

## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING REGARDING

(Between the City of Coos Bay and the Coos History Museum)

WHEREAS, over a year ago, a collaborative effort began with representatives from Memorial for Peace and Justice, Heritage Organizations for Rural Social Justice (HORSE), Coos History Museum (CHM), Marshfield Pioneer Cemetery, and the City of Coos Bay (City), with the goal of memorializing Alonzo Tucker. Out of these discussions, a two-part plan evolved to daylight the racially violent event that occurred in Coos County over a century ago and to establish a memorial in memory of Alonzo Tucker; and

WHEREAS, the first part of the plan took place earlier this year during Black History Month. On February 29, 2020, a memorial gathering was held at the small city wayside located near the south end of North Front Street in downtown Coos Bay. Students from Marshfield High, North Bend High, Southwestern Oregon Community College, officials from the State of Oregon, City of Coos Bay representatives, members of Equal Justice Initiative (EJI), and CHM, participated in a ceremony in remembrance of Alonzo Tucker and his tragic death; and

WHEREAS, the second part of the plan, placing a permanent memorial at the site of the wayside, was temporarily put on hold shortly after the memorial ceremony, when CHM was closed under Governor Brown's Executive Orders related to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

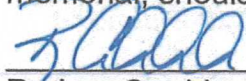
WHEREAS, what started out as a collective effort to participate in the Oregon and National Remembrance Project has grown to be a larger social equity issue, involving multiple parties with varied interests. The City recognizes that the landscape has profoundly changed. We believe this presents an opportunity to circle back, take a fresh look, and conduct a broader process, to allow for additional collaboration with stakeholders and community members; and

WHEREAS, the CHM Board of Trustees is willing to convene a task force in an effort to create and present a plan regarding a memorial.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY AGREED:

- A. CHM will establish a CHM task force, with representatives from key agencies, including the City, and members of the community.
- B. The CHM task force will take on the work of setting up a process to receive, organize and review concepts for a memorial and potential memorial location as well as a process timeline.
- C. The CHM task force will evaluate the concepts received including associated costs for development, installation and maintenance, potential locations for the memorial, and provide the recommendations to the City.

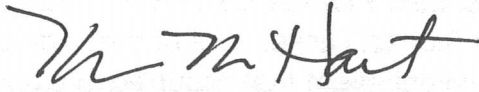
D. The City and CHM will work collectively on grant opportunities for funding the memorial, should any be available or viable.



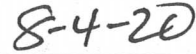
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Marcia Hart, Executive Director  
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