



Cornelius C. Beekman House, circa 1873

C. C. Beekman House Questionnaire ***Comments and Suggestions are Welcome!!***

Historic Significance: Cornelius C. Beekman built this 2-story home between 1870 and 1876. Today it is a primary element in the City of Jacksonville's National Historic Landmark District. The Beekman family was the only family to occupy the house, accumulating objects and furnishings over a period that spanned the mid-Victorian era to post World War II. Currently, the house, family artifacts, and furnishings appear much as they would have around 1911 at the beginning of the 20th Century. The house continues to be a vital historical asset in Jacksonville, providing residents and visitors a glimpse into the lives of one of Jacksonville's prominent pioneer families.

Jacksonville Heritage Society: The Beekman House is owned by Jackson County. In 2003, Jackson County entered into a management agreement with the Southern Oregon Historical Society (SOHS) to provide for the ongoing operations, maintenance, and programming activities for certain Jackson County owned properties located in the City of Jacksonville including the Beekman House. With the loss of all county funding in 2007, SOHS closed the Jacksonville Museum, located in the old County courthouse, the Jacksonville Children's Museum, the Beekman Bank, the Beekman House, and the Catholic Rectory.

In April 2010, the Jacksonville Heritage Society (JHS) was formed in order to assume responsibilities for these historic properties including the Beekman House under a sub-lease agreement with SOHS. JHS's primary mission is to find uses for these properties, including the Beekman House, that protect and preserve their historical significance while ensuring that they continue to be vital community assets.

Community Survey/Questionnaire: It is highly unlikely that the Beekman House will ever generate sufficient revenue to cover its annual operating expenses, on-going maintenance, and deferred maintenance requirements. JHS is conducting this community survey to assess community sentiment for the Beekman House preservation effort.



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C.C. BEEKMAN HOUSE SURVEY

1. The historic Beekman House is a valued community asset which should be preserved for both current and future generations of Jacksonville residents and visitors.

Strongly Agree Agree Somewhat Agree No Opinion Do not Agree

2. Beekman House events and tours provide important historical and cultural activities benefiting residents, visitors, students, and Jacksonville Businesses

Strongly Agree Agree Somewhat Agree No Opinion Do not Agree

The Beekman House cannot be self-sustaining as a museum. How should the House be funded?

3. The Beekman House should be brought under the City of Jacksonville Parks, Recreation and Visitor Services Department and operated as a City Park and Recreation program.

Strongly Agree Agree Somewhat Agree No Opinion Do not Agree

4. To provide financial resources for the operations and maintenance of the Beekman House, a \$2/month Parks fee or other similar fee or levy should be adopted by the City of Jacksonville.

Strongly Agree Agree Somewhat Agree No Opinion Do not Agree

5. The Beekman House should be operated and maintained without public funding. A Friends of the Historic C.C. Beekman House group or organization should be formed to support operations, maintenance, deferred maintenance, and programming activities.

Strongly Agree Agree Somewhat Agree No Opinion Do not Agree

6. If sufficient funds cannot be raised through sponsorships, donations and contributions, the Beekman House should be closed as a museum and sold by Jackson County to the private sector.

Strongly Agree Agree Somewhat Agree No Opinion Do not Agree

Please indicate the number of times you have visited the Beekman House.

Over 5 2 to 5 times One time Never visited

Friends of the Beekman House

I am willing to contribute an annual tax-deductible donation to support the Beekman House in the amount of:

\$25 \$50 \$100 \$500
 Other Amount None

I am interested in joining a Friends of the Historic C.C. Beekman House group to explore fundraising opportunities, to help with maintenance projects, and/or to help with opening the house to the public on a regular basis.

Name: _____
Mailing Address: _____
Telephone Number: _____
E-Mail Address: _____

Additional Comments:

Please provide your comments, suggestions, and ideas below:

Person Completing Survey:

Jacksonville Resident Southern Oregon Resident
 Jacksonville Business Owner Visitor to Area

(Name Optional)

Please mail completed survey to:

**Jacksonville Heritage Society
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