

Wahkiakum County Historical Society Museum

*65 River Street
Cathlamet, Washington 98612*

May 27, 2020

Mayor & Town Council, Town of Cathlamet
c/o Clerk-Treasurer Sarah Clark
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375 2nd St
Cathlamet, WA 98612

Re: RCO Grant Application - Town of Cathlamet— WWRP Local Parks - Waterfront Park, Project # 20-1253 DEV

Dear Mayor and Council members:

We are writing in support of the Town of Cathlamet's application to the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) for a WWRP - Local Parks grant in support of improvements and redevelopment of Waterfront Park, including Strong Park.

The Wahkiakum County Historical Society operates the Wahkiakum Museum with adjacent ownership of the site in Strong Park which is a subject of a portion of the application for improvements. As the adjacent property owner, we support the Town of Cathlamet's effort to obtain overall grant funding to develop, repair and restore Strong Park along with significant adjoining Town-owned waterfront property into a scenic and accessible recreational space for local residents and visitors.

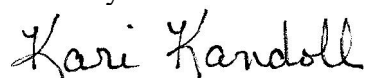
Specifically, the Board approves planned Town improvements extending the current path next to the Museum to an "ADA-friendly" path to the lower level of Strong Park, along with repairs and improvements to the existing bridge which will help create more useable and attractive park space for Museum visitors and Strong park users. Moreover, removal of invasive species and replanting native shrubs and plants, along with careful pruning and cutting back of brush adjacent to the park and path, should also result in improvements for our visitors. We hope that these improvements can help catalyze efforts to repaint and restore weathered signage next to our historic "6-Spot" locomotive engine located in Strong Park, as well as possible improvements to 6-Spot's surrounding enclosure (including cutting back overgrown trees and branches).

We understand any changes and improvements will be carried out in consultation with the WCHS Board, and that the timeline is July 2021 – July 2025

Based on our understanding of the purposes and timeline of the grant application, we believe the Town's grant will serve RCO goals and provide long-overdue improvements to the Museum's adjacent park site, of lasting benefit to residents and visitors.

Therefore, we support the Town's grant application and urge favorable consideration of the application by the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO)

Sincerely



Curator on behalf of the Board of Directors

Wahkiakum County Historical Society Museum

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April 25, 2022

Mayor & Town Council, Town of Cathlamet
c/o Clerk-Treasurer Sarah Clark
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RE: RCO Grant Application, WWRP Local Parks – Town of Cathlamet, Waterfront Park, Project DEV #22-1276

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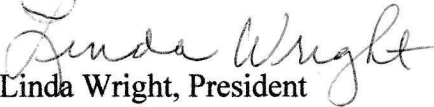
Specifically, the Board approves planned Town improvements extending the current path next to the Museum to an "ADA-friendly" path to the lower level of Strong Park, along the installation of an amphitheater and public restroom which will help create more useable and attractive park space for Museum visitors and Strong Park users. Moreover, removal of invasive species and replanting native shrubs and plants, along with careful pruning and cutting back of brush adjacent to the park and path, should also result in improvements for our visitors. We hope that these improvements can help catalyze efforts to repaint and restore weathered signage next to our historic "6-Spot" locomotive engine located in Strong Park, as well as possible improvements to 6-Spot's surrounding enclosure (including cutting back overgrown trees and branches).

We understand any changes and improvements will be carried out in consultation with the WCHS Board, and that the timeline is July 2024 – July 2026.

Based on our understanding of the purposes and timeline of the grant application, we believe the Town's grant will serve RCO goals and provide long-overdue improvements to the Museum's adjacent park site, of lasting benefit to residents and visitors.

Therefore, we support the Town's grant application and urge favorable consideration of the application by the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO).

Sincerely


Linda Wright, President
On behalf of the Board of Directors

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