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THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, LANE COUNTY, OREGON

**ORDER NO.) IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE TRANSFER
) OF \$1,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND
) OPERATIONAL CONTINGENCY TO MATERIALS
) AND SERVICES TO SUPPORT THE ROSA PARKS
) SCULPTURE FUND**

WHEREAS, the Committee to Honor Rosa Parks is seeking donations to raise \$40,000 to have a bronze sculpture created depicting Rosa Parks at age 42 sitting on a bus seat in 1955, the year she was arrested; and

WHEREAS, the goal is to have an unveiling date of December 1, 2008, the 53rd anniversary of the day that Ms. Parks expressed her defiance of unjust segregation laws by refusing to give up her seat on a city bus in Montgomery Alabama – the act that sparked the dawning of the equal rights movement in all phases of American society; and

WHEREAS, to date the committee has only raised \$11,000 with another commitment of \$10,000 from Lane Transit District; and

WHEREAS, a contribution of \$1,000 from Lane County will further this project and help fulfill this community’s commitment to civil rights and freedom; and

WHEREAS, it now appears to the Board of Commissioners that a transfer from the Operational Contingency to Materials and Services within the General Fund is necessary to provide sufficient funds to cover Lane County’s contribution; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioner, as per ORS 294.450(1), has authority to transfer appropriations within a fund if appropriations are moved from one organizational unit or appropriation to another; and

WHEREAS, the need, the purpose and the amount of the transfer are herein described;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that \$1,000 be transferred from the General Fund Operational Contingency to the Materials and Services appropriation within General Expense to provide support for the Rosa Parks Sculpture Fund to honor her significant contribution to equal rights for all.

APPROVED this _____ day of _____ 2008.

APPROVED AS TO FORM
Date 9/22/08 Lane County
[Signature]
OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL

Faye Stewart, Chair
Lane County Board of Commissioners

September 2, 2008

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In March 2008, you received a letter from the Committee to Honor Rosa Parks asking for a contribution toward the purchase of a sculptured bronze likeness of Rosa Parks, an icon of the civil rights movement. The sculpture was to be installed at the LTD Eugene Station Plaza, located on the corner of 10th Avenue and Olive Street, in June 2008 if the funding was acquired.

In April, the Committee felt confident that funding for the project would be raised in time to make the June unveiling deadline, and the artist, Pete Helzer, was given an advance of \$10,000 to begin the project. (Photographs are attached of his progress on the sculpture.) The design depicts Rosa Parks at age 42 sitting on a bus seat in 1955, the year she was arrested. The Committee decided to advance these funds because of the timeline and rising bronze prices. Unfortunately, we only have accrued \$11,000 toward the \$40,000 needed to complete the project.

The Committee has set a new unveiling date of December 1, 2008, the 53rd anniversary of the day that Ms. Parks expressed her defiance of unjust segregation laws by refusing to give up her seat on a city bus in Montgomery, Alabama--the act that sparked the dawning of a movement for equal rights in all phases of American society.

We need your help in making this community's commitment to civil rights and freedom a lasting part of our landscape, and we are asking for your financial support to assist in making this project a reality. The Committee to Honor Rosa Parks has proposed a total budget of \$40,000 to complete the dedication. Lane Transit District has committed \$10,000 toward the purchase of the sculpture, as well as a commitment to provide support for the installation and maintenance of the sculpture. But business, organization, and individual donations also are needed in order for this project to reach fruition. We hope that you will offer your financial support to honor Rosa Parks for her significant contribution to equal rights for all.

In order to meet the unveiling deadline, we need your commitment by Friday, October 31, 2008. Make your tax-deductible contribution to:

ROSA PARKS SCULPTURE FUND
c/o Lane Community College Foundation
P.O. Box 4000 E 30th Ave
Eugene, OR 97405-0640

All donation amounts are welcome. Donations of \$2,500 or more will be acknowledged in the form of a commemorative plaque that will be part of the final plaza dedication design. Please feel free to contact Angie Sifuentez at 682-3240 if you have any questions.

Your support of this community project is very much appreciated. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Greg Evans, Chair
Committee to Honor Rosa Parks

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Attachment

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Photographs of the project to date:

