

AGENDA
Aurora City Council Meeting RESCHEDULED
Tuesday, March 17, 2015, at 7:00 P.M.
City Council Chambers, Aurora City Hall
21420 Main Street NE, Aurora, OR 97002

1. CALL TO ORDER OF THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL MEETING

2. CITY RECORDER DOES ROLL CALL

3. CONSENT AGENDA

- a) City Council Minutes – February 10, 2015
- b) Planning Commission – February, 2015
- c) Historic Review Board Meeting Minutes – January, 2015

4. CORRESPONDENCE –

Resignation Letter from Councilor Scott Brotherton.
Letter of Interest from Bob Southard to join council.
Letter from BMI informing us they can no longer fulfill their contract.

5. Declaring an Open Position on City Council

6. VISITORS

Anyone wishing to address the Aurora City Council concerning items not already on the meeting agenda may do so in this section. No decision or action will be made, but the Aurora City Council could look into the matter and provide some response in the future.

7. REPORTS

- a) Mayors Report
 - ❖ SB 534 update
- b) Marion County Deputy
- c) Traffic Safety Committee
 - ❖ Discussion regarding missing 2nd street stop sign
- d) Finance Officer
- e) Public Works
- f) Parks Committee
- g) City Recorder
- h) City Attorney

❖ Action Item Report

8. Resolutions, Ordinances and Proclamations

- a) Discussion and or Action on Draft Resolution for Willamette Falls Locks

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Discussion and or Action on Appointing a Budget Officer for FY 2015/2016
- b) Discussion and or Action on RFP for New Water Quality Testing Company.
- c) Discussion and or Action on Draft Resolution to Support the Reopening of the Willamette Falls Locks.
- d) Discussion and or Action on Nation Heritage Area Designation

10. OLD BUSINESS

- a) NA

11. ADJOURN

Minutes
Aurora City Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 10, 2015, at 7:00 P.M.
City Council Chambers, Aurora City Hall
21420 Main Street NE, Aurora, OR 97002

STAFF PRESENT Kelly Richardson, City Recorder
Darrel Lockard, Public Works Superintendent
Pete Marcellais, Marion County Deputy
Dennis Koho, City Attorney

STAFF ABSENT: Mary Lambert, Finance Officer

VISITORS PRESENT: Joseph Schaefer, Aurora

1. CALL TO ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Bill Graupp at 7:00 pm

2. CITY RECORDER DOES ROLL CALL

Mayor Graupp- Present
Councilor Sallee-Present
Councilor Brotherton-Present
Councilor Sahlin - Present
Councilor Vlcek - Present

3. CONSENT AGENDA

- a) City Council Meeting Minutes January, 2015, A question is asked regarding the January action item to locate information regarding the dilapidated house along 99E. Mayor Graupp states he will look into the issue and report back next month. The status of the Eddy property is ongoing there is a potential buyer and Mr. Eddy is having an environmental study done however no results are back at this time.
- b) Planning Commission Minutes, January, 2015
- c) Historic Review Board Minutes, December, 2014

Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented was made by Councilor Vlcek and is seconded by Councilor Sallee. Motion approved by all.

4. CORRESPONDENCE –

- a) Flyer from Pudding River Water Shed Council, Mayor Graupp states he would like to receive more in depth information specific to this and the potential park.

5. VISITORS

Anyone wishing to address the Aurora City Council concerning items not already on the meeting agenda may do so in this section. No decision or action will be made, but the Aurora City Council could look into the matter and provide some response in the future. No comments were made during this section.

No one spoke at this time.

6. REPORTS

a) Mayor Bill Graupp

Mayor report, Informs Council that Senate Bill 534 is to authorize the airport to enter into agreement to which provides sewer and water to the airport without requiring annexation or consent to eventual annexation, to the city. I asked Planning Commission Chair to review SB 534 and give us some feedback. The initial feedback was not positive and I called and asked why are we moving forward with this if everyone has an issue. So I (Graupp) then called Senator Girard and shared our concerns with him and he stated I wished you would have called earlier. Girard stated the bill was being sponsored by Wilsonville Chamber of Commerce. Mayor Tim Knapp whom is against the bill stated as far as I am concerned there is not enough time for us to weigh in on this. When I (Graupp) returned I had email from Senator Vic Gilliam Chief of Staff whom I (Graupp) am meeting with next. I left a message with DLCD to get there response. I have not heard from DLCD, Girard, or Wilsonville.

Councilor Sallee informs the group that she has received emails from citizens in the community asking our positions are we in support of the airport or not? Email from February 3rd, meeting notes with Girard, diffusing the situation this isn't going to happen for a long time. Refer to attached email (provided by Sallee)

Councilor Sallee, states that we need better communication as a whole, Mayor Graupp states that he did notify council that he was meeting with Girard. At this council meeting he notified the group that he has upcoming meeting with Mr. Vic Gilliam. I can tell you that these (Pudding River Council) minutes are not accurate to what I stated.

Action Item: Get a copy of email from February 3rd meeting.

Councilor Vlcek, asks if City Attorney Koho give us a lesson on how a bill travels?

- An idea to change, amend, or create a new law is presented by a concerned citizen or group to a Representative.
- The Representative decides to sponsor the bill and introduce it to the House of Representatives, and requests that the attorneys in the Legislative Counsel's office draft the bill in the proper legal language.
- The bill is then presented to the Chief Clerk of the House, who assigns the bill a number and sends it back to the Legislative Counsel's office to verify it is in proper legal form and style.
- The bill is then sent to the State Printing Division, where it is printed and returned to House of Representatives for its first reading.
- After the bill's first reading, the Speaker refers it to a committee. The bill is also forwarded to the Legislative Fiscal Officer and Legislative Revenue Officer to determine fiscal or revenue impact.
- The committee reviews the bill, and holds public hearings and work sessions.
- In order for the bill to go to the House floor for a final vote, or be reported out of committee, a committee report is signed by the committee chair and delivered back to the Chief Clerk.

- Any amendments to the bill are printed, and the bill may be reprinted to include the amendments (engrossed bill).
- The bill, now back in the house of origin (House), has its second reading.
- The measure then has its third reading, which is its final recitation before the vote. This is the time the body debates the measure. To pass, the bill must receive aye votes of a majority of members (31 in the House, 16 in the Senate).
- If the bill is passed by a majority of the House members, it is sent to the Senate.
- The bill is read for the first time, and the Senate President assigns it to committee. The committee reports the bill back to the Senate where the bill is given the second and third readings.
- If the bill is passed in the Senate without changes, it is sent back to the House for enrolling.
- If the bill is amended in the Senate by even one word, it must be sent back to the House for concurrence. If the House does not concur with the amendments, the presiding officers of each body appoint a conference committee to resolve the differences between the two versions of the bill.
- After the bill has passed both houses in the identical form, it is signed by three officers: the Speaker of the House, the Senate President, and the Chief Clerk of the House or Secretary of the Senate, depending on where the bill originated.
- The enrolled bill is then sent to the Governor who has five days to take action. If the Legislative Assembly is adjourned, the Governor has 30 days to consider it.
- If the Governor chooses to sign the bill, it will become law on January 1 of the year after the passage of the act or on the prescribed effective date. In 1999, the Legislative Assembly adopted ORS 171.022, which reads, "Except as otherwise provided in the Act, an Act of the Legislative Assembly takes effect on January 1 of the year after passage of the Act." The Governor may allow a bill to become law without his/her signature, or the Governor may decide to veto the bill. The Governor's veto may be overridden by a two-thirds vote of both houses.
- The signed enrolled bill, or act, is then filed with the Secretary of State, who assigns it an Oregon Laws chapter number.
- Staff in the Legislative Counsel's office insert the text of the new laws into the existing Oregon Revised Statutes in the appropriate locations and make any other necessary code changes.

Councilor Vlcek asks if we need to send a letter or send someone to the meeting to show our support or not? Do we need to have a meeting prior.

Chair Schaefer states that you have a Planning Commission and normally you have us weigh in first and then the council would make the final decision. This is not a good use of the land use law and my PC is advising me to stand down on this.

Ben Williams, Clackamas County resident states that when Aurora Airport expands they get rid of valuable AG land. Wilsonville chamber is actively stating that Aurora is supporting this Senator Beyer stated there will be a hearing at the State. City Attorney Koho states Beyer is a friend of mine and I could appear at the hearing if council would like me to and Mayor Graupp states that I don't want to comment until I have a recommendation from our Planning Commission which will be done at their next meeting.

Councilor Sahlin, there is a problem with the fact that there stating things that we as a City have not said. This is an issue because things tend to happen whether you're there or not. Councilor Sallee isn't time an issue that we need to move forward. Graupp states that Planning Commission Chair states it will hang up in the house so I think we have time. City Attorney Koho states maybe we should at least send a letter that we don't have a position yet.

Mike Iverson, resident of Marion County states that he doesn't support annexation at all.

Mayor Graupp informs Council that there is a Jeff Merkley town hall meeting in Aurora they booked the Aurora Aviation hall since I was out of town and couldn't reserve the Aurora fire hall. I will be announcing Mr. Merkley.

- **ACTION:** Put SB 534 on the March agenda for discussion. At this time Council will not take a position until Planning Commission weighs in on this.
- City Attorney Koho will draft a letter to state that Aurora currently is not taking a position.

b) Marion County Deputy

- Deputy report points out the stats, currently we are working on the format. Waiting to hear back on bid for the stop lines. Waiting for code enforcement regarding animals when I get it back I will bring it to you.

ACTION: Send a certified letter informing the property owner on Ottaway that from here on out they will be responsible for the noxious vegetation.

c) Traffic Safety Committee

- Nothing at this time.

No Council discussion

ACTION: NA

d) Finance Officer

- Finance officer report, Finance Officer Lambert is absent so Mayor Graupp informs the council that revenue appears on track and we are monitoring spending very closely especially in the public works department.
- It is the consensus of the Council to declare an open position on the Budget Committee.

No Council Discussion

ACTION: NA

e) Public Works

- The telemetry has been fixed along with the false alarm issues we were having except on that Tag Tech is looking into.

Council discussed briefly the incident at the water filtration unit where a piece of the unit broke off. Councilor Vlcek asks if we are required to respond to the alarms. It is stated by Public Works Superintendent Lockard that yes it would be required to respond to the alarms and take care of the issue. Currently we have a city employee going down each day to do a manual backwash which helps with the alarm issues however with that said whoever set this system up really didn't know what they were doing. Councilor Brotherton states that he thinks the City Engineer should weigh in on whether or not this is a good idea. Lockard responds that no resending water back through the system is not a good idea the filtered run off of water should be disposed of not re-filtered

again and again. Councilor Vlcek so is large amounts of good water going to the treatment plant each day Lockard states no in conjunction with the Mayor. Lockard also informs them that we would still have to continue the manual backwash because the two systems don't talk and that we should have a dedicated pump for this reason. Councilor Brotherton still thinks that it would be a good idea for our City Engineer to provide comment regarding this issue and Councilor Sahlin states that it would be a good idea to at least meet yearly with him to go over our systems. Everyone agrees to look at the budget to see if there are dollars for this.

Lockard informs council that comp time for water is under control. Councilor Vlcek states that after speaking with employee Simon he is concerned because Simon stated he goes down daily to perform the manual backwash which comp time is then accrued. Also Councilor Vlcek asks Lockard how long the city water went unfiltered while the repairs were happening and Lockard informs them that it took about 2 weeks. Also when I heard of your concerns I took water in for testing and our arsenic levels and such were still at acceptable levels.

Councilor Sallee asks if we have a call out policy in place for these types of incidents.

The park is looking good and there was not a lot of damage during this last wind storm.

Sallee asks about the punch list and what is up next Lockard states, water plant repairs, picnic tables, treatment plant permit.

ACTION: It is agreed that our policy/procedure call out should be updated.

f) Parks Committee

- Park report, Councilor Sahlin states at this point the committee is dormant.

Council discussed, Easter is fast approaching so we need to make sure the wooded area is picked up and the tennis courts clean. Councilor Vlcek informs the group that we have a donation of metal for the soccer goals and they should be complete soon.

ACTION: prepare Park for upcoming Easter egg hunt

g) City Recorder

- Recorder report,

Council discussed, briefly the possible mitigation to v7 springbrook software but no decision is made.

ACTION: Look into files regarding dilapidated house along 99E

h) City Attorney

- City Attorney report, City Attorney Koho informs the council that the Eddy property is still ongoing at this point the system is continuing moving it forward.
- We are still discussing the issue with Orchard view association regarding the retention pond.

Council discussed the qualifications to be eligible for council position. A possible need for an executive session to discuss the Orchard View situation at a later date if needed.

ACTION: NA

7. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

a) NA

8. NEW BUSINESS

a) Discussion and or Action on Declaring Open Position on Budget Committee.
A motion is made by Councilor Sallee to declare the open position on Budget Committee and is seconded by Councilor Vlcek. Passed by all.

Councilor Vlcek asks if this really needs to go before the Planning Commission first and Chair Schaefer reminds them that the Planning Commission is in charge of doing the long range planning goals the process would be planning first then we provide recommendation to council which then decides. Councilor Vlcek asks if the treatment plant is at capacity which Darell states no it is not at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

a) NA

9. ADJOURN

The Council meeting of February 10, 2015 was adjourned by Mayor Graupp at 8:50 pm.

Bill Graupp, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kelly Richardson, CMC
City Recorder

Minutes
Aurora Planning Commission Meeting
Tuesday, February 03, 2015, at 7:00 P.M.
City Council Chambers, Aurora City Hall
21420 Main Street NE, Aurora, OR 97002

STAFF PRESENT Kelly Richardson, City Recorder

STAFF ABSENT; Renata Wakeley, City Planner

VISITORS PRESENT: None

1. CALL TO ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Schaefer at 7:00 pm

2. CITY RECORDER DOES ROLL CALL

Chair Schaefer

Commissioner Graham

Commissioner Fawcett

Commissioner Gibson

Commissioner Rhoden-Feely – came in late at 7:10

Commissioner Weidman

Commissioner Willman - Absent

3. CONSENT AGENDA

a) Planning Commission – January, 2015

b) City Council Meeting Minutes – December, 2014

c) Historic Review Board Minutes – November, 2014

Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented was made by Commissioner Gibson and is seconded by Commissioner Fawcett. Motion approved by all.

4. CORRESPONDENCE - NA

5. VISITORS

Anyone wishing to address the Aurora Planning Commission concerning items not already on the meeting agenda may do so in this section. No decision or action will be made, but the Aurora Planning Commission could look into the matter and provide some response in the future.

No comments were made during this section.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a) None

7. OLD BUSINESS

- a) Discussion and or Action Chapter 5 Training Material Land Use and Development. The training material was briefly discussed there were no questions.
- b) Discussion and or Action on Marijuana Regulations. Chair Schaefer explains the items within the packet regarding medical dispensaries. The Commissioners discuss the potential language changes for the pending code changes. Some of the items discussed were as follows;
 - Home Occupations all agreed not a good idea in residential zone.
 - Employee screen, all agree that a background check should be done.
 - Annual Permit Review, all agree that the permit expire at the end of the year. Renewal would then be based on what is in affect at that time. Incase changes to the law occur so that nothing is grandfathered in.
 - School K-12 grade 500 feet.
 - Parks, adjacent.
 - Church, adjacent.
 - Not within 1,000 feet of another dispensary.
 - Residential Zone, adjacent
 - Hours of Operation 10-7pm
 - No Drive thru
 - No security gate necessary
 - Historic Commercial zone, if allowed by board
 - Security nothing extra
 - Secure Garbage containers
 - Must be in a Permanente Structure.

8. Commission Action/Discussion

- a) City Planning Activity (in Your Packets) Status of Development Projects within the City
It is the consensus of the commission to enforce both (21200 Hwy 99E and 20848 Hwy 99E) of the code violations.

9. ADJOURN

Chair Schaefer adjourned the February 3, 2015 Aurora Planning Commission Meeting at 8:11 P.M.



Chair Schaefer

ATTEST:



Kelly Richardson, CMC

Minutes
Aurora Historic Review Board Meeting
Thursday, January 22, 2015, at 7:00 P.M.
City Council Chambers, Aurora City Hall
21420 Main Street NE, Aurora, OR 97002

STAFF PRESENT Kelly Richardson, CMC City Recorder

STAFF ABSENT: None

VISITORS PRESENT: Bill Graupp, Mayor
Joseph Schaefer, Aurora

1. CALL TO ORDER OF THE HISTORIC REVIEW BOARD MEETING

The meeting of January 22, 2015 was called to order by Chair Abernathy at 7:05 pm

2. CITY RECORDER DOES ROLL CALL

Chair Abernathy – Present
Member TBA
Member Frochen – Present
Member Fraser – Present
Member Townsend - Present

3. CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Historic Review Board Meeting Minutes – December 18, 2014
- b) City Council Minutes – December, 2014
- c) Planning Commission – December, 2014

A motion to approve the Historic Review Board minutes of December 18, 2014, as presented made was made by Member Townsend and is seconded by Member Fraser. Passed by all.

4. CORRESPONDENCE - NA

5. VISITORS

Anyone wishing to address the Historic Review Board concerning items not already on the meeting agenda may do so in this section. No decision or action will be made, but the Historic Review Board could look into the matter and provide some response in the future. No comments were made during this section.

Joseph Schaefer, Aurora Presented to the Board his concept for the possible purchase of the property located at 21520 Main Street.

- 1. Replace the building that was lost in the fire as close to original as possible.

2. Live work townhouses approximately 4 of them. They briefly discuss the details of the concept. It is the consensus of the board that the structures be of one mass rather than separate looking units and as close to the front of the property as possible and with parking in the rear.

NEW BUSINESS

- a) Discussion and or Action on Sign Application for the Wild West Antiques (formerly Deer Creek Mercantile) and owner Dana Gerath 21581 Main Street. Applicant presents the wall sign which is in compliance with the code as presented for materials of wood, color and font. Per title 17.24.100 B.

A motion is made to accept the application as presented by board member Frochen and is seconded by board member Fraser. Motion passed by all.

6. OLD BUSINESS

- a) Discussion and or Action on Historic Inventory, tabled
- b) Discussion and or Action on Sign Inventory, briefly discuss the timing of when the letters should go out to the different businesses which is decided to be the middle of February.
- c) Discussion and or Action on the 2015 CGL Grant Application, Member Townsend presents ideas as to the different options discussed for the application. Everyone likes the letter as proposed to be sent to Kuri Gill as the Grants Outreach Coordinator.

Action: None

7. ADJOURN

Chairman Abernathy adjourned the meeting of January 22, 2015 at 8:20 pm.


Gayle Abernathy, Chairman

ATTEST:


Kelly Richardson, CMC
City Recorder

From: Scott Brotherton [Scott@oregonpacificconstruction.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 19, 2015 11:00 AM
To: mayor
Cc: recorder
Subject: RE: Brotherton Bench in Town

Mayor Graupp - Since I have moved out of the Aurora city limits I regretfully need to resign my city council position.

It has been a rewarding experience and wish you all luck in the future.

Thanks,

Scott Brotherton

R A Southard Jr.
21187 Hyw 99 E NE
Aurora, Oregon 97002

Letter of Interest
Open Council Position
Feb 20 15

Qualifications: City of Aurora resident since 1987 to present

Registered voter

Property owner since 1984

Work history Excavation contractor, Machinist, Mechanic, Public Works Superintendent
2004 thru 2013, and presently semi retired.

Over the years I have volunteered for many capitol projects, Waste Water collection and treatment
Facilities 1999&2000 , Sewer Committee 1998-2000 and I have an ability to work with people in all
aspects in the community.

I have a good understanding of City government operation and an extensive understanding of public
Facilities operation.

Therefore I wish be a part of the Aurora City Council.

Bob Southard





February 19, 2015

The Honorable Bill Graupp
Mayor of the City of Aurora
21420 Main St. NE
Aurora, OR 97002

Mayor Graupp:

After providing water quality, backflow prevention and cross connection control services to the City of Aurora since 2005, Backflow Management Inc. (BMI) has come to the decision to no longer provide these or any other services to the City and is terminating the professional relationship, effective immediately.

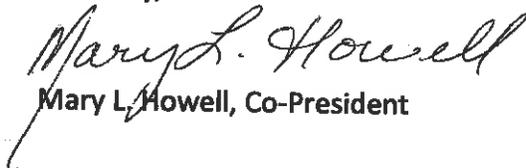
Included in this letter are a backflow assembly test summary from 1/1/2014 to 12/31/2014 and a list of city-owned backflow assemblies. BMI only tested the backflow assemblies we were given permission to do in 2013 and 2014.

Upcoming deadlines for you to be aware of are:

- The 2014 Annual Summary Report is due by the end of March 2015
- The 2014 Consumer Confidence Report must be completed and sent out by July 1, 2015
- The quarterly arsenic sample will need to be collected before the end of March 2015

Again, BMI will no longer provide any professional services to the City of Aurora.

Sincerely,


Mary L. Howell, Co-President


Kathryn Mattimore, Co-President

cc: Kelly Richardson, Aurora City Recorder

BMI is dedicated to the pursuit of clean, safe drinking water through education.

17752 NE San Rafael Street, Portland, OR 97230
(503) 255-1619 • (800) 841-7689
Email: bmi@bmibackflow.com • Website: www.bmi-backflow.com

Report from the Finance Officer
March 10, 2015

- Revenue and expense report for the period ending January 31, 2015 is included. This report shows budgeted amounts and percent of budget received/spent.
- I will continue to monitor the expense vs. budget closely. There are no new areas of concern at this time.
- I have posted the budget committee vacancy – there have been no applications to date. The budget calendar has been sent via email to all councilors and committee members.
- I am continuing work on the 2015-2016 budget and will be meeting with staff for input.
- I attended the 2015 Local Budget Workshop presented by the Oregon Department of Revenue. It was very informative.
- I would like the council's input on auditors for the 2014-2015 fiscal year as that will have to be budgeted for. I am happy to stay with Grove, Mueller & Swank but have not yet contacted them for a bid.
- Keeping current with payables and receivables.
- Continuing with front office duties.

Respectfully,



Mary C. Lambert

Memo

To: City Council
From: Kelly Richardson
CC: None
Date: 3/11/2015
Re: Recorders Report Month of February 2015 report

Activities and ongoing projects are as follows:

- ❖ Ongoing secretarial duties for the City Council and Planning and Historic Review Board, along with attending the meetings once a month.
 - Working closely with Historic Review Board on guideline updates and changes.
 - Working with Karen Townsend on CGL grant for HRB, submitted have
 - Working with HRB on sign inventory
- ❖ Attending Conference Committee And Records Committee Meetings
- ❖ Records Request update
 - all completed at this time.
- ❖ Ongoing needs of the City, discussion items.
- ❖ Updating Planning and Zoning Files and Forms/Checklists **ONGOING**
- ❖ Working on Ordinance violations with Officer Marcellais.
- ❖ Gather information for website updates, going very slowly at this point.
- ❖ Looking for new vendor for our WebLEDS access.
- ❖ Working on various punch list items requested.



6122 SW Riverpoint Lane
Portland • OR • 97239
503•244•4288 office
www.HooleyNaito.com

February 20, 2015

Dear Mayor Graupp (Bill),

Our firm is working for the National Trust for Historic Preservation with the goal of reopening the Willamette Falls Navigation Canal and Locks located on the West Linn side of the Willamette Falls. As you may know, the Willamette Falls are the second largest falls in our nation by volume of water, the first being Niagara Falls. In 1873, the Willamette Falls Locks opened to allow passage around the waterfall and the Locks were transferred to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in 1915. The Locks operated continuously until 2011, when the Corps placed them into "non-operational" status. This closure of the Locks has rendered the Willamette River non-navigable above Willamette Falls, cutting off river traffic between cities along the Willamette River.

Under the leadership of Peggy Sigler, Oregon Field Officer for the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Sandy Carter, Executive Director of One Willamette River Coalition, and the Willamette Falls Heritage Foundation, a study was commissioned from ECO Northwest last fall and titled, "*Willamette Locks Economic Potential Report.*" This report provides information on the potential benefits for the region and state from reopening the Locks. A copy of this report will be sent by separate email.

The cities of West Linn, Oregon City and Wilsonville have adopted formal Resolutions in support of the reopening of the Locks. Clackamas County, Metro and the Association of Oregon Counties have also adopted formal Resolutions. A bill creating a State Task Force is under consideration by the Legislature as well. (SB 131)

We would very much appreciate your consideration for adopting a similar Resolution to show widespread support for reopening the Locks. A sample draft Resolution is attached for your consideration.

Thank you for your public service and the work you do for our community of Oregon.
Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Congresswoman Darlene Hooley

DRAFT RESOLUTION

FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUPPORTING THE)
REOPENING OF THE WILLAMETTE FALLS)
LOCKS)

WHEREAS, On January 1, 1873, the Willamette Falls Locks opened to allow passage around the waterfall at Oregon City, thereby providing access to a one river system; and

WHEREAS, in 1915, the Army Corps of Engineers purchased the Locks from the private operator, thereby ensuring free public passage through the Locks; and

WHEREAS, in 1974, the Willamette Falls Locks were listed on the National Register of Historic Places; it was the first significant facility built to improve navigation on the Columbia-Snake River Inland Waterway system and through 1939, the most important; and

WHEREAS, in 1991, the Willamette Falls Locks were designated as a State Historic Civil Engineering Landmark by the American Society of Civil Engineers; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, Governor Kulongoski designated the Willamette Falls Locks as an Oregon Solutions project, and the Willamette Falls Locks Oregon Solutions Task Force was formed, which continues to the present as the One Willamette River Coalition coordinated by the Willamette Falls Heritage Foundation to preserve the Locks and support its continued operation; and

WHEREAS, from 2006 through 2010, funding provided to the Army Corps of Engineers from the Oregon Department of Transportation, Clackamas County and the U.S. Congress allowed for seasonal operations and selected structural upgrades, including \$2.2 million in funds from the American Recover and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (PL 111-5); and

WHEREAS, in November 2011, the Willamette Falls Locks were placed into "non-operational" status and on short notice were closed to vessel passage based upon an engineering assessment that identified safety concerns of potential failure; and

WHEREAS, closure has placed a severe hardship on commercial, recreational and tribal river users; and

WHEREAS, in March 2012, the National Trust for Historic Preservation declared the Willamette Falls Locks as one of the most threatened National Treasures, thereby providing technical assistance; and

WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation League of Oregon (now Restore Oregon) named the Willamette Falls Locks as one of its 10 "Most Endangered Places;" and

WHEREAS, an application is being prepared for designation of the area surrounding the Locks as a National Heritage Area by the National Park Service; and

WHEREAS, in September 2014, ECO Northwest, under contract with the Willamette Falls Heritage Foundation, published the "*Willamette Locks Economic Potential Report*," providing information on potential operating costs and community benefits of reopening the Locks; and

WHEREAS, the non-operational status of the Locks has rendered the Willamette river non-navigable above Willamette Falls; and

WHEREAS, the Locks are a primary historic asset under application being prepared for designation of the areas at the Willamette Falls as State and National Heritage Areas; and

WHEREAS, the Cities of West Linn, Oregon City and Wilsonville have adopted formal Resolutions Supporting the Reopening of the Willamette Falls Locks;

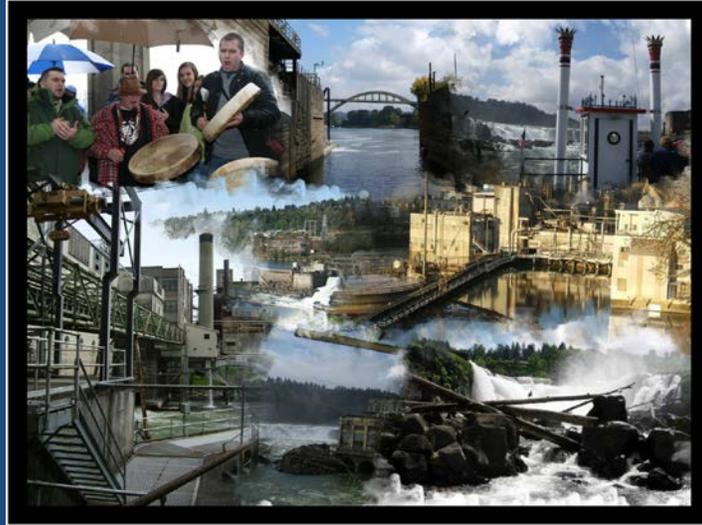
Now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The City of _____ urges the Corps of Engineers to expedite the needed rehabilitation of the Willamette Falls Lock and reopen the Locks to the general public and commercial, recreational and marine traffic.
2. The City of _____ supports creation of a State Task Force to work with the Corps of Engineers to develop a plan for sustainable operations of the Willamette Falls Locks.
3. The City of _____ urges the Oregon Congressional delegation to support the expedited repair and reopening of the Willamette Falls Locks.
5. The City of _____ supports the rehabilitation of the Locks as an integral part of the State and National Heritage Area at Willamette Falls.



Willamette Falls National Heritage Area



End of the Oregon Trail – Beginning of America’s Pacific Destiny

From 1829-1900, the Willamette Falls area was the epicenter of government, industry, transportation, innovation, and commerce in northwestern United States.

Where Settlement and Industry secured a nation’s boundaries from Sea to Shining Sea

- Gathering Place for Native Peoples
- Destination Willamette Valley: the End of the Oregon Trail
- Center for Innovation & Commerce: Birthplace of Industry in America’s West
- National transportation corridor

What is a Heritage Area?

National Heritage Areas are places where natural, cultural, historic and scenic resources combine to form a cohesive, nationally important landscape arising from patterns of human activity shaped by geography.

National Park Service definition

National Heritage Areas present the interconnected stories of nature and human history. They are places with identifiable, nationally significant resources, with stories of broad interest, and public-private support for investment in the community. A strong base of local, grassroots support is essential, with the visible involvement and commitment of residents, government, community groups, non-profits and businesses.

Initiated and managed at the local level, **heritage areas do not come with rules and regulations and do not have any impact on existing local, state, or federal regulations** -- nor do they impact private property rights.

After completing a feasibility study, National Heritage Areas are designated by Congress. Newly designated NHAs have three years to develop a management plan, which must be approved by the Secretary of the Interior. The plan defines the mission, vision and goals of the NHA and outlines the strategies that the coordinating entity, partners and residents will use to achieve these objectives.

The Benefits? Economic development, historic preservation, and conservation of significant historic, natural and cultural resources. Working in partnership with units of government, planning agencies, park agencies, corporations, nonprofit organizations, and foundations, heritage areas promote stewardship, community revitalization and economic development projects, leverage significant resources, collaborate across political boundaries, and inspire greater pride in the region's heritage. One significant benefit: tourism (increased visitors, increased local revenues).

Willamette Falls Heritage Area Coalition

WFHAC is a unique partnership of local and tribal governments, nonprofit organizations, business groups, and private companies who care about the future of the Willamette Falls area, its heritage, its physical assets, its economic vitality and its preservation. WFHAC represents the Ice Age Floods Institute, Oregon State Parks, One Willamette River Coalition, City of West Linn, City of Oregon City, City of Lake Oswego, Metro Regional Government, Portland General Electric, Clackamas County, Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde, Lake Oswego Preservation Society, Oregon State Historic Preservation Office, Main Street Oregon City, Clackamas County Tourism and Cultural Affairs, Clackamas County Arts Alliance, Willamette Falls Heritage Foundation, National Trust for Historic Preservation, Main Street West Linn, West Linn Paper Company.

Our Mission

Advocate for and strengthen the identity and economy of the communities around Willamette Falls by preserving, enhancing and promoting the nationally significant and distinct stories of the area, while cultivating public-private partnerships to develop its natural, cultural, industrial, scenic, recreational and historic resources.

The Objectives:

- **Strengthen the identities of Oregon City, West Linn, Lake Oswego and Clackamas County** as places with nationally significant cultural and industrial heritage, with Willamette Falls at the heart of the identity.
- **Enhance public appreciation for historical sites** within the Heritage Area, while supporting existing industrial, commercial and recreational ventures. Use education and interpretation to enhance the many-layered experiences of the area and, thereby, its attractiveness. Make it discoverable, memorable, inspiring, reachable, and aesthetically appealing.
- **Advocate strongly for preservation and enhancement of historic sites and structures.** Promote National Register designation for eligible properties.
- **Develop public-private partnerships** to create and support interpretive, educational and economic opportunities in and around the Heritage Area, providing authentic learning experiences, while not disrupting the day-to-day activities of the industrial and commercial uses that remain vital to the local economy.
- **Develop and interpret the heritage area themes** to re-establish identification of the area with The Falls and nearby heritage sites. Translate the importance of the area to a national audience as a significant fishing resource for tribes, as a stable power source for generations of American homes and industry,

and as an anchor of western United States civilization that ultimately put a lock on the expansion of the United States from the Atlantic to the Pacific oceans.

- **Share this unique place with others**, local residents and visitors alike. Promote multi-day and linked explorations of the NHA themes, thereby increasing positive economic impact for the hospitality industry in Clackamas County. Incorporate “spin off” options and both interpretive and experiential links for visitors to explore themes in areas adjacent to the heritage area.
- **Affirm and advocate for continued traditional cultural use** of the Falls and surrounding area for all tribes who have a cultural, political and economic affiliation with this special place.
- **Improve public access to viewing of the Falls**. Work with the Willamette Falls Legacy Project to create an easy way to navigate approach to the area and the core sites. Create welcoming gateways at major transportation interfaces. Find ways to safely allow visitors to see the Falls and industrial areas, without compromising the operations of the power plant, paper mill or natural resources, while being protective of and consistent with traditional uses.
- **Create a cultural heritage tourism destination**. Using our nationally significant heritage as a backdrop, promote the growth of active recreation opportunities, such as bicycling, hiking and paddling. Incorporate and promote city, county, and Metro trails and bikeways. Support geo-tourism, farm to table markets, and locally grown and locally made products.

WILLAMETTE FALLS TIMELINE

15 million years ago	Willamette Falls formed by repeated volcanic basalt flows
12,000-15,000 years ago	Willamette Valley sculpted by Ice Age Floods
15,000-present	Native tribes and bands lived in the Willamette Fall area

1806	Lewis & Clark Expedition hears about Willamette Falls
1818	U.S. and Great Britain agree to “Joint Occupancy” of Oregon Country
1824	Dr. John McLoughlin’s career as Chief Factor for HBC begins
1829	McLoughlin establishes a claim at Willamette Falls (today’s Oregon City)
1840	Missionary Jason Lee brings settlers to Falls area, especially Methodists
1841	Wilkes with U.S. Exploring Expedition notes Willamette Falls’ potential McLoughlin built a water-powered sawmill at the Falls
1842	Methodists create first school for Americans in West McLoughlin surveyed and platted town site of Willamette Falls
1843	Provisional Government established; Organic Laws ratified Rev. Alvin Waller establishes Methodist Church, first Protestant congregation in the West First migration arrives via the Oregon Trail, 900 immigrants
1844	Oregon City becomes first city to be incorporated in the West
1845	Oregon City becomes official capital of the Provisional Government George Abernethy is elected first Governor Manifest Destiny becomes a rallying cry for Western Expansion
1846	Oregon Treaty finally settles boundary dispute with Great Britain Barlow Route completed as a toll road and easier way to Oregon City Oregon Spectator is first newspaper in Oregon Country
1847	First English book printed in Oregon City, a “Blue Back Speller”
1848	Discovery of gold in California disrupts legislature, empties communities The Oregon Country becomes a U.S. Territory
1849	Oregon City is named capital; Joseph Lane named Territorial Governor Plat of San Francisco filed in Territory’s only federal land office U.S. Army’s First Mounted Riflemen arrive in Oregon City “Beaver Coins” minted in Oregon City
1850	Cayuse Five hung in Oregon City, first capital punishment Donation Land Claim Act created by Linn City delegate Samuel Thurston
1859	Oregon is granted statehood as the 33 rd state
1861	First Oregon State Fair held at Oregon City Iron Ore discovered in Oswego
1864	Oregon City Woolen Mill begins
1866	First paper mill begins operations Iron smelting begins in Oswego’s iron furnace
1873	Willamette Falls Navigation Canal & Locks open
1888	Suspension Bridge built over Willamette, first west of the Mississippi
1889	First long distance transmission of DC electrical current in the U.S.
1890	First long distance transmission of AC current in the U.S.
1893	Station B built, now T.W. Sullivan hydropower plant -- operating still

To: Willamette Falls Heritage Area Coalition 18 September 2014
From: Stephen Dow Beckham
Subject: National Park Service Critique of Proposed Heritage Area Boundaries and Folklore/Folklife

Among the criticisms raised by the NPS are the current boundary definition, the shortage of events that speak to folklore and folklife, and the critical massing of sites and structures that illustrate the primary themes of the proposed Heritage Area.

Proposal: southern boundary extension to follow both banks of the Willamette River upstream into the northern Willamette Valley to Mission Bottom in Marion County. This boundary extension significantly strengthens the Heritage Area story and opportunities. Among the things gained are the following:

- **Canby.** Founded in 1870 and named for General E. R. S. Canby killed in the Modoc Indian War, the town was the result, in part, of construction in 1871 of the Oregon & California Railroad.
 - ~ Oregon & California Railroad Depot (1871), Canby Historical Society Depot Museum (1871) (restored)
 - ~ Canby Ferry (1914-present), one of four ferryboats operating in Oregon
- **Barlow.** Founded in 1870 by William Barlow as a stop on the O & C Railroad, this small community was named for the son of the toll proprietor of the Barlow Road, final overland segment of the Oregon Trail crossing the Cascade Mountains to the Willamette Valley.
 - ~ William Barlow House (1885) (private, but open to public)
- **Aurora.** A utopian commune of 12,000 acres, German-speaking pietists and overland emigrants of 1855, founded the town in 1856. Fifty-four families and nearly 600 members lived communally from 1856 to 1883. They built a handsome church, performed music, prepared German foods, operated the Aurora Hotel on the O & C Railroad, and farmed some of the richest land in the valley.
 - ~ Old Aurora Colony
 - ~ Ox Barn Museum, Quilt Shows and quilting programs
 - ~ Kraus House, a colony home
 - ~ Steinbach Cabin, a hewn-log colony home
 - ~ Will Family washhouse
 - ~ Stauffer-Will Farmstead (1870): Farm Program, Hands-On Learning for school children, a hewn-log colony house of two stories
 - ~ Aurora Colony National Historic District, 35 structures (1856-1900)
 - ~ Aurora Colony Store (restored, commercial use)
 - ~ Oregon & California Railroad Depot (1871), Aurora (restored, commercial use)
- **Butteville.** Alexis Aubichon and George La Roque, former French-Canadian fur trappers, founded and platted St. Alexcie and Butteville. Aubichon's wife, Elmer-mach (Marie Anne), was a Chinook Indian from the mouth of the Columbia. La Roque operated the profitable Butteville Store.
 - ~ Butteville Store (1863) (restored, commercial use)

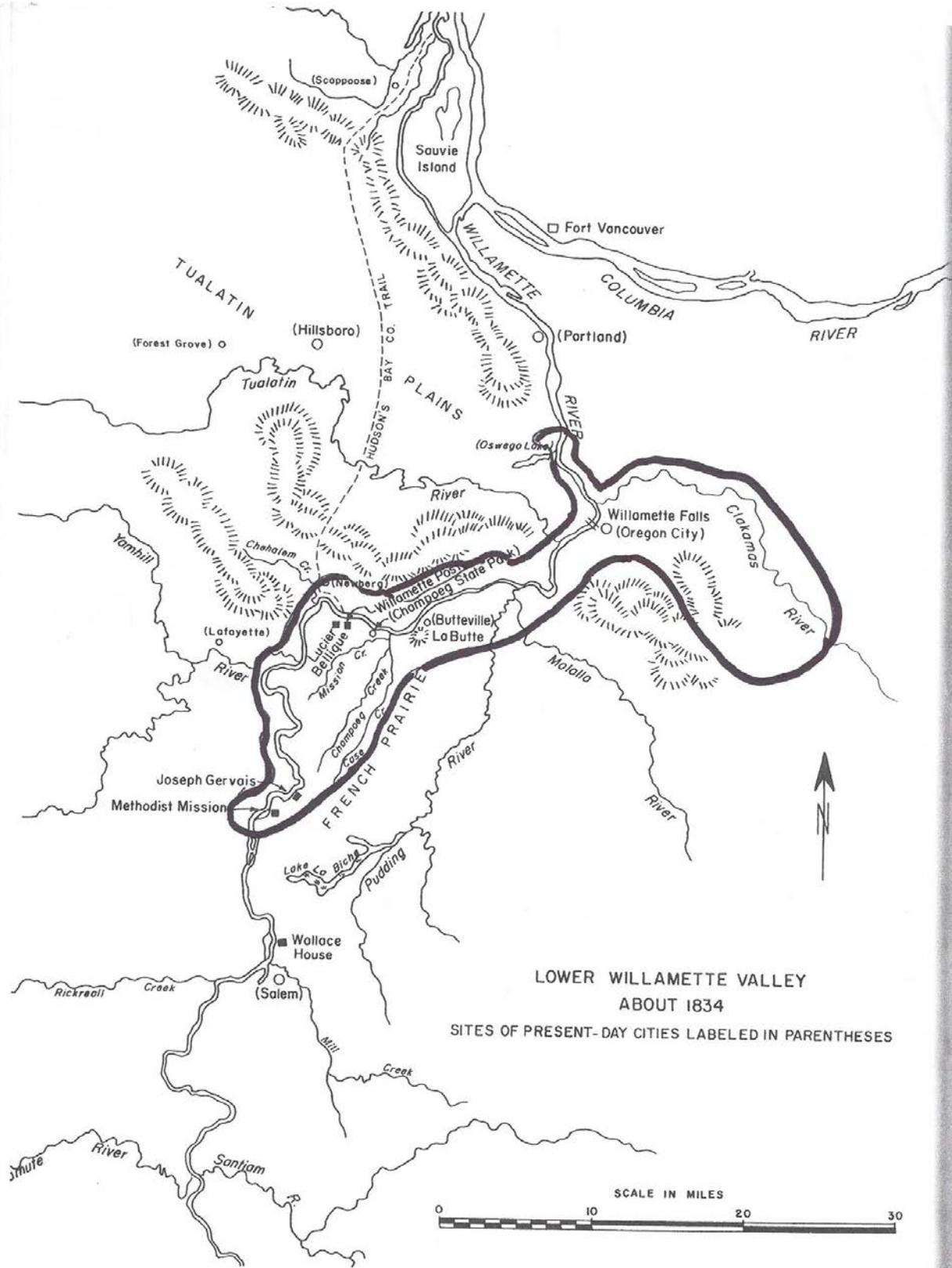
- **Champoeg.** A steamboat landing, Champoeg became a town and place for the creation of the Provisional Government at the Wolf Meeting of May 2, 1843, and first capital of Provisional Government. Legislative meetings in 1843 established the “Organic Articles” for governance and land claims.
 - ~ Champoeg State Heritage Area (State of Oregon)
 - ~ Champoeg Territorial Park and interpretive center
 - ~ Donald Manson Threshing Barn (1862), restored, Champoeg Promise School programs
 - ~ Kitchen Garden, 1862-1880, Manson house site
 - ~ Willamette Valley Treaty Commission councils at Champoeg in April-May, 1851, to open federal negotiations with Kalapuya and Molalla Indians
 - ~ Monument to 1843 decision and Pioneer Memorial Building
 - ~ Site of Hudson’s Bay Company warehouse/granary (1835-54)
 - ~ Dr. Robert Newell House, DAR Pioneer Mother’s Cabin (1931), Butteville Jail (1849), and Butteville School (1858)
 - ~ Willamette Post, site of North West Company trading station established in 1813 (later Pierre Bellique Donation Land Claim).

- **Newberg.** This town was platted in 1883 and incorporated in 1889.
 - ~ Ewing Young sawmill site, mouth of Chehalem Creek (1836) constructed by Young and Solomon Smith
 - ~ Dr. Henry Minthorn house (1881), childhood home of President Herbert Hoover from 1885-1891
 - ~ Pacific College (1885), a Quaker school, became George Fox University

- **Dayton.** Joel Palmer, author of *Journal of Travels Beyond the Rocky Mountains* (1847), founded this community. He served as Oregon Superintendent of Indian Affairs, 1853-55, and was the architect of ratified treaty program with Oregon tribes.
 - ~ Joel Palmer House (open, commercial use)
 - ~ Fort Yamhill Blockhouse (1856-1862), Grand Ronde Reservation
 - ~ Fifty sites and structures on National Register

- **St. Paul.** Catholic missionaries from Quebec, Canada, who arrived in Oregon Territory in 1838, founded the community in 1839 to minister to the Francophone/metis community of French Prairie.
 - ~ St. Paul Catholic Church, founded October, 1839, erected 1846, oldest brick building in the Pacific Northwest; Father F. N. Blanchet of Quebec, Canada
 - ~ Site of St. Joseph’s College (1843), founded by Fathers Langlois and Bolduc from Canada enrolling 30 boys
 - ~ Site of St. Paul Academy (1844-52), founded by Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, school for girls And women
 - ~ Site of St. Paul Academy (1861), founded by Sisters of Holy Names of Jesus and Mary of Montreal, Canada, a Catholic elementary school for girls
 - ~ St. Paul Cemetery
 - ~ St. Paul Rodeo, July 2-4, founded in 1936

- **Mission Bottom.** This site became the initial headquarters of Methodist missions in Oregon Territory and was established in 1834 to convert Native Americans.
 - ~ Willamette Mission State Park, site of Methodist Mission founded by Jason Lee and his overland party (Oregon State Parks), “ghost structure” of original mission buildings and nation’s largest black cottonwood tree (ca. 250 years old)
 - ~ Wheatland Ferry (1846-present), established by Daniel Matheny, one of four ferryboats operating in Oregon



LOWER WILLAMETTE VALLEY
 ABOUT 1834
 SITES OF PRESENT-DAY CITIES LABELED IN PARENTHESES

Why are we here today?

1. To share the NHA concept and its benefits.
2. To discuss possible expansion of the current Willamette Falls NHA boundary to include the historic communities up the Willamette River to Mission Bottom.
3. To convince you and your communities to join our efforts to become designated a National Heritage Area – and answer questions
4. To enlist your support in arranging community meetings. We need help:
 - a. Finding a meeting place
 - b. Inviting a wide diversity of residents, including history organizations, community leaders, groups involved in tourism, economic development, river activities, and local interest
5. To learn about resources in your communities that support our themes of Settlement and Industry
6. To secure a letter of support or resolution of support from your organization or jurisdiction.

Unanswered questions:

1. How the new communities will be represented in the WFHAC structure; what projects we will do together
2. Timeline for completion of the Feasibility Study. The boundary expansion requires public outreach and broad based political support.

Willamette Falls Heritage Area Coalition

Alice Norris president,
Jody Carson vice president,
Jim Mattis secretary
Cheryl Snow treasurer
Peter Huhtal, executive director

website: wfheritage.org

former mayor of Oregon City
former city councilor, West Linn
president, Willamette Falls Heritage Foundation
executive director, Clackamas County Arts Alliance

SAMPLE RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO CREATE A WILLAMETTE FALLS NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA AND URGING DESIGNATION OF SUCH BY CONGRESS

WHEREAS, National Heritage Areas are designated by Congress as places where natural, cultural, and historic resources combine to form a cohesive, nationally important landscape; and

WHEREAS, the Willamette Falls Area is an important nexus of the geologic formations created by the Missoula Floods, including the Willamette Meteorite and the foundation of the unmatched fertility of the Willamette Valley; and

WHEREAS, the Falls Area was a prominent gathering place for fishing and trade among numerous tribes for centuries prior to white settlement; and

WHEREAS, the Willamette River and Falls has been and continues to be an important transportation hub for tourism, commerce and recreation; and

WHEREAS, the 2,000-mile journey over the Oregon Trail ended in the Falls area (a destination point for one of the largest unforced migrations in world history), and helped to secure the nation's boundaries from the Atlantic to the Pacific; and

WHEREAS, the power of Willamette Falls inspired human industry since its discovery, for early sawmills and flour mills, and eventually hydroelectric power for woolen and paper mills, but especially for the world's first long distance transmission of electricity; and

WHEREAS, the discovery of mineral wealth in Lake Oswego helped to build the Pacific Northwest's infrastructure, through its iron mines and iron smelters, and

WHEREAS, the industrialization in the Falls area was the birthplace of industry in the American Northwest.

WHEREAS, a coordinated approach to managing and promoting this area as a national and statewide resource is a unique opportunity to collaborate on cultural & heritage tourism, natural resources, recreation and historic preservation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE _____ CITY COUNCIL THAT, the City of _____ supports the efforts of the Willamette Falls Heritage Area Coalition to attain National Heritage status for the Willamette Falls area; urges the National Park Service to find that such status is merited, and urges Congress to designate and create a Willamette Falls National Heritage Area.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of February, 2015.

[sample support letter on your letterhead -for Willamette Falls National Heritage Area designation]

Date:

Alice Norris, Board President
Willamette Falls Heritage Area Coalition
PO Box 7, West Linn, OR 97068

Dear Willamette Falls Heritage Area Coalition:

On behalf of *[organization name]*, I strongly voice our support of the Willamette Falls Heritage Area Coalition and endorse your request to Congress for National Heritage Area designation for the Willamette Falls area and the upriver Willamette River historic areas.

We understand and support the National Heritage Area program and believe that the Willamette Falls area does indeed have a distinct and nationally significant historic character that deserves conservation as well as economic prosperity.

Our organization promotes...*[describe purpose & personalize this paragraph]*. We believe in healthy economic growth throughout our adjacent counties. We continue to advocate for policy decisions that promote job creation, preservation and promotion of historic sites that attract tourism, and economic vitality.

The Willamette Falls area has been essential to the success of our region since the first people recognized the power of the Falls and the Willamette River as a source of food, transportation and energy for industry.

A coordinated approach to managing and promoting this area as a national and statewide resource is good for local communities and our local economy. This is a unique opportunity to collaborate on cultural and heritage tourism, natural resource and recreational tourism.

Please add our voice to the many who enthusiastically support your efforts to gain National Heritage Area designation for this important place.

Sincerely,

Chair, executive director, CEO