

February 17, 2012  
8:00 A.M.  
Newport, Oregon

The Tourism Facilities Grant Review Task Force for the City of Newport met on the above date in the City Council Chambers of the Newport City Hall. In attendance were Stan Rowe, John Lavrakas, Margaret Dailey, Ann Aronson, Caroline Bauman, Julie Hanrahan, and Randy Getman. Also in attendance was City Council Liaison Lon Brusselback.

Staff present was City Recorder Hawker.

### **INTERVIEWS WITH GRANT APPLICANTS**

The Task Force conducted interviews with the following organizations:

**Lincoln County Fair.** Bill Hall, Lincoln County Commissioner, and Wayne Belmont, Lincoln County Counsel, appeared on behalf of this application.

**Oregon Coast Council for the Arts.** Catherine Rickbone, Jan Eastman, and Polly Ivers appeared on behalf of this application.

**Lincoln County Historical Museum on behalf of the Maritime History Museum.** John Baker appeared on behalf of this application.

**Oregon Coast Aquarium.** Carrie Lewis, Jim Burke, and James Draznin appeared on behalf of this application.

**Friends of the Lincoln County Aquatic Center.** Jeff Bertuleit and Shane Bishop, of Mavericks Sports Company in Sun River, appeared on behalf of this application.

Each applicant was given 45 minutes to make a presentation, respond to general and specific written questions, and questions from the Task Force. Presentations ended at 1:00 P.M., and the Task Force began deliberations.

The following Task Force members reported potential conflicts of interest:

Getman reported that his business partners with the Aquarium.

Lavrakas reported that his wife is a volunteer at the Aquarium, and that he is a member of the Newport Symphony board of directors.

Bauman reported that some funding for the Lincoln County Economic Alliance comes from Lincoln County's transient room tax revenues.

After a lengthy discussion, the Task Force recommended the following funding:

Oregon Coast Aquarium	\$250,000
Maritime History Museum	\$200,000
Oregon Coast Council for the Arts	\$250,000

Lavrakas agreed to compile the scores from the ranking sheets and provide them to the city early next week.

Brusselback thanked the Task Force for its work.

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:05 P.M.