

MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF PLACER

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jim Holmes, Supervisor District 3

DATE: September 12, 2006

SUBJECT: REVENUE SHARING - Approve an appropriation in the amount of \$1,000 in Revenue Sharing monies to the Old Town Auburn Preservation Society (OTAPS) for the Gold Country Medical History Museum renovation project as requested by Supervisor Holmes.

ACTION REQUESTED

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BACKGROUND/COMMUNITY BENEFITS: In approving the following contributions, the Placer County Board of Supervisors finds that each and every approved contribution serves a public purpose by promoting the general welfare of the County and its inhabitants therefore a benefit results to the County.

The Board of Supervisors is once again being asked to support the Old Town Auburn Preservation Society for renovation and development of the Gold Country Medical History Museum. The project is now in the third phase of construction, which focuses on development of the medical museum and preparation of the properties for public view and access. The museum now has 350 medical books, an operating table, an examination table, two hospital-type beds, a dentist's drill, and numerous additional small items. In addition, the parking lot has been paved and landscaping has begun. The funds designated towards this project will help offset the costs to install wrought iron fencing, the cost to acquire special effects equipment and artifacts and other development costs that occur during this final phase of development.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds are available in the Revenue Sharing budget.

Old Town Auburn Preservation Society

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27 July 2006

Jim Holmes, District 3 Supervisor
Placer County Board of Supervisors
175 Fulweiler Ave.
Auburn, CA 95603

Dear Jim,

It's again time to give you a status report on the progress of the Medical Museum Community Project and to request financial support. It's also a good time to thank Placer County once again for it's support of Project Auburn last year and for allowing OTAPS to use the trustees. So much was accomplished!

As you know, the Project was divided into three phases. Phase 1, property acquisition, and Phase 2, renovation of the second floors in preparation for leasing, were completed in March of this year with the occupancy of both the Placer Community Foundation (in 219 Maple St.) and Salon Jay-Williams and Day Spa (in 215 Maple St.). Both tenants made extensive (and excellent) improvements. Unfortunately, because of current tenant improvement considerations, revenue from these leases does little more than pay the debt service on our building purchase loan. And, there are always unexpected complications, like the \$7,200 cost of replacing the broken sewer line!

Never the less, we continue to acquire artifacts. Most recently our 250-medical-book library increased to 350 books. We now own an operating table, an examination table, two hospital-type beds, a dentist's drill, and numerous additional small items. Further, we have the promise of additional permanent-loan items when the building is ready to display an office/pharmacy, operating room, dental office, and ward room. Plus, we are still acquiring for the separate, public-access, research library.

OTAPS is now solidly in Phase 3, the development of the medical museum and preparation of the properties for public view and access. And by the way, the name is official; it's the ***Gold Country Medical History Museum***. Extensive planning, and some completion, is underway regarding landscaping and creating a parking lot. The parking lot is paved and a retaining wall will be installed this Fall. Also this Fall the hedge and dilapidated pipe fence in front of the buildings will be removed and a more appropriate wrought iron fence installed. A building to house the one-horse doctor's buggy donated by the Robie Foundation will be built by the Native Sons in the side yard above 215/217 Maple St. Most of the landscaping will be donated.

Although the landscaping and parking lot shows progress, we have been unable to acquire the special effects equipment and additional artifacts needed to make the museum an interesting and educational experience for Placer County's students and adults alike. Any support that you can provide will be prudently applied and greatly appreciated.

Sincere regards,


Ross Carpenter, President