

Oregon City Planning Commission 625 Center Street Oregon City, OR 97045

RE: Recommendation of the Board of Directors of Clackamas Heritage Partners concerning General and Specific Development Plans of Hackett Hospitality Group LLC and Historic Properties, LLC real property located adjacent to the End of the Oregon Trail Site

Dear Commissioners:

The Board of Directors of Clackamas Heritage Partners (CHP), operators and stewards of the End of the Oregon Trail (EOT) development, has carefully reviewed the proposed General and Specific Development Plans of the Hackett Hospitality Group LLC and Historic Properties, LLC and respectfully recommends that you approve both Plans.

We base this recommendation upon our findings that these developments are in the best interests of CHP and EOT. Board member and President Dan Fowler did not participate in this Board action because of his interest in the property. Board Member, Nancy Ide recused herself because of her position as an Oregon City Commissioner. The Executive Committee of CHP has concluded that there is no conflict of interest in the submission of this letter and we concur.

Specifically, we adopt the following findings of fact:

- 1. Features of the hotel development consisting of wood and native stone, classical architectural style, and historical references to EOT and the Oregon Trail will be fully compatible with the EOT site.
- 2. The hotel will provide attractive and comfortable lodging for EOT visitors as well as for visitors to the River Walk Project at Willamette Falls. The hotel will encourage visitation by patrons to both sites.

- 3. Visibility of the Hoops from I-205 will be retained. The siting of the hotel perpendicular to EOT will create a pleasing view corridor.
- 4. Approval will enhance the overall development pattern of the surrounding area and encourage similar developments in the future. It is also consistent with the ongoing revitalization of downtown Oregon City.

On July 6, 2017 this motion was passed unanimously by vote of the CHP board with a quorum being present of the following Board Members: Freda Beal, Lowell Miles, Wade Byers, Jack Hammond, Scott Guptil and Marilyn Morrissey. Dan Fowler and Nancy Ide were recused. Members Joyce Cohen, Rocky Smith Jr., and Jon George were not present.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Clackamas Heritage Partners Board of Directors

Dan Fowler, Chair [recused]

Freda Beal

Lowell Miles

Wade Byers

Joyce Cohen

Scott Guptill

Jack Hammond

Marilyn Morrissey

Rocky Smith, Jr.

Nancy Ide [recused]

Jon George: