

TO: City Council
FROM: Chuck Denney, Parks and Recreation Director
DATE: January 17, 2023
SUBJECT: Resolution No. R2022-013, Tumwater Cowlitz Trail

1) Recommended Action:

The General Government Committee is recommending adoption of Resolution No. R2022-013, Tumwater Cowlitz Trail.

2) Background:

The National Parks Service has established that the end of the Oregon Trail is believed to be in Oregon City, OR. Based on extensive research, the trail actually extends in many directions, one of which terminates at Tumwater Falls in the Brewery Park.

The intent of this resolution is to begin a process seeking recognition for the importance of the trail to our region and Tumwater specifically. A National Historic Trail designation as the end of the Cowlitz Trail section of the Oregon Trail in Tumwater would have many benefits. The outcome of such a designation would result in National Parks logos posted along the I-5 corridor directing travelers to the Oregon Trail auto route to the Brewery Park, as well as to other historic sites in Tumwater, such as the Bush homestead.

This resolution was initiated by the Historic Commission and reviewed by the General Government Committee.

3) Policy Support:

Tumwater of the future will be people-oriented and highly livable, with a strong economy, dynamic places, vibrant neighborhoods, a healthy natural environment, diverse and engaged residents, and living connection to its history.

Seek opportunities to market Tumwater.

4) Alternatives:

- ☐ City Council Adoption of Resolution No. R2022-013, Tumwater Cowlitz Trail
 - ☐ Send back to General Government Committee with recommendations for changes
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5) Fiscal Notes:

None

6) Attachments:

A. Resolution No. R2022-013, Tumwater Cowlitz Trail