her father founded mills and worked as a horticulturist. Wolfe came to the Falls City area in 1888 and established a flourishing farm on Tater Hill southeast of town and developed property within the town. During her long residence, she worked for the good of the community and was among those who unsuccessfully promoted a highway from Falls City to the coast. She handled exhibits at the county and state fairs with great success. She was in charge of the Polk County exhibit at the Lewis & Clark Exposition in Portland in 1905 and won a number of blue ribbons for the county.

Abigail W. Watt is the first woman mentioned in the Falls City minutes having a position with the City. An excerpt from January 2, 1923 adopted Falls City Council minutes reads; "Abigail W. Watt presented her official bond as Auditor and Police Judge signed by H.E. Starr and W. L. Russell as sureties. On motion of Roy McDonald seconded by D. J. Grant the bond of Abigail W. Watts was accepted. Motion carried unanimously."

Fanny Lamberson Branson had the first Roquefort cheese factory in the entire United States in 1919 located in Falls City on the Teal farm she and her husband Jay purchased. It was reported to be superior to anything imported from France. At one point, the entire finished products produced were shipped to Portland. Its hay-day ended with the crash of the stock market and Great Depression.

Faye Wilson [1909-1989] was born in St. Johns and educated in Newberg and Portland. She came to Falls City in the 1930,s and worked tirelessly for the City as its Recorder, Police Judge and School District Secretary. She was also a member of the City Council. In her role as municipal judge, it was said that she "treats them fair and hits them hard." Wilson worked for the Polk County Health Association and for juvenile betterment programs. She was organist for the United Methodist Church and was active as pianist for her husband's dance orchestra which played often at Wagner Hall from 1938 to 1943.

FIANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Funding opportunities include; County Cultural Coalitions, Oregon Cultural Trust, Oregon Museums Grant, Oregon Heritage grant (due fall of 2019), Travel Oregon Mini Grant and Oregon Humanities Responsive Grant, amongst others.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff would like to share this opportunity with the community in order to determine whether any citizen or group of citizens would like to take the lead in engaging various community groups and/or organizations to facilitate researching, creating, and placing exhibits for this amazing Centennial!

Additionally, staff would like to solicit input from throughout the community, regarding women who contributed to Falls City and the surrounding community, from past to present. Staff encourages submission of inputs before November 15, 2019.

Exhibit A:
Votes for Women

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Votes for Women Ribbon, Library of Congress

Plan Ahead for the Women's Vote Centennial

In 1920, women gained the right to vote with the passage of the 19th Amendment to the US Constitution. One hundred years later, communities across the nation will celebrate the Centennial. This guide is designed to help heritage organizations in Oregon plan ahead to incorporate stories and programming related to the women's vote and women's history into their 2020 activities.

Historic Background:

The year 2020 marks the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment, which placed women's voting rights in the United States Constitution. Oregon was one of several western states that saw early victories in this area. In November 1912, Oregon men approved woman suffrage after voting "no" five times between 1884 and 1910. While most Oregon women achieved the right to vote in 1912, race and ethnicity remained barriers for others to vote. After 1912, women in Oregon continued suffrage work by assisting other state campaigns and pushing for a federal suffrage amendment. On June 4, 1919, the US Congress passed the 19th Amendment. Oregon became the 25th state to ratify on January 12, 1920. By August 1920, 36 states had ratified the US Constitution removing sex as a barrier to voting rights. (Read more at Oregon Encyclopedia).



Image from Library of Congress

START PLANNING NOW!

Now is the time to start planning for 2020 Centennial events in your community! Join organizations across Oregon and the United States in sharing and commemorating stories of women who have changed history.

You may have a good idea of who those women are in your community. But you might also be surprised by the stories you find when you start digging a little deeper. Because women were historically denied full participation in mainstream cultural, social, political, and economic activities, many of their stories have been marginalized or gone unrecorded. The 2020 Centennial presents an opportunity to expand the narrative of women's suffrage and women's history by sharing the stories of women who have made strides in your community. Finding and telling these stories inserts more voices into your community's history, engages more community members, and recognizes an important piece of American history.

Where to start looking for local stories:

- Research who is buried in local cemeteries
- Research women who lived in local neighborhoods
- Don't limit yourself to the early 1900s-- expand your search to more recent decades
- Research women who held early positions in politics: mayor, city council members, etc...
- Research the first women in a variety of professions in your community
- Consider looking into organizations that have historically served women:
 - Women's Clubs
 - Libraries
 - Auxiliary Clubs
 - Activist Groups
 - Sororities

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Woman Suffrage Wagon, National Museum of American History

Places to conduct research:

- Local library and/or historical society
- University archives
- Historic Oregon Newspapers
<https://oregonnews.uoregon.edu/>
- Local League of Women's Voters chapters
<http://lwv.or.org/>
- Oregon Historic Sites Database
<http://heritagedata.prd.state.or.us/historic/>
- Oregon Historical Society
<https://ohs.org/research-and-library/>
- Oregon Encyclopedia
<https://oregonencyclopedia.org/>

Types of programming to consider:

- Create a mini-exhibit in your library, city hall, shopping center, or local school
- Hold a history talk at your local library
- Expand a history talk to include a civics discussion about a present day issue
- Host a tour of sites associated with local women
- Recreate an historical event
- Present an award to a local civic organization
- Host an Equalitea- Tea has traditionally been a way for women to socialize and organize. An "equalitea" is a way to educate your community about the suffrage movement and/or honor local women leaders.
- Share social media messages. Consider sharing #2020Centennial, #SuffrageAt100, #RightToVote, #WomenDisobey, #GetRadical, #Vote100, #WomenInPolitics, #HerStory, #WomenVote
- Remember that March is Women's History Month!

Funding Opportunities:

- County Cultural Coalitions- For projects that create, share, document, and develop the county's cultural identity. Learn what's available in your county.
- Oregon Cultural Trust- Funds support access, preservation, creativity, and capacity projects.
- Oregon Museum Grant (due spring 2020)- Funds support Oregon museums in projects related to collections, heritage tourism, and heritage education

and interpretation.

- Oregon Heritage Grant (due fall 2019) - Funds support projects that conserve, develop or interpret Oregon's heritage.
- Travel Oregon Mini Grant- Planning an event? Look into tourism grants.
- Oregon Humanities Responsive Grant- Funds bring people together to explore a timely issue.

Additional Resources:

- Oregon History Resources:
 - Oregon 2020
<http://www.oregonwomenshistory.org/oregon-2020/>
 - Oregon Women's History Interviews
<http://www.oregonwomenshistory.org/interviews/>
 - Oregon Public Broadcasting: The Suffragists
<https://www.opb.org/television/programs/oregonexperience/segment/the-suffragists/>
 - Oregon Encyclopedia
https://oregonencyclopedia.org/articles/woman_suffrage_in_oregon/#.XNMJgGN7lph
- Links to National Resources:
 - 2020 Women's Vote Centennial Toolkit
<https://www.2020centennial.org/>
 - AASLH 19th Amendment Centennial Value Statement
<http://download.aaslh.org/AASLH+19th+Amendment+Centennial+Value+Statement.pdf>
 - Centennial of Women's Suffrage
<http://www.suffragettes2020.com/>
- Research Tips
 - Heritage Bulletin 34: Researching Historically Marginalized Communities
https://www.oregon.gov/oprd/HCD/docs/Heritage_Bulletins/HB34_Researching_Historically_Marginalized_Communities.pdf



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