

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION NO. 03-024

Supporting the Efforts of Rockwood/West Gresham Residents, the Gresham Mayor and the Gresham City Council in their Efforts to Establish the Rockwood/West Gresham Urban Renewal Area

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. While poverty decreased overall in Multnomah County during the 1990's, the Rockwood/West Gresham area has seen increasing poverty.
- b. The Rockwood/West Gresham area has seen a decrease in public safety and a rising incidence of violent crimes against people and property.
- c. Rockwood/West Gresham has experienced deterioration in commercial activity, notably the recent closure of the longstanding Rockwood Fred Meyer.
- d. Rockwood/West Gresham has seen deterioration in the quality of multi-family housing.
- e. Rockwood/West Gresham has severe development constraints due to property assemblage and transportation infrastructure that make private investment costs prohibitive.
- f. The Board has identified economic development and job creation as priorities.
- g. The Board has identified the reduction of poverty as a key County benchmark and primary responsibility of the County.
- h. Without economic investment, poverty and crime will increase, as will demands for County services.
- i. Rockwood/West Gresham, despite these many challenges, also has great promise due to the growing diversity of its residents who are attentive, active and engaged citizens.
- j. Rockwood/West Gresham contains a mix of under-utilized industrial, commercial, and residential property that offers the possibility of a mix of family wage jobs and quality housing for people of all income ranges.
- k. Public sector resources are necessary for the realization of these opportunities.
- l. Urban renewal offers a cost effective and responsible mechanism for spurring investment and development of jobs and housing in Rockwood/West Gresham.

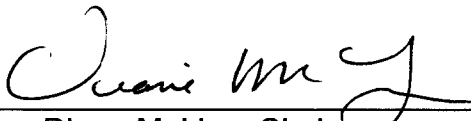
The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:

1. The Board supports the efforts of Rockwood/West Gresham residents, the Gresham Mayor and Gresham City Council in their efforts to establish the Rockwood/West Gresham urban renewal area.
2. The Board urges the residents of Gresham to support the proposed urban renewal area for the betterment of their neighbors and the strengthening of our community.

ADOPTED this 13th day of February, 2003.



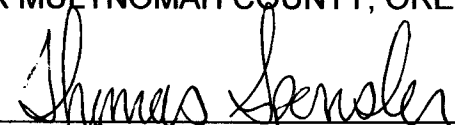
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