

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018-94**

**RESOLUTION CREATING THE FOREST GROVE  
SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION COMMITTEE  
TO COMMEMORATE THE CITY'S 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

**WHEREAS**, The Kalapuya people of the Atfalati tribe lived in the Forest Grove area prior to being settled by European immigrants in the 1840's; and

**WHEREAS**, By 1845 the area numbered 15 families and was called West Tualatin Plains; and

**WHEREAS**, The town was platted in 1850 and the name "Forest Grove" was adopted January 10, 1851, by the Tualatin Academy Board of Trustees, later known as Pacific University, and was allegedly derived from the grove of oak trees that stand at Pacific today; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Forest Grove was officially incorporated on October 5, 1872, making it the oldest city in Washington County; and

**WHEREAS**, In recognition of the City's rich and diverse history, the City has created three National Register Historic Districts including Clark (115 resources), Walker / Naylor (83 resources) and Painter's Woods (37 resources); and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Forest Grove created a Historic Landmarks Board in 1980 to recognize, restore, and preserve the historicity of Forest Grove; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Forest Grove will celebrate its 150<sup>th</sup> sesquicentennial anniversary on October 5, 2022.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY OF FOREST GROVE AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** The Forest Grove City Council hereby approves the creation of a Sesquicentennial Celebration Committee (Committee) with the express purpose of envisioning, creating, and implementing a commemoration in keeping with the spirit of Forest Grove's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and its rich and diverse history.

- a) The Committee shall consist of members from local civic, non-profit, and educational entities, including but not limited to, the Historic Landmarks Board, the Friends of Historic Forest Grove, Pacific University, Chamber of Commerce, City Club, Washington County Historical Society, and more.
- b) The Committee shall be Ad-Hoc, appointed by the Mayor, and serve at a frequency and duration commensurate with the purpose above.
- c) Unless otherwise adopted by City Council, the Sesquicentennial Committee will expire on December 31, 2022.

**Section 2.** This resolution is effective immediately upon its enactment by the City Council.

**PRESENTED AND PASSED** this 26<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2018.

  
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Anna D. Ruggles, City Recorder

**APPROVED** by the Mayor this 26<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2018.

  
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Peter B. Truax, Mayor



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CITY RECORDER USE ONLY:	
AGENDA ITEM #:	8.
MEETING DATE:	11-26-18
FINAL ACTION:	Reso 2018-94

**CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT**

**TO:** *City Council*

**FROM:** *Jesse VanderZanden, City Manager*

**MEETING DATE:** *November 26, 2018*

**PROJECT TEAM:** *Jesse VanderZanden, City Manager*

**SUBJECT TITLE:** *Forest Grove Sesquicentennial Celebration Committee*

**ACTION REQUESTED:**  Ordinance  Order  Resolution  Motion  Informational

*X all that apply*

**ISSUE STATEMENT:**

The City of Forest Grove will celebrate its 150<sup>th</sup> sesquicentennial anniversary on October 5, 2022. Staff is proposing to create a Forest Grove Sesquicentennial Celebration Committee with the express purpose of envisioning, creating, and implementing a commemoration in keeping with the spirit of Forest Grove's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and its rich and diverse history.

Staff is proposing the Committee consist of members from local civic, non-profit, and educational entities, including but not limited to, the Friends of Historic Forest Grove, Historic Landmarks Board, Pacific University, Chamber of Commerce, City Club, Washington County Historical Society and more. Staff further proposes the Committee be Ad-Hoc, appointed by the Mayor, and serve at a frequency and duration commensurate with the purpose above. The Committee would expire on December 31, 2022 unless otherwise authorized by Council.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Adoption of the proposed resolution will not have a fiscal impact this year. The Committee may propose a budget allotment as the commemoration date draws closer and the scope of the commemoration is better known. Additional revenue sources may include a CEP or TLT grant. The City Manager will appoint a Staff Liaison to assist the Committee.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

To enable early planning activities to occur, staff recommends City Council adopt the attached resolution.