

RESOLUTION NO. 18-002

A RESOLUTION APPROVING MINOR AMENDMENT NUMBER SIXTEEN (16) TO THE COLUMBIA GATEWAY URBAN RENEWAL PLAN REVISING THE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED MILL CREEK TRAIL/GREENWAY PROJECT

WHEREAS, Section 1201(E) of the Columbia Gateway Urban Renewal Agency Plan (hereinafter referred to as “Urban Renewal Plan”) provides for minor changes to be adopted to the Urban Renewal Plan which involve changes to the scope, cost or location of projects or addition of projects that do not modify the goals and objectives or the basic procedural, planning or engineering principles of the Urban Renewal Plan; and

WHEREAS, Section 1201(E) of the Urban Renewal Plan further provides that minor changes to the Agency’s Plan shall be made by a duly adopted and approved resolution of the Agency in which the details of the minor change shall be described; and

WHEREAS, the Urban Renewal Agency Board conducted a meeting on April 17, 2018 to consider the proposed Minor Amendment Number Sixteen (16) to the Urban Renewal Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COLUMBIA GATEWAY URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Minor Amendment Authorized. Pursuant to Section 1201(E) of the Agency’s Urban Renewal Plan, the Agency authorizes a minor amendment to the Plan to be prepared in accordance with Section 1201 of the Urban Renewal Plan. The changes shall consist of the following:

- A. In Section 601 URBAN RENEWAL PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES, on page 14, for project #9 MILL CREEK GREENWAY PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT, the description of the project shall be revised to read as follows:

A main feature of the Mill Creek Trail/Greenway, primarily the section between 2nd Street and West 8th Place, will be the construction of the 10 foot wide paved pedestrian bicycle trail, to be utilized for recreation and as a connector for pedestrian and bicycle travel in the City. An additional pedestrian bridge over Mill Creek will be constructed as part of connecting the

trail to a terminus with the West 8th Place cul-de-sac. A connection is also proposed from Second Street via a pedestrian/bicycle signaled crosswalk or other approved method of passage, then continuing along property between the Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way, Urness Motors (Assessor Map No. 1N13E 3BB Tax Lots 900 & 1000), and United States Postal Service properties (Assessor Map No. 1N13E 3BB Tax Lots 700 & 800) to Union Street, with the trail ultimately connecting to the Riverfront Trail. Construction of the Mill Creek Trail Greenway is anticipated to be done in phases.

Anticipated expenses include, but are not limited to engineering and design for the Mill Creek Trail/Greenway, consultant review of the compatibility of the location of the proposed trail with existing and planned improvements for the Thompson Park property owned by the Northern Wasco County Parks & Recreation District, landscaping, lighting, irrigation, trash receptacles, toilets, benches, interpretive and trail signage, creek overlooks, a native plant garden, picnic area, and sculpture.

The Agency finds and concludes that the proposed revision of the description of the Mill Creek Greenway, qualifies as a minor change under Section 1201 of the Urban Renewal Plan, as the proposed changes are consistent with the goals and objectives of the Urban Renewal Plan, and do not modify the basic procedural, planning or engineering principles of the Urban Renewal Plan, for the following reasons:

- A. Modifying the Urban Renewal Plan to revise the description of the Mill Creek Greenway Property Development is consistent with Goal and Objective 401(H) which is to cooperate, coordinate and assist in funding with the program to improve access and connections from the downtown to the Riverfront and to provide facilities, such as trails and a public dock, to enhance the public use of the Riverfront. The proposed pedestrian and bicycle trail will serve to enhance the ability to travel in the City, and provide improved access from areas within the City to the Riverfront Trail. The Urban Renewal Plan identifies that the Plan should be consistent with the various zoning classifications adopted as part of the City's Land Use and Development Ordinance. One of these zoning classifications is Parks and Open Space. The purpose of this zoning district is to "insure sufficient open space areas throughout the community to safeguard public need for visual and environmental resources and to provide areas for recreational activities". The proposed Mill Creek Greenway Project Development will protect and promote natural environmental resources and provide areas for recreational activities, consistent with the purposes of the Parks and Open Space zoning classification.

Section 2. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective as of April 17, 2018.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 17TH DAY OF APRIL, 2018.

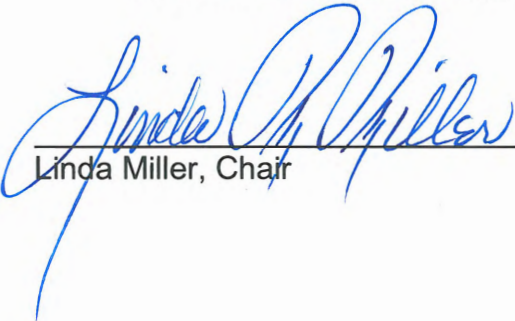
Voting Yes, Agency Member: Schwartz, Long-Curtiss
Coburn, Fredrick, Miller, Elliott, Kramer

Voting No, Agency Member: —

Abstaining, Agency Member: Baker recused

Absent, Agency Member: Raleigh

AND APPROVED BY THE CHAIR THIS 17TH DAY OF APRIL, 2018.


Linda Miller, Chair

Attest: Paula Webb
Paula Webb, Planning Secretary