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to welcome people to Historic Old Town Florence. The plan was to have a total of three built and to place two on Maple Street and one on Quince Street.

Unfortunately, the cost for all three of the pieces exceeded the monies budgeted for the project, according to Florence Project Manager Megan Messmer. The scope of the project was reduced by eliminating the Quince Street component from the equation.

In a memorandum Messmer provided to FURA directors explaining the decision she wrote, "The budget for this project was \$396,000. Unfortunately, both bids came in above the budget and the engineer's estimate of \$416,000, which included a construction estimate of \$396,000 and \$20,000 in contingency. ... Staff does not believe that removing the Quince Street monument would have a large impact on the integrity of the ReVision Florence Project as a whole."

Messmer's memorandum also pointed out that when these monuments were originally designed, the Quince Street property across from the FEC was not owned by the agency. Now that FURA has control over that property and is seeking lodging or related developments there, she believes there is value in waiting to construct a gateway at Quince.

The future gateway at this location could include additional directional signage for Old Town that includes lodging, shops, restaurants



Original plans for the ReVision Florence Streetscaping Project include up to three monuments as gateways to Historic Old Town Florence, part of the area's urban renewal district.

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and the Florence Events Center.

Messmer also wrote that the current ODOT contract will construct the base for a monument at Quince Street that will be usable for another type of monument at a later date.

During the meeting, she recommended that directors accept the negotiated bid and to enter into a contract with Specialty Metal Fabricators LLC in the amount of \$375,000, for the construction of the two gateway monuments at Maple Street, which they did.

Messmer also asked directors to authorize the City Manager to enter into Amendment 5 with the Engineering firm Murraysmith for construction administration, engineering and inspection for \$57,000, which will result in a net change to the contract of approximately \$34,000. The total expected expenditures for the

two monuments on Maple Street will be approximately \$409,000.

Directors discussed the financial ramifications of the agreement briefly before approving both of Messmer's requests.

Messmer also presented the directors with an update on the construction currently underway with ReVision and presented a proposal for a FURA Redevelopment Assistance Program, which included suggested eligibility guidelines, program application and an overview flyer.

Directors voiced support for the program and approved moving forward with the proposal.

The second major update of the meeting came from City Manager Erin Reynolds, who provided a recap of the steps taken to this point regarding the marketing of the Quince Street property which is owned by the city.

Community and Economic Development Assistant Sarah Moehrke also made a brief presentation on the property, asking the directors to approve the first phase of landscaping the area at a cost of approximately \$5,000.

This phase would remove underbrush and forest debris from the location. A second phase of the landscaping effort would focus on de-limbing trees and removing larger brush from the area. The second phase would be considerably more expensive, and Moehrke reported the city would continue to accept bids for Phase 2 of the project.

Directors then approved the request.

The next FURA meeting is scheduled to take place at Florence City Hall on March 25 at 5:30 p.m.

For more information, visit [www.ci.florence.or.us/urbanrenewal](http://www.ci.florence.or.us/urbanrenewal).

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Memory Care Respite Center of Florence's table at Three Rivers Foundation's annual Grant Awards Luncheon included Future Health Professionals students from Siuslaw School District. (From left) Jules Larson, Pat Briggs, Ron Preisler, Tiffany Hine, Zoe Alberty, Caelia Robertson, Hannah Waller and Stephanie Rogers.

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Next, Chief Warren Brainard gave the invocation, calling for those in attendance to work towards a vision of unity and respect for the planet and all of its inhabitants, under the guidance of the Great Spirit.

A number of local groups received funding from this year's awards, including the Boys and Girls Club of Western Lane County and Memory Care Respite Center of Florence.

Chuck Trent is the executive director of the Boys and Girls club and his organization counts on this type of financial support to achieve its main mission.

"We work every day to create a safe, fun environment so kids can have every

opportunity to be successful in life," he said. "Together with the Three Rivers Foundation, we improve, enrich and enhance the health and welfare of the kids in our community because we know that the future of our country rests with its children. Today's kids will become tomorrow's parents, workforce and leaders. The Three Rivers Foundation and The Boys & Girls Club believe that the promise of tomorrow begins today and together we make that promise a reality."

There were also a small number of students from Siuslaw School District on hand to receive a grant for Memory Care Respite Center of Florence, which is located at the Florence Senior Center, 1570 Kingwood Drive.

The Memory Care Center offers local care gives an opportunity to leave their loved ones in a safe, structured environment but has faced funding and staff challenges that threaten its ongoing existence. That threat will be significantly diminished as a result of this award.

The grants help Memory Care Respite Center offer support to caregivers and family members that are primary care givers and to give them a break from the stress of providing care to a loved one."

For information regarding applying for grant awards from the Three Rivers Foundation go to [www.threeriversfoundation.org/](http://www.threeriversfoundation.org/) contact.

## Garden Club seeks scholarship applicants

The Florence Garden Club invites local Siuslaw and Mapleton high school seniors to apply for the Garden Club Scholarship for the 2019-20 school year.

Applicants must be planning a post-high school career in horticulture or a related field, such as forestry or environmental science. Awards are typically \$1,000 or more.

Applications are available from the high school counseling departments. Deadline for applying is March 13.

Since the first scholarship was awarded in 1994, more than \$61,000 has been distributed to local students. The club raises funds throughout the year from donations, raffles and the spring community plant sale.

Club members gratefully thank the Florence and Mapleton area merchants who have contributed merchandise and services for raffles as well as monetary donations to the club for scholarship fund raising.

The Florence Garden

Club was formed in 1949 to improve the community and to promote the knowledge of horticulture. The club meets the second Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church on Highway 101 in Florence.

The club currently has more than 70 members.

For more information regarding the scholarship application process, contact a school counselor or Carol Jolley, Garden Club Scholarship Chairman, at 541-902-9343.

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