

RESOLUTION NO. 15-001

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING MINOR AMENDMENT
NUMBER FOURTEEN (14) TO THE COLUMBIA
GATEWAY DOWNTOWN PLAN, ADDING THE
THOMPSON PARK POOL PROJECT, AS AN URBAN
RENEWAL 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 the addition of projects that do not modify the goals and objectives or the basic procedural, planning, or engineering principles of the 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, approved resolution of the Agency in which the details of the minor change shall be described; and

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2015, the Urban Renewal Advisory Committee reviewed proposed Resolution No. 15-001, and voted to recommend the Urban Renewal Agency Board approve the proposed minor amendment to the Urban Renewal Plan by adoption of the proposed Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Urban Renewal Agency Board conducted a meeting on February 9, 2015, to consider the proposed Minor Amendment Number Fourteen (14) to the Urban Renewal Plan;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COLUMBIA GATEWAY URBAN RENEWAL
AGENCY RESOLVES 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 change shall consist of adding as an approved project the Thompson Park Pool Project (“Project”). The Project may include funding for the construction of alternate Project features including a slide, a climbing wall, shade, and other enhanced landscaping features. The change to the Urban Renewal 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 Project qualifies as a minor change under Section 1201 of the Plan, as the project is consistent with the goals and objectives of the Urban Renewal Plan, and does not modify the basic procedural, planning or engineering principles of the Urban Renewal Plan, for the following reasons:

- A. The proposed redevelopment project is consistent with the following goals and objectives set forth in Section 401 of the Urban Renewal Plan:
1. It will allow the Agency to participate by means of providing funding in specific opportunities for business, civic, and tourist-related properties to be developed, redeveloped, improved, rehabilitated, and conserved in ways which will:
 - a. Insure a more attractive, functional, and economically viable city.
- B. The addition of the Project satisfies the four following general criteria set forth in Section 601 of the Urban Renewal Plan:
1. The proposed project addresses the following blighted conditions as described in the Urban Renewal Plan:
 - a. The current pool located upon the Thompson Park property is in a condition such that the pool could not continue to be used for the purpose of a public swimming pool, and the current pool is scheduled to be demolished and replaced with a new pool, which was approved as the result of a bond measure passed by the voters of the Northern Wasco County Parks & Recreation District. Replacement of the existing pool will remove a blighted condition created by the existing pool which has fallen into a state of significant disrepair.
 2. The proposed Project will allow for construction of a new pool which will provide recreational opportunities for the local public. The alternate features for the Project, which will be visible from the I-84 freeway, are designed in part to attract tourists to the City. The proposed project is consistent with Economic Development Goal 5 of Goal #9 of the City's Comprehensive Plan concerning economic development, which is to implement the objectives and activities of the Columbia Gateway/Downtown Urban Renewal Plan, enhancing opportunities for the improvement and redevelopment of business, civic, cultural, and residential uses in the area; and consistent with Policy 10 of Goal #9 which is to encourage tourism-related services as an element in the diversification of the community's economy.
 3. Concerning the criteria regarding consistency with the development policies of the Historic Landmarks Commission, this criteria is not applicable to the Project.

4. The alternate features for the Project which are proposed for funding will generate economic and tourist activity within the community, which will in the aggregate, increase property values and tax collections to a level which will produce a reasonable return of the Urban Renewal contribution.
- C. The proposed project satisfies the following specific criteria set forth in Section 601 of the Urban Renewal Plan:
1. The project will increase the value of the properties within the identified block.
 2. The project will enhance opportunities for the provision of tourist-related services, as well as providing recreational opportunities for the local public.
 3. The project will enhance development of the adjacent West Gateway area, and facilitate development of a positive linkage between the West Gateway area and the Downtown.

Section 2. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective as of February 9, 2015.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 9TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2015.

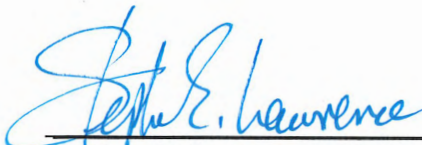
Voting Yes, Agency Member: McGlothlin, Spatz, Brown, Elliott, Lawrence, Miller

Voting No, Agency Member None

Absent, Agency Member: None

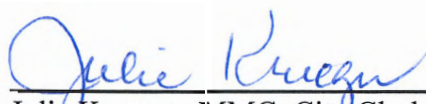
Abstaining, Agency Member: None

AND APPROVED BY THE CHAIR THIS 9TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2015.



 Stephen E. Lawrence, Chair

Attest:



 Julie Krueger, MMC, City Clerk