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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 3, 2017
TO: Deschutes County Historic Landmarks Commission
FROM: Matthew Martin, Associate Planner
RE: Work Session – CLG Grant Projects

The purpose of this memo is to prepare the HLC for the work session on January 9, 2017, where projects to include in the application for the 2017/18 Certified Local Government (CLG) Grant will be discussed and prioritized. Below is the section of the *Deschutes County 2015-2020 Historic Preservation Strategic Plan* outlining the action items. Further, staff has listed projects to consider that are based on input from the Oregon State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), Deschutes County, City of Sisters, and Deschutes Historical Society. These are offered as a starting point for the discussion and other suggestions are welcome. With that said, limited funding will impact the number and/or scale of projects included so prioritization will be important.

Excerpt from the Deschutes County 2015-2020 Historic Preservation Strategic Plan:

Goal 1 - Collaborate: Strengthen the network of historic preservation and community partners through collaboration.

Objective: Improve facilitation of Historic Preservation in the region to increase the visibility of and participation in historic preservation efforts throughout the county.

Actions:

- Establish the Des Chutes Historical Society as the hub of historic preservation programs.
- Support and engage in Historic Preservation Month activities.

Objective: Work with other HLCs and stakeholder groups to maximize impact and value to owners and general community.

Actions:

- Schedule annual meetings and/or presentations with other HLCs in the region.
- Create and maintain a calendar of historic related events throughout the county.
- Improve the management and access of historic property records in partnership with

other agencies and local museum resources through support for technology upgrades.

Goal 2 - Coordinate: Facilitate program administration and special projects that provide opportunities to expand the scope and benefits of the historic preservation.

Objective: Expand and Improve Historic Preservation Program Administration.

Actions:

- Provide dedicated staff to facilitate and manage historic preservation program.
- Conduct an inventory of potential properties eligible for landmark designation.
- Enhance the Sisters/County focus in demonstrating best historic preservation practices.
- Enhance focus on archeological sites in Deschutes County.
- Build oral history collection.
- Review and update relevant county codes for consistency with state laws and policies.

Objective: Improve access to historic resource information.

Actions:

- Regularly hold HLC meetings in Sisters and other regions of the county.
- Provide more content to the “Story Map” descriptions.
- Incorporate federal historic sites into “Story Map” content.
- Support technology upgrades at Des Chutes Historical Society.
- Complete scanning of historic property files located at the Des Chutes Historical Society.
- Create driving tour mobile application similar to Bend Heritage Walking Tour.

Objective: Improve relationships with historic resource owners.

Actions:

- Maintain regular contact with historic property owners such as scheduled mailers, phone calls, and visits to highlight benefits and responsibilities of designation.
- Assign historic sites to landmarks commissioners to establish stronger relationships.
- Support annual BBQ as thank you for historic property owners.

Goal 3 - Educate: Promote educational opportunities highlighting the value, benefits, responsibilities, and requirements of historic preservation.

Objective: Expand historic preservation education.

Actions:

- Conduct presentations throughout the county to various groups including community organizations and schools.
- Increase visibility through published articles in various media outlets and formats.
- Annual presentations to Board of County Commissioners and Sisters City Council.
- Attend, present, and provide materials at History Pub at Old St. Francis School.
- Preserve and/or replacement of historic site signage.

Objective: Increase the attention paid to, and protection of, the historic rural county setting.

Actions:

- Fieldtrips that promote both public and other HLC participation.
- Highlight importance and relevance of historic resources other than buildings and structures such as the Santiam Wagon Road, tree blazes, and cemeteries.

Other Project Suggestions:

- Regional HLC Summit
- Support Historic Preservation Month
- Update Historic Property Inventory
- City of Sisters Survey
- Explore “Historical Context” Nomination of Sisters for the National Register of Historic Places
- Upload Scanned Images to Web
- Commissioner and Staff Training
- Support Preservation/Restoration of IOOF Paulina Lake Cabins