

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

**RESOLUTION NO. 05-172**

Authorizing Transfer of Artifacts to the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association

**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:**

- a. In March 2002, by Resolution 02-032, the Board resolved to dispose of certain county-owned property deemed surplus, including the Morrison Building, located at 2115 SE Morrison Street ("Morrison Property").
- b. The Morrison Property was once part of the Lone Fir Cemetery. Many individuals, including Chinese immigrant railroad workers, were buried on the site.
- c. It was believed that all of the Chinese burials were disinterred and returned to China.
- d. The Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association believed that although many of the men had been disinterred and returned to China, women and children were not returned and still remained on the Morrison Property.
- e. In January, 2005, Commissioner Rojo de Steffey oversaw an excavation of three sites on the Morrison Property to determine whether any human remains were still on the property.
- f. Human remains were found on the property along with many artifacts including Chinese grave markers ("Artifacts").
- g. This discovery resulted in certain portions of the Morrison Property being designated as an official archaeological site.
- h. The Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association ("CCBA") in Portland, Oregon was created to serve and protect Chinese interests in the community.
- i. It is in the county's best interest to transfer the Artifacts found to the CCBA.

**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:**

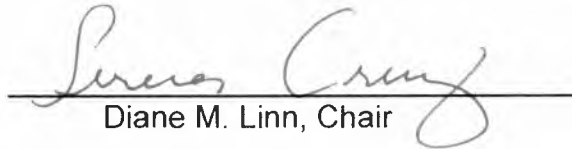
1. Facilities & Property Management Division is directed to transfer the Artifacts to the CCBA.

2. Commissioner Rojo de Steffey is designated to continue working with the CCBA, the county's contract archaeologist and state officials to ensure all regulations concerning the Artifacts are followed.

ADOPTED this 6th day of October, 2005.

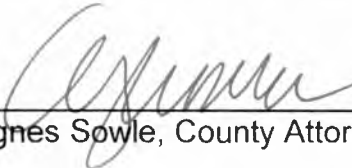


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