

RESOLUTION NO. 5088-12

RESOLUTION NAMING AND DESIGNATING THE BLAKE STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY HELENIUS GREENWAY

WHEREAS a multi-use path is designated within the undeveloped portion of the Blake Street right-of-way in Tualatin Bicycle Plan, Figure 11-5 of the Tualatin Development Code and a master plan for the undeveloped portion of the Blake Street right-of-way including a multi-use path was accepted by Council on January 9, 2012; and

WHEREAS the master plan for the undeveloped Blake Street right-of-way includes a multi-use path within a landscaped corridor that closes a gap between the sidewalk at the corner of 108<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Blake Street and the sidewalk in the 110<sup>th</sup> Place cul-du-sac and will serve as a corridor connecting neighborhoods when all the adjoining properties are built out in the future as do other greenways, and the pathway will strengthen Tualatin's interconnected transportation system of on and off-street pedestrian and bikeway facilities while providing an opportunity to help create a stronger neighborhood, promote health and wellness, and establish a buffer between the homes and the adjoining industrial park; and

WHEREAS names for the facility were solicited from the public throughout the master planning process and the Helenius Greenway name is recommended by the Tualatin Park Advisory Committee (TPARK), Citizen Involvement Organization 5, and the Tualatin Historical Society, and the Helenius family agrees with the designation; and

WHEREAS the Helenius family purchased land in the Tualatin area in 1913, about 99 years ago, a few months before Tualatin incorporated as a city on August 18, 1913; 105<sup>th</sup> Avenue/Blake Street//108<sup>th</sup> Avenue were all known as Helenius Road at one time; Helenius Road is the southern boundary of Citizen Involvement Organization 5 and the undeveloped Blake Street right-of-way is the northern boundary; naming the facility the Helenius Greenway recognizes the historical significance the Helenius family shared in this area while tying together the southwest and northwest portions of the Citizen Involvement Organization with the family name; and designation of Helenius Greenway is consistent with the Tualatin Municipal Code Section 5-6-30 since it reflects both historical significance and is a geographical identifier; and

WHEREAS it is recommended that the facility be added to the City's Parks and Recreation Master Plan and incorporated into related sections of the Tualatin Development Code to be treated similarly as other off-street pedestrian and bicycle facilities included in Other Greenways as designated in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan and related sections of the Tualatin Development Code.

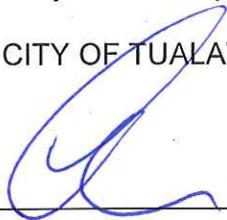
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUALATIN,  
OREGON, that:

Section 1. The undeveloped Blake Street right-of-way (west of 108th Avenue to the railroad tracks) is named Helenius Greenway.

Section 2. The staff is directed to implement the process of incorporating the Ibach Greenway into the Parks and Recreation Master Plan and related sections of the Tualatin Development Code.

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED this 27th day of February, 2012.

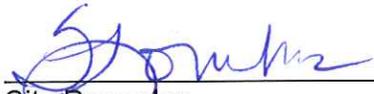
CITY OF TUALATIN, OREGON

By  \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Approved as to Form:

  
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City Attorney

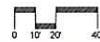
By  \_\_\_\_\_  
City Recorder

# Master Plan



## Helenius Greenway

Date: 2/27/12



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January 30, 2012

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Tualatin OR 97062

Tualatin Parks Advisory Committee  
City of Tualatin  
18880 SW Martinazzi Ave  
Tualatin OR 97062

RE: Recommended Name for Blake Street Right-of-Way Project

Dear Committee Members,

On January 24, CIO-5 held our first general meeting and voted in favor of supporting the name Helenius Greenway for the Blake Street Right-of-Way Project. Based upon additional information obtained from the Helenius family and Yvonne Addington, President of Tualatin Historical Society, 105<sup>th</sup> Ave/Blake St/108<sup>th</sup> Ave were all known as Helenius Road at one time.

Today, the very southern part of CIO-5 is called Helenius Rd, crossing over Grahams Ferry Rd into the Victoria Gardens subdivision. By identifying the greenway as Helenius Greenway it promotes a valuable piece to the historical significance the Helenius family shared in this area and ties together the southwest and northwest portions of CIO-5 with the family name.

Thank you for your consideration of our request and support in recommending Helenius Greenway to City Council.

Sincerely,

Julie Makarowsky  
Secretary, CIO-5



# Tualatin Historical Society

## Tualatin Heritage Center

*Established in 1986 to preserve, promote and interpret the rich and colorful history of Tualatin.*

January 31, 2012

Tualatin Parks Advisory Committee  
City of Tualatin

Re: Helenius Greenway as an Historic Name

Dear friends:

Tualatin Historical Society's board of directors is pleased to support a proposal from local citizens that the name of the greenway you've been discussing might better be named the Helenius Greenway rather than for another long-time family (Ibach) which already carries forward that name for a well-used park and street.

Indeed, before the street grid system was implemented in the 1970s, and some local family names were lost, there was a street bearing the name of Helenius (and a very short stretch remains today).

Oscar and Olga Helenius came to the United States from Keuruu, Finland in 1904. Oscar was a cement mason. His son Harry and wife Emily continued their lives in Tualatin where she was a popular teacher at the old elementary school. All were very patriotic naturalized citizens and each time an immigrant became a U.S. citizen, the many immigrants in the area would hold a "naturalization party" to celebrate.

If you would like additional information about this era in Tualatin history from a neighbor family, contact Yvonne Addington who grew up with Helenius friends.

Cordially,

Larry McClure, Norm Parker  
THS Co-Presidents, 2012