

RESOLUTION NO. CCLII (252)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CANBY'S RAIL-  
ROAD DEPOT AN HISTORIC BUILDING

WHEREAS, Canby's Railroad Depot, now owned by Southern Pacific Transportation Company, has been closed for all commercial use and purposes and the Canby City Council, civic groups, community organizations and City residents generally as well as people in neighboring cities and towns are concerned about the future of the building which has occupied the center of Canby and its history for more than 100 years. A synopsis of the importance of the depot, to not only Canby but to the north Willamette Valley is aptly stated by a noted local historian and former co-owner and publisher of the Canby Herald, Myra Weston, who has summarized the importance of the depot in the following words:

"Almost midway along the southern border of the 1870 plat of Canby's original 24-block townsite, Canby's railroad depot was for 80 years or more the hub of community activity. In service into the mid-1970s, it is still the heart of the city which has grown up around it.

Passengers for Portland, San Francisco, and points between and beyond bought tickets and boarded trains at the depot. Incoming and outgoing mail was received and dispatched from there for Canby's and rural post offices in this vicinity. Innumerable tons of products of the area's productive soils were shipped out of Canby and merchandise was received there for firms in the area until the motor vehicle superseded the steam, and later the diesel, train.

Because the railroad depot was the focal point of Canby, members of the Canby Women's Civic club some 60 years ago planted the row of maple trees along the south side of N.W. 1st avenue, to east and west of the frame structure. They felt that such a planting would provide a friendlier appearance to the city which was growing into Clackamas county's leading agricultural center on what had been Baker's Prairie prior to the railroad's coming in 1870.

Now in its second century, the railroad depot is believed to be Canby's oldest structure and worthy of preservation as an historic building and a heritage of this growing community."

WHEREAS, the Canby City Council is anxious to preserve the Canby railroad depot as an historic building. It is, therefore hereby,

RESOLVED that the Canby railroad depot building is an historic building important in the history of Canby and the State of Oregon; and all possible efforts should be made to preserve the building as a part of the heritage of this community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that civic leaders and organizations are requested to cooperate with the City Council in developing a plan for the preservation and perpetual maintenance of the Canby railroad depot; and that all citizens of Canby and of the Canby community are encouraged to support any approved plan for such project.

ADOPTED by the Canby City Council at a special meeting thereof this 25th day of October, 1978.

  
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Robt. E. Rapp - MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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Nancy S. Boggs - CITY RECORDER