

RESOLUTION NO. 705

A RESOLUTION authorizing the Mayor and Planning Commission Chair to sign a Vision Statement for the City of Washougal; and

WHEREAS, since August of 1998 the Planning Commission and City Council have been jointly meeting to draft vision statement for the City of Washougal; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the vision statement is to guide not only staff, but also the Council and Planning Commission in evaluating projects and formulating programs for the City of Washougal; and

WHEREAS, the vision statement are to reflect the "Desired End State", of the City of Washougal. Furthermore, the statement are to be used as a "Blue Print" to evaluate all development proposals, plans and goals of the City. Examples are projects and programs such as; downtown revitalization, residential and commercial developments, Comprehensive Plan updates, etc.; and

WHEREAS at the most recent joint meeting on January 5, 1999, the consensus was to finalize the vision statement as amended and forward them to Council for adoption by resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Washougal, Washington, as follows:

Section I

That the Mayor and the Planning Committee Chair are hereby authorized to sign the Vision Statement for the City of Washougal. A copy of said statement is attached hereto, marked as Exhibit "A" and by this reference incorporated herein.

PASSED by the City Council for the City of Washougal, Washington, and approved by the Mayor at the regular meeting of said council held this 19th day of January, 1999.

CITY OF WASHOUGAL, WASHINGTON

By: Charles Cumpack
MAYOR

ATTEST:



City Clerk/Finance Director

APPROVED BY:



City Attorney
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EXCEPTIONAL LIVABLE GORGE COMMUNITY

The City of Washougal is distinguished by its ability to create individual relationships within the community, encouraging closeness and character, in which neighbors know neighbors:

- people are safe and secure, education is provided for all ages,
- jobs and housing are provided for a socio-economically diverse community, and
- the city is a major gateway to the Columbia River Gorge and characterized by view points, natural attractions, and services for visitors.

COMMUNITY DESIGN

The City of Washougal is designed to:

- preserve and maintain natural features,
- provide a network of connected and identifiable neighborhoods centered upon commerce, schools, and parks,
- encourage structures old and new that have character and diversity,
- attract and retain commercial and industrial buildings that are designed to people scale and character; that promote a sense of small town community.

DOWNTOWN

Downtown Washougal is the historical center of our city and entry to the Columbia River Gorge, to be cherished and nurtured in ways that:

- provide a downtown which is attractive, pleasing, and vibrant to citizens of Washougal, as well as visitors,
- emphasize commerce, a pleasant downtown living environment, and historic character,
- promote civic pride and community heritage.

TRANSPORTATION

We resolve that Washougal be served by a multi-modal transportation system which:

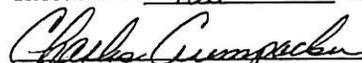
- interconnects neighborhoods, parks, schools, downtown, commercial and industrial nodes,
- emphasizes public safety, with sidewalks on all arterial and residential streets,
- emphasizes safe bike lanes and walking paths throughout the city,
- emphasizes ease of movement by motorists, pedestrians, bicyclists, and commuters; and provides connection to the metropolitan surface transportation links, as well as to the Scenic Gorge cities of White Salmon, Stevenson, Goldendale, Bingen and North Bonneville.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSETS

The City of Washougal and its citizens determine to:

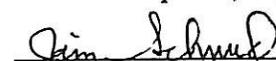
- protect and enhance streams, rivers, and the habitats along them to foster the quality of the surface and subsurface waters of the city; thereby sustaining the fish and wildlife populations of these riparian corridors,
- set aside specific areas for open space and parks; assuring the well being of Washougal's citizens, protecting slopes and view corridors for all to enjoy,
- protect and enhance the environment of Washougal through protecting and establishing stands of significant conifer and deciduous trees.

The Washougal City Council and Planning Commission hereby adopt the above statement by Resolution # 705 the 19th day of January, 1999.


Charles Crumpacker, Mayor

1/20/99

Date


Jim Schmid, Planning Commission Chairman

1/22/99

Date