

July 10, 2019

RE: Salem All-Star Grant, Salem Culture and Heritage Forum

Discover Salem, Oregon: Capitol Cornerstones - Vinyl Electrical Box Wrap Project

### **Final Report**

Summary of Project: The Salem Culture and Heritage Forum worked to wrap electrical boxes around the City of Salem with a vinyl material designed like a museum panel. The boxes are a now a source of historic information about the area directly adjacent to the box location. In partnership with a large number of groups detailed below, the Forum is excited to present the final product of this work.

These relatively inexpensive, graffiti-resistant, vinyl panels are an efficient and fun way to work towards Goal 1 of the Heritage's Commission's *Economic Development/Tourism Goal*. Otherwise uninteresting electrical boxes have been turned into informative panels that feature both historical and current information about organizations that enliven Salem's cultural landscape.

In addition, the panels are in line with the Forum's goal of "Heritage Tourism Partnerships." The many groups who worked with the Forum to install these panels exemplify the kinds of partnerships these projects can provide. The Forum has also met its goal of "Product Development" by adding to the physical landscape of the city with historical and cultural information.

While this project was overall very successful, there were a few challenges. This project has a remaining panel to install – the Indigenous History panel to be located at State and Cottage Streets. Due to the delayed translation of text into a Kalapuyan dialect, the installation of this panel will be completed by the end of July 2019.

One other issue was one of the initially indicated groups declined to be involved due to their own current work load. In order to still meet the required number of panel sides indicated in the grant agreement, two panels which were initially planned as two-sided were give an extra side. These panels were the Chinatown Panel and the Indigenous History panel. With this change, the same

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number of sides originally indicated has been produced, but there are seven locations instead of eight.

One of the most rewarding parts of the project was the ability to work closely with a large group who are interested in Salem history. Not only did we receive support from the participating organizations, but also the Downtown Advisory Board, the Salem Main Street Association, and several City of Salem departments.

These vinyl wraps offer a relatively inexpensive yet high impact way to bring history to where people are. We are grateful to the Oregon Heritage Commission and the Oregon Cultural Trust for their support of this project! Thank you!

## **Salem Culture and Heritage Forum**

#### **Related documents:**

Below:

- 1. Map of installed panels
- 2. Final installation photo and final mock-up

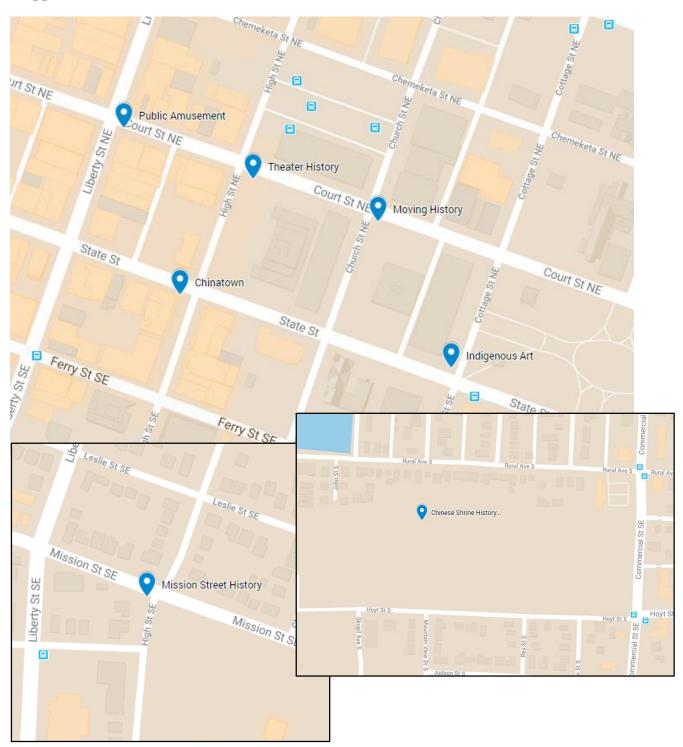
In separate attachments:

1. Financial Information

Due to large file size, viewable proofs available at this shared link:

https://cityofsalem.sharefile.com/d-s48ecae748da47af9

# **Mapped locations:**



## Topics, Partners, Proof, and Installed Panels:

Funding text crediting the Oregon Heritage Commission and Oregon Cultural Trust located near the bottom of each panel.

- Public Amusement (Liberty and Court Streets):
  - Types of amusement in Salem. Modern day festivals like World Beat or activities like the Salem Riverfront Carousel. Historic focus on parades in Salem.
  - Partners: Salem Multicultural Institute, Salem Riverfront Carousel
  - Translated into Spanish





- Theater History (Court and High Streets):
  - History of many theaters in Salem's downtown.
    Including Bligh's Capitol Theater, Ye Liberty
    Theater, and the modern-day Elsinore and
    Grand Theatres.
  - Partners: Elsinore Theatre, Enlightened Theatrics, Grand Theatre
  - Translated into Spanish







- Salem's Moving Past (Church and Court):
  - History of moving buildings in Salem. Features
     Post Office (now Gatke Hall of Willamette
     University), and several buildings moved to the
     Gilbert House Children's Museum and the
     Willamette Heritage Center.
  - Partners: Willamette Heritage Center, Gilbert House Children's Museum
  - o Translated into Spanish



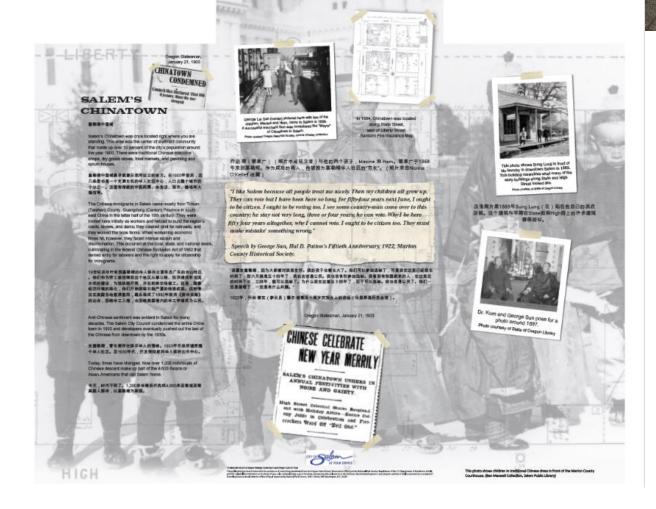


- Mission Street History (High and Mission):
  - History of Mission Street individuals include the Bushes, Lord and Schryver, and Deepwood residents.
  - Partners: Bush House Museum (Salem Art Association),
    Deepwood Museum and Gardens, Lord and Schryver
    Conservancy
  - Translated into Spanish



- Salem Chinatown History (State and High):
  - History of Salem's Chinatown, including history Sanborn Maps of the area, and information about several of its important residents, like George Lai Sun – the Mayor of Chinatown and successful merchant.
  - Partners: Salem Chinese Shrine Advisory
    Committee (including participants from the State Historic Preservation Office, Willamette
     University, Salem Pioneer Cemetery, Hoy Yin Association, Willamette Heritage Center, City of Salem, and others)
  - Translated into Chinese





Chinese Funerary Traditions at the Salem Pioneer Cemetery 東京時刊報告公園的年入日報日報

- Chinese Ceremonial Table (Salem Pioneer Cemetery:
  - History of the Chinese section of the Salem Pioneer Cemetery, including the historical and modern use of a ceremonial table used during Qingming – similar to American Memorial Day.
  - Partners: Salem Pioneer Cemetery, Chinese
    Shrine Advisory Committee
  - Translated into Chinese







- Indigenous Art (State and Cottage):
  - History of Indigenous Peoples in the area. Information about Tsamikiti (anglicized Chemeketa and now Salem), and the art of basketry of the Santiam Kalapuya who lived here.
  - o Partners: Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde, Hallie Ford Museum of Art
  - o Translated into a Kalapuyan dialect

