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Resolution No. 2000-855

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE REPORT: "A VISION FOR OLD TOWN SHERWOOD" AND SETTING DIRECTION FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION

WHEREAS the City Council commissioned a citizen based study to develop a vision for Old Town Sherwood; and

WHEREAS that study was developed over the course of several months and involved numerous public workshops and meetings and many of Sherwood's citizens; and

WHEREAS the resultant document "A Vision for Old Town Sherwood" was presented to the City Council by representatives of the citizens of the community and is shown here as Exhibit A to this document; and

WHEREAS the Council finds that it accepts and agrees with the recommended Vision for Old Town Sherwood; and

WHEREAS in order to implement the vision, additional planning, design, and financial work must be undertaken prior to beginning work;

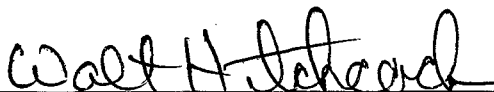
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

It is hereby resolved that the City Council of the City of Sherwood adopts "A Vision for Old Town Sherwood," and

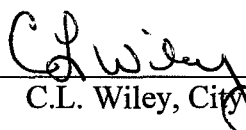
It is further resolved that the City Manager and staff are charged with developing the specific plans, ordinances, and financial strategies to achieve the vision; and

The City Manager is directed with recommending to Council a structure and work plan for a citizen advisory committee to advise the Staff and Council during development of the plan.

Duly passed by the City Council this 8th day of February 2000.


Walt Hitchcock, Mayor

ATTEST:


C.L. Wiley, City Recorder

A VISION For OLD TOWN SHERWOOD

As the historic beginning, originally platted as Smockville in 1885, Old Town Sherwood is the heart and soul of the City of Sherwood, Oregon. Old Town is a safe and comfortable family oriented place that is a cultural and entertainment center and the community's center for special events, such as the Robin Hood Festival, concerts, art shows and the annual custom car show. And, it has come to be known as the trailhead to the rest of Sherwood, including the Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge and a gateway to the Oregon wine country.

Through the leadership of the Downtown Association and with the cooperation and support of residents, business owners, property owners, the Chamber of Commerce and the city government, Old Town has been preserved and enhanced as a charming mixed-use commercial and residential neighborhood. It is a special place where families and individuals come to spend a morning, an afternoon, an evening, or the whole day to explore, to shop for antiques and arts, or to be entertained. Visitors can also stay the night in one of the classic hotels, boarding houses, or bed & breakfast homes in and around Old Town.

While maintaining its historic charm and surrounding residential character, Old Town is a lively and vital present day market place. It is a living museum that reflects a pleasant and interesting blend of the past, present and future of the community.

The predominant architecture reflects and honors the residential and commercial character of the past. The business community engages visitors into the present. And collectively, the business community, city government, and the community as a whole, embrace the future.

Small businesses thrive by providing a friendly guest experience and a variety of specialty goods and services. There are antique shops, complimented by artisans, restaurants, and professional services.

Three key features anchor Old Town in a rather unique way. They are:

- The governmental civic center, housing City Hall, public meeting rooms, and a variety of professional offices and small retail spaces.
- An historic rail station museum, that supports commuter rail service, plus a specialty dinner train, a farmers market for local products, and functions as a center for wine country tours, bike and walking tours, and tours of the Wildlife Refuge.
- The Robin Hood Theater, which has been refurbished and is known throughout the northwest for both film and live theater.

Old Town's identity is accentuated by historic district signage strategically located at various points of entry throughout the community. Approaches into the district are accented by distinctive sidewalks, street lighting, street trees, street signs, convenient off-street parking, and special street paving treatment, which clearly set Old Town apart from the rest of Sherwood, as a unique place.