

City of St. Helens  
**RESOLUTION NO. 1908**

A RESOLUTION OF THE ST. HELENS CITY COUNCIL TO HONOR  
CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT AND PROMOTE COMMUNITY HEALTH AND  
LIVABILITY

**WHEREAS**, Urban trails and pathways are shown to promote community health, improve equitable access to outdoor recreation, decrease carbon emissions, and provide economic benefits while enhancing livability, neighborhood connectivity and provide unique ways to see and experience the city; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parks and Trails Commission has the authority to review and make recommendations to the City Council on public parks, public bicycle and/or pedestrian ways, and recreation facility development plans, construction plans, recreation use or development proposals, and such other park-related activities as deemed advisable by the City Council, as outlined in SHMC 2.74.090; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parks and Trails Commission volunteers are actively evaluating and advocating for an urban trail transportation option to connect, showcase, and promote equitable public use and enjoyment of our city parks; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of St. Helens Strategic Workplan 2020-2022 recognizes community and civic engagement, a livable and safe community, economic development, and long-term planning as priority goal areas.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF ST. HELENS RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** The City Council welcomes meaningful citizen involvement on City advisory boards and commissions.

**Section 2.** An urban trail/pathway has the potential to offer residents a connection to City parks, and non-motorized transportation options that highlight natural, cultural, and historic resources of our city.

**Section 3.** The City Council accepts the recommendation of the Parks and Trails Commission to continue work to identify, suggest, and promote pathways in our city.

**Section 4.** The City Council and staff will work in good faith with the volunteer Parks and Trails Commission to implement the Commission's identified priorities of finalizing a non-motorized path option, facilitating promotion of the suggested route by the Commission, and improving related signage and public information.

**Approved and adopted** by the City Council on December 16, 2020, by the following vote:

Ayes: Morten, Locke, Carlson, Topaz, Scholl

Nays: None

  
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Rick Scholl, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Kathy Payne, City Recorder