

RESOLUTION NO. 10-068

A RESOLUTION APPROVING MINOR AMENDMENT NUMBER ELEVEN (11) TO THE COLUMBIA GATEWAY DOWNTOWN PLAN, ADDING THE DALLES SKATEBOARD PROJECT TO PROJECT #10, THE WEST GATEWAY PROJECT

WHEREAS, Section 1201(E) of the Columbia Gateway Urban Renewal Agency Plan provides for minor changes to be adopted to the 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 plan; and

WHEREAS, the Columbia Gateway/Downtown Plan, Section 601, project number 10, is the West Gateway Project, which includes West 2nd Street from Lincoln Street to western boundary of Urban Renewal, street and property redevelopment, redesign, and reconstruction; and

WHEREAS, the Plan does not describe which specific properties can be subject to redevelopment as part of the West Gateway project; and

WHEREAS, on April 12, 2010, the Agency considered a request by the NWC Park and Recreation District to make the Skateboard Park a part of the West Gateway project.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COLUMBIA GATEWAY URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section I. 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 Plan. The change shall consist of adding The Dalles Skateboard Project as part of Project #10, the West Gateway Project. The change to the Plan shall be assigned an appropriate exhibit number and be placed in the appendix of the Urban Renewal Plan. The Agency finds and concludes that the proposed addition of the Skateboard Park Project qualifies as a minor change under section 1201 of the Plan, as the project is consistent with the goals and objectives of the Plan, and does not modify the basic procedural, planning or engineering principles of the Plan, for the following reasons:

- A. The Skateboard Park project is consistent with the following goals and objectives set forth in Section 401 of the Plan:

1. It will assist a property owner in the rehabilitation of their building and property to the extent it will help implement the intent of redevelopment goals, policies, and standards, especially where rehabilitation may spur additional redevelopment activity.
2. It will leverage the Agency's financial resources to the maximum extent possible with other public and private investments and other public and private funding sources.

B. The addition of the proposed Skateboard park to the Gateway Project satisfies the four following general criteria set forth in Section 601 of the Urban Renewal Plan:

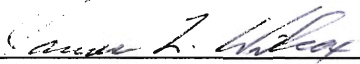
1. The proposed project addresses blighted conditions as described in the Urban Renewal Plan in that as a result of inadequate or improper facilities for skate boarders, the skate boarders are skating in locations which are not properly designed for such activities, which creates the potential for property damage or personal injury which is detrimental to the safety, health, and welfare of the community, and the proposed project will create a facility which will address these concerns.
2. The proposed project is consistent with Policy 1 of Goal #8 of the City's Comprehensive Plan concerning recreational needs, which policy provides that the City should work with residents, community groups, and the Northern Wasco County Parks and Recreation District Board to identify recreation needs. The letter of March 25, 2010 submitted by the Parks District in support of their funding request clearly establishes that community groups and the District have identified the need for a Skateboard park for the community, and the benefits associated with creation of such a Skateboard park.
3. Concerning the criteria regarding consistency with the development policies of the Historic Landmarks Commission, this criterion does not apply to the proposed project as the Commission does not have review authority over the proposed Skateboard park.
4. The proposed Skateboard park is anticipated to generate economic and tourist activity within the community, which will benefit the economic welfare of the community and stimulate economic growth, which will assist in increasing property values in the community, contributing to an increase in tax collections which should produce a reasonable return on any investment made by the urban renewal agency.

Section 2. This Resolution shall be effective as of April 12, 2010.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 12TH DAY OF APRIL, 2010

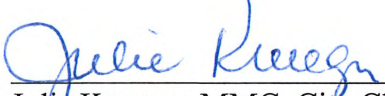
Voting Yes, Members: Wood, Ahier, Dick, Spatz, Wilcox
Voting No, Members: None
Absent, Members: one position vacant
Abstaining, Members: None

AND APPROVED BY THE CHAIR THIS 12TH DAY OF APRIL, 2010



~~Nikki L. Lesich, Chair~~
James L. Wilcox, Chair

ATTEST:



Julie Krueger, MMC, City Clerk