

Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission

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Agenda Item:	8a	Information
Topic:	Heritage Division Report	
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Main Street Conference Conquers The Dalles

Over 240 visitors converged on The Dalles during the first week of October to participate in the 2015 Oregon Main Street Conference. Convened by Oregon Main Street, a program of OPRD's Heritage Division, the annual conference attracts professionals involved in downtown revitalization, mostly at the local level. This year's conference theme, "Build an Awesome Revitalization Team," recognized the diverse partnerships required for a successful revitalization effort. Oregon Main Street supports these collaborative efforts, which are designed to support business development and entrepreneurship while leveraging historic assets to create dynamic downtowns. Some highlights of the conference included internationally recognized economics and preservation expert Donovan Rypkema as the keynote speaker; sessions on supporting local business, adaptive use of buildings, and organizational planning and management; and the presentation of eighteen awards to individuals and projects across the state for excellence in downtown revitalization.

National Historic Preservation Act and the OPRD Heritage Division

Next year marks the 50th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act. The NHPA gave us the National Register of Historic Places, and many other programs and mechanisms for historic preservation that were delegated to the states to administer through state preservation offices. Over the next several months, Heritage Division staff will be offering to the OPRD Commission short presentations related to our State Historic Preservation Office work, and the accompanying programs we administer that promote the heritage of Oregon.

Prior Action by Commission: none

Action Requested: none

Attachments: none

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