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### **COUNCIL NAMES PERGOLA FOR FORMER CITY MANAGER**

LAKE OSWEGO – At its regular meeting on September 4, 2007, the Lake Oswego City Council named the Millennium Plaza Park pergola for the former City Manager, Douglas J. Schmitz. During Schmitz’s tenure of over 15 years, Millennium Plaza Park was developed and has become a centerpiece of the revitalization of downtown Lake Oswego.

“The Council wanted to honor Doug for his dedication, vision and accomplishments, and this is a perfect symbol of the beauty and enjoyment that he encouraged everywhere in the City,” said Mayor Judie Hammerstad.

Often referred to as “the City’s living room,” Millennium Plaza Park is the location of the Farmers’ Market, concerts and other activities and events enjoyed by Lake Oswego citizens. Council President, Ellie McPeak, noted “This is just one of the many important and lasting contributions to our quality of life that were made possible under Doug’s leadership.”

Schmitz, who was city manager between March 23, 1992 and August 24, 2007, was hired by the City of Los Altos, California as city manager. Lake Oswego City Council has hired a search firm and has begun the process for Schmitz’s replacement. Interim City Manager, Stephan Lashbrook, is handling day to day city operations.

A plaque will be installed sometime during the next two months identifying the newly named pergola as “The Douglas J. Schmitz Pergola”.

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