

Oregon Historical Society Levy Oversight Committee

Memo

To: Multnomah County Board of Commissions
From: Avel Gordly and Nichole Maher, Co-Chairs of the Oregon Historical Society Levy Oversight Committee
CC: The Oregon Historical Society Levy Oversight Committee, Kerry Tymchuk
Date: 6/13/2012
Re: Annual Report to the Board of County Commissioners

As Co-Chairs of the Oregon Historical Society Levy Oversight Committee, we are delighted to report back to you on our first year's work.

Our committee's main charge has been to ensure that the Oregon Historical Society (OHS) is following through on promises made in the voter approved Measure 26-125: Five-Year Levy: Oregon Historical Society Library, Museum, educational programs.

Our additional responsibilities are laid out in the Financial Agreement between Multnomah County and the Oregon Historical Society. They are as follows:

- Meet at least semi-annually. ***(We have met enthusiastically six times since our creation.)***
- Provide minutes from our meetings on the Multnomah County website. ***(Meeting minutes and materials have been consistently posted following our meetings.)***
- Receive a report of levy expenditures from OHS and each of the four east Multnomah County historical societies receiving levy funds. ***(We have received these reports – see attached.)***
- Provide an annual briefing to the Board of County Commissioner regarding OHS compliance with the voter-approved measure.

The receipt of this report completes our fulfillment of these annual responsibilities.

Our committee has worked to clearly identify the promises made to voters in Measure 26-118. We have prepared the attached document to track our assessment of OHS compliance with such commitments in fiscal year 2012.

It is our pleasure to represent the good work of this committee, and we commend OHS for their participation and progress made in the last year. We're looking forward to our ongoing collaboration.