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To: CityRecorder
Subject: Council Meeting August 25, 2025, item 5a
Attachments: Carol-lettr to Council re Bush Park picnics.docx

Please include the attached comments in the agenda for August 25, 2025.

Thank you.
Carol Snyder

TO: Salem City Council

FROM: Carol Snyder, Ward 2

DATE: August 25, 2025

RE: Council meeting August 25, 2025, Item #5a (Bush Park)

I am pleased to see that Councilor Nishioka is asking for a modification of the new mowing policy in Bush Park to allow for the continued use of the southwest corner of the park for group picnicking.

I think one of the best uses of city parks (and especially the centrally-located Bush Park) is for community connection. What better symbol of community connection than picnic tables? The southwest corner of Bush Park has a long history as a community gathering place and is close to accessible parking.

I truly value the white oaks in Bush Park, but I also value seeing people use the park for community connection. I appreciate the recognition the Bush Park is big enough for both people and trees. Councilor Nishioka's recommendation seem like a good solution.

Thank you.

Carol Snyder
Ward 2