

Park Place Neighborhood Association

Interpretive Signs Project Exit Report

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Brief Description of the Project

This project was established to develop and install interpretive signs for Park Place Neighborhood with focus on the Barlow Road which was part of the Oregon Trail. The Barlow Road went through the Park Place area as pioneers immigrated to Oregon City and into the Willamette Valley.

Description of Project Accomplishments.

Six signs were researched, designed, developed and installed within Park Place Neighborhood. These signs were installed along or near Holcomb Blvd. within easy access to everyone in the neighborhood. Attachment A contains the description and content of each sign.

Measures of Performance (i.e. number of people served)

Signs were installed along Holcomb Blvd., a major street within Park Place Neighborhood. All signs are within easy driving and walking distance within the neighborhood. All PPNA members should have access to the signs and information provided. There are over a thousand households in the Park Place Neighborhood. In addition, anyone who travels Holcomb Bld. will have ready access to the interpretive signs.

Final Budget

	Project Estimate	Actual	
Materials	\$11,500.00	\$6,950.00	Pictures for signs (\$80), manufacturing of signs by Security Signs
Installation		\$2,960.00	Cost to install six signs by Security Signs
Permits	\$500.00	\$140.00	Oregon City Right-of-way permit
Total	\$12,000.00	\$10,050.00	
Grant Award		\$12,000.00	

Balance		\$1,950.00	
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Narrative of How Metro Enhancement Funds were spent

The vast majority of the grant funds were used to design, manufacture and install the six interpretive signs. The company chosen was Security Signs which previously produced similar signs for Oregon City for use on the Greenway Trail near Willamette River. A small amount was paid to the Clackamas Historical Society for pictures for the signs.

Listing of additional sponsors of the project

Park Place Neighborhood Association History Committee (Barbara Renken, Chair, and Ray Renken), community volunteers (Wendell BasKin Lois Keifer and Ralph Keifer), Oregon City GIS Department (Chis Duncan) and the Clackamas County Historical Society

Any Before and After Photos of the Grant Project.

Refer to Attachment A.

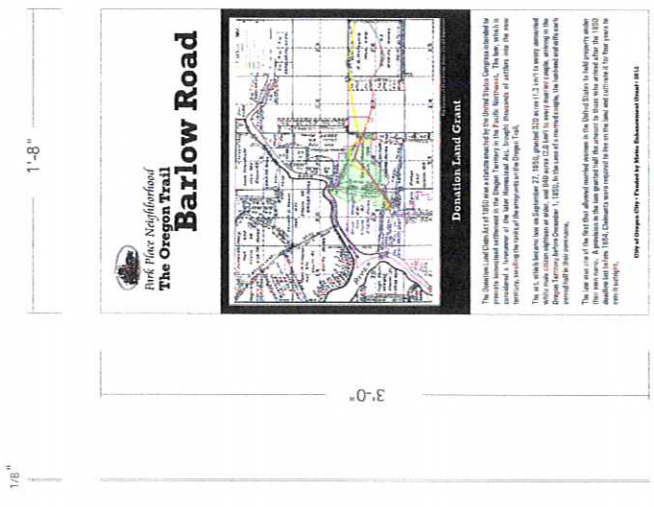
Any Promotional Material Samples, including Advertisements, Flyers, Posters, etc.

Information about this project was published in the PPNA Newsletter.

Attachment A

These documents are viewed best as PDFs on a PC.

1. Overall Sign Design and Location of Signs in Park Place Neighborhood
2. Sign A – Donation Land Grant
3. Sign B – Barlow Road Corridor
4. Sign C – Schools and Education
5. Sign D – History of Park Place and Surrounding Area
6. Sign E – Family Stories
7. Sign F – Eden Gate & Beyond



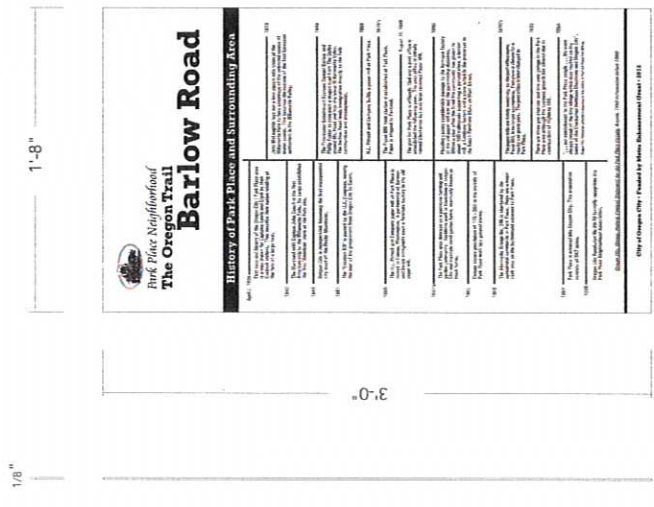
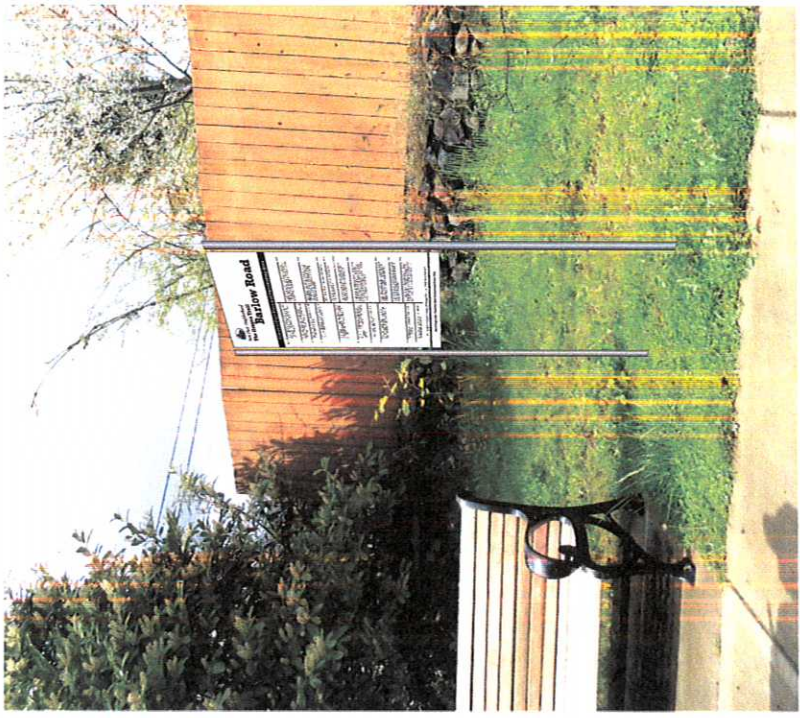
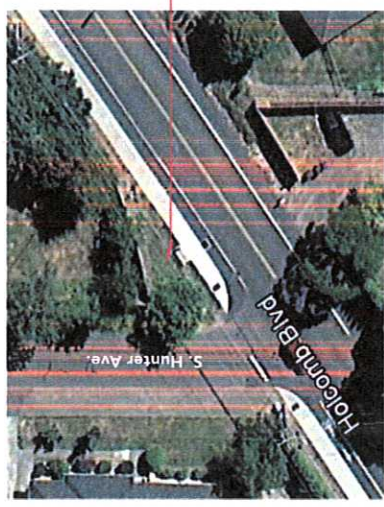
End View

PANEL DISPLAY
 Scale: 1/2" = 1'-0"

Post and Panel Display
 Non-Illuminated
 Manufacture and install one (1) S/F display.

Material: 1/8" Thick anodized aluminum, brush finish (front and back).
 Graphics to be direct printed onto anodized aluminum.
 Option: Graphics to be printed on vinyl and applied to anodized aluminum panel.

- Colors**
- Brushed Anodized Aluminum
 - Digital Prints



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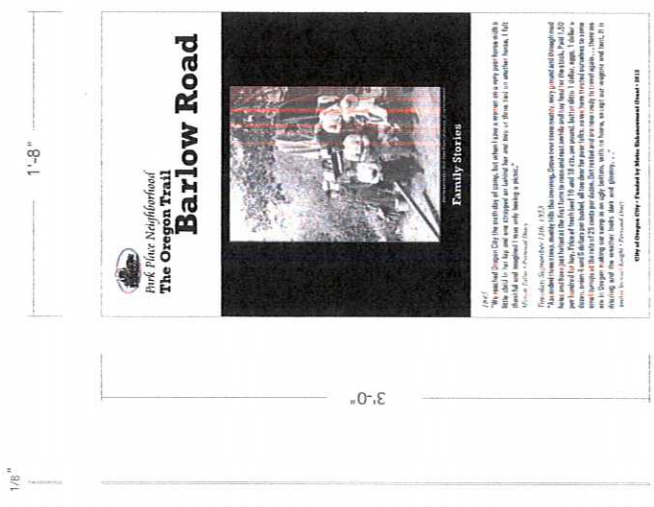
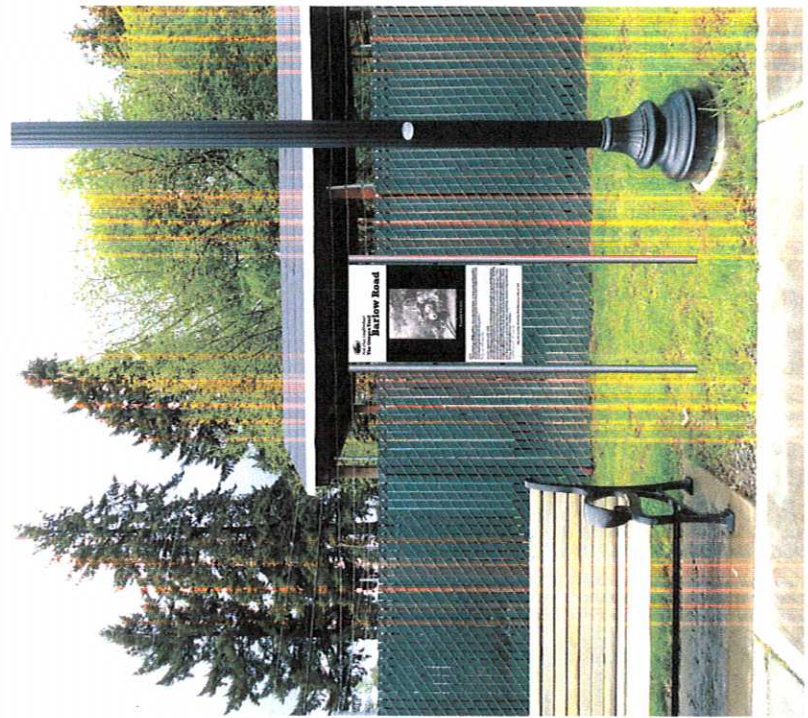
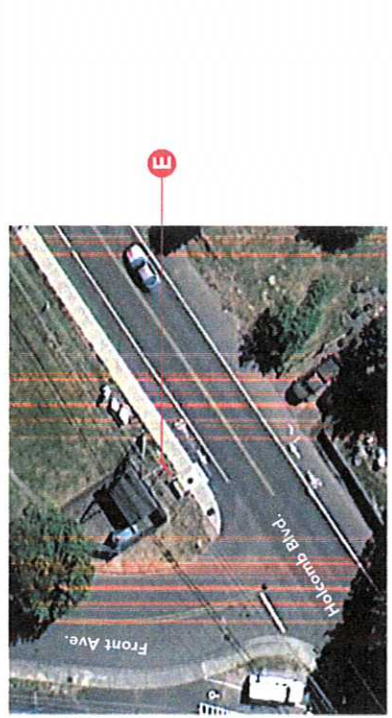


Park Place Neighborhood
The Oregon Trail
Barlow Road

History of Park Place and Surrounding Area

April 2, 1806	First recorded history of the Oregon City / Park Place area is a map drawn for Captains Lewis and Clark by their Cushman visitors. They describe their nation residing at the falls of a large river.	1829	John McLoughlin lays out a two square mile claim at the Willamette Falls to take advantage of the unlimited source of water power. This becomes the nucleus of the first European settlement in the Willamette Valley.
1840	The Maryland with Captain John Couch is the first American ship to the Willamette Falls. Its cargo establishes the first 'American' store at the Falls site.		
1844	Oregon City is incorporated, becoming the first incorporated city west of the Rocky Mountains.	1846	The Provisional Government licenses Samuel Barlow and Phillip Foster to construct a wagon road from The Dalles around Mt. Hood and into the lower Willamette Valley. The Barlow Road leads immigration directly to the Falls communities and encampments.
1851	The "Location Bill" is passed by the U.S. Congress, moving the seat of the government from Oregon City to Salem.		
		1868	H.L. Pittock and Company builds a paper mill at Park Place.
1885	The H.L. Pittock and Company paper mill at Park Place is moved to Camas, Washington. A partnership of German and Swiss immigrants open a furniture factory in the old paper mill.	1870's	The Paper Mill train station is established at Park Place. Paper is shipped to Portland.
		August 10, 1889	The plat for Park Place is officially filed and a post office is established the following year. The post office is initially named Clackamas but was later renamed Paper Mill.
1890's	The Park Place area develops as a part-time farming and garden community. Residents work in Gladstone or Oregon City and maintain small garden farms, eventually known as truck farms.	1890	Flooding causes considerable damage to the furniture factory at the old paper mill site and the partnership dissolves. Within a year after the flood the community has grown to about 100 individuals supporting a general store, a lumber mill, a furniture factory and a store which is the precursor to the Busch Furniture Store on Main Street.
1900	Census shows population of 175 - 200 in the vicinity of Park Place with two general stores.		
1905	The Abernathy Grange No. 346 is chartered by the agricultural community in Park Place. Hops are a major cash crop on the bottomland adjacent to Park Place.	1910's	The paper mills are barely remaining, so the post office name, Paper Mill, is no longer appropriate. Parkplace is chosen for a nearby oak grove park. The post office is later changed to Park Place.
		1925	There are three gas stations and one auto garage in the Park Place area although the business growth has slowed due to construction of Highway 99E.
1989	Park Place is annexed into Oregon City. This annexation consists of 547 acres.	1954	"... our condolences to the Park Place people... We were always proud of the tiny village which was nestled on the banks of the Clackamas between Gladstone and Oregon City". Oregon City Enterprise editorial in response to the closing of the Park Place Post Office.
1999	Oregon City Resolution No 99-10 formally recognizes the Park Place Neighborhood Association.		

Oregon City, Oregon: Historic Context Statement for the Park Place Vicinity, August, 1990 (information before 1989)



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New OC signs follow Oregon Trail

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While traveling through the Park Place neighborhood of Oregon City, you can now stop and read about the rich history of the area as the last stretch of the Oregon Trail.

A total of six interpretive signs were designed and installed along a 1.5-mile stretch of Holcomb Boulevard using \$10,500 in Metro Enhancement funds collected from the waste-transfer station. Three of the signs were installed at bus stops, so those waiting can read about the area's history.

The project team developed overall themes and topics for the signs with in-depth research of relevant text, maps, photos and paintings.

Barbara Renken chaired a history committee of the Park Place Neighborhood Association with project coordinator Nick Dierckman and help from other community volunteers, including Wendell Baskins, Lois Keifer, Ralph Keifer, Ray Renken and Nancy Walters. The project team then completed an extensive review to ensure accuracy of the information.

Chris Dunlap of the Oregon City GIS department developed the maps. Security Signs of Portland performed the final design for each sign, including initial editing to meet layout requirements, before the company manufactured and installed them.



by: PHOTO COURTESY: NICK DIERCKMAN - One of six recently installed Oregon Trail interpretive signs is located near the corner of Holcomb Boulevard and Redland Road.