

**Approved Minutes
Oregon Heritage Commission
February 26, 2007
Teleconference**

(listening site in North Mall Office Building, Room 146, Salem)

Present: Constance Beaumont, Charlotte Fugate, George Kramer, Pat McMillan, Forrest Rodgers, E. John Rumpakis, Irene Zenev, Kyle Jansson.

Guests: None.

Kramer called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. and said the only agenda item was consideration of House Bill 2647.

Heritage Districts: Jansson reviewed presentations and discussion by county historical society directors at the Commission's Feb. 5 meeting. He also reported that the Oregon Museums Association board had discussed House Bill 2647, and that a majority of the board members have endorsed the bill.

Commissioners discussed several issues related to House Bill 2647 including the sinking fund for historic buildings, its potential effects on museums currently receiving some government funding, and its potential effects on finding a statewide solution for funding operations of heritage and historical organizations.

Rodgers made motion "The Heritage Commission endorses House Bill 2647 that would give Oregon communities the option of establishing heritage improvement districts as a mechanism to resolve local heritage funding and operating issues." McMillan seconded. Approved by all six commissioners.

Motion to adjourn. Rumpakis made motion to adjourn. Without dissent, Kramer ended the meeting at 1:31 p.m.