

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-01

**A RESOLUTION OF THE WEST LINN HISTORIC REVIEW BOARD URGING THE
WEST LINN CITY COUNCIL TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO THE
WILLAMETTE FALLS LOCKS ECONOMIC BENEFIT STUDY**

WHEREAS, the Willamette Falls Navigation Canal and Locks (Locks) is West Linn's iconic waterfront landmark, listed on the National Register of Historic Places since 1974; a State Historic Civil Engineering landmark; a National Treasure according to the National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP); and one of Restore Oregon's Most Endangered places.

WHEREAS, the Willamette Falls Heritage Foundation (WFHF) for over ten years has, with City support, held Lock Fest as a community event designed to highlight the importance of the Locks for the city, the region and the state.

WHEREAS, NTHP, the WFHF, One Willamette River Coalition (OWRC – an advisory committee that evolved from the Locks' 2006-2010 *Oregon Solutions* project) have expended time, talent and treasure advocating for basic repairs and consistent operations of the Willamette Falls Navigation Canal and Locks by its owners – The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers.

WHEREAS, the Locks will likely never compete fiscally for limited federal budget dollars for operations, making the Corps interested in pursuing a transfer of ownership to a local entity.

WHEREAS, The Willamette Falls Heritage Area Collation has acknowledged that the Locks will figure prominently as a future attraction in the historic area around the Falls targeted for National Heritage Area status.

WHEREAS, an Economic Benefit Study is needed to market the Locks to the interested parties, illustrating/proving the heritage, commercial, economic, and tourism value of the Locks being open.

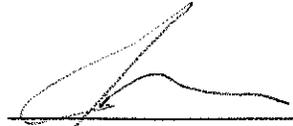
WHEREAS, said study would be complementary and available to the Bolton Redevelopment study consultants and allow dollars in that study budget to be spent on deeper research and analysis and prevent duplication of effort.

WHEREAS, \$31K of the \$81K needed for the study has been secured.

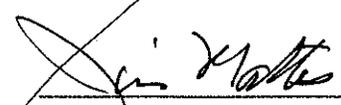
NOW, THEREFORE, THE WEST LINN HISTORIC REVIEW BOARD RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

The Historic Review Board urges the city of West Linn to provide \$10,000 toward the Locks Economic Benefits study.

This resolution was PASSED this 19th day of November, 2013.



JON M'CLOUGHLIN, CO-CHAIR



JIM MATTIS, CO-CHAIR