

OAK LODGE HISTORY DETECTIVES BOARD MEETING

1/18/2020

11 AM

At the home of Craig Kuhns

Chair: Mike Schmeer

Vice Chair: Thelma Haggemiller

Treasurer: Ellen Toothacker

Secretary: Virginia Foster

Board Member At Large: Craig Kuhns

The meeting came to order at 11:35AM:

New Business: Mike reminded the board that there continues to be three vacancies needing to be filled on The Historic Review Board.

Discussion began regarding the proposed Clackamas County Heritage Council Resolution (CCHC) to create a special tax district using property taxes at a rate of five cents per thousand. A special tax district would support the History Hub and Clackamas County Fair Grounds. For the resolution to appear on the ballot, an initial cost of \$20,000 was projected for a survey of local citizens to determine the success of the resolution and another \$50,000 for the resolution to be placed on the ballot.

Thelma Haggemiller presented a very convincing argument in favor of a tourism tax as opposed to Increasing property taxes to form a Special Historic Tax District, pointing out several negative aspects of the property tax option. The tourism tax would likely include the Arts Alliance as well as the History Hub and the County Fair, and would come from tourism tax dollars. After much discussion the group opted to vote NO to the CCHC Resolution.

Heritage Markers: Discussion of funding for heritage markers and options. Mike suggested checking in with the Oregon Heritage Commission regarding grants.

The meeting adjourned about 3 PM.