

TO: General Government Committee
FROM: Chuck Denney, Parks and Recreation Director
DATE: November 9, 2022
SUBJECT: Resolution No. R2022-013 – Tumwater Cowlitz Trail

1) Recommended Action:

The Tumwater Historical Commission is requesting that Resolution No. R2022-013 be forwarded to the City Council with a recommendation for adoption.

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.

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:

- ☐ Recommend City Council Adoption of Resolution No. R2022-013
 - ☐ Send back to Historical Commission with recommendations for changes
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5) Fiscal Notes:

The fiscal impacts to the City are minimal.

6) Attachments:

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