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CITY OF SALEM  
MAYOR/CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Mayor Chuck Bennett, Salem City Recorder & City Council;

Re: Monday, Apr. 27, City Council Meeting  
and Salem City Pioneer Cemetery Trail

I am opposed to a "cut-thru" trail  
along the west fence line of the cemetery.

In this last year I have witnessed  
a man and son playing catch with a ball  
in the cemetery, (they could have easily  
tripped over a stone), and young teen boys  
climbing a tree. (How much more would  
things like these happen with an open  
trail through the cemetery?)

If there is a trail through the cemetery  
there will be some children and bicyclists  
unattended, due to some parents on the  
telephone and not paying attention. Children  
love to run through the plots and play  
hide-and-seek behind stones, etc. Some  
of the people truly care and respect  
cemetaries. They could drive and/or  
walk around - Park on Hoyt street  
and enter through that entrance.

Does the City have enough funds to  
keep up the repairs of the damage incurred  
by the few that are disrespectful of Salem  
and Oregon History held here?

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Please do not allow a walking path  
along the west side of the Cemetery.

Respectfully,

Claudine Shaw

Volunteer, Pioneer Cemetery

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## Amy Johnson

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**From:** Dixie Hall <dixhall@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 11:14 AM  
**To:** CityRecorder  
**Subject:** Pioneer cemetery...trail?

I have thought hard about this issue of putting a trail through the cemetery. It is a sanctuary of peace, hallowed ground and a significant piece of Salem history. I do respect that other people want to enjoy this treasure as well and anyone who wants to has access but I think we have to examine purpose. It is Not a park or playground or recreation spot. A lot of work has gone into repairs and restoration of this cemetery who would be the Guardians? With guardians? With the cemetery have a gate be secured in the evenings would the cemetery have a gate and be secured in the evenings? At this juncture I oppose the trail.

Dixie Hall  
4293 Heavens Way S  
Salem. 97302  
Sent from my iPhone

**Amy Johnson**

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**From:** Judith Norman <judy.l.norman@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:52 AM  
**To:** CityRecorder  
**Subject:** Pioneer Cemetery

I am writing to ask that NO TRAIL be constructed through the historic Pioneer Cemetery. This cemetery is among the most significant and meaningful parts of the history of Salem and a reflection of the courage and accomplishments of pioneers throughout our country!! PLEASE keep it preserved with respect and care AND quiet.

Sincerely, Dr. Judith Norman  
4293 Heavens Way So.  
Salem, OR 97302

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Seth Nickerson <nicseth@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 11:27 AM  
**To:** CityRecorder  
**Cc:** Vanessa Nordyke  
**Subject:** Statement in Support of Path through Pioneer Cemetery

We are writing in support of Councilor Nordyke's motion to study a potential path through Pioneer Cemetery. As residents of South Central Salem, one thing we love about our community is its beautiful, walkable neighborhoods. The proposed path would improve walkability by allowing pedestrians to travel between the Fairmount and Candalaria neighborhoods while avoiding the traffic, and accompanying noise and air pollution, of Commercial Street. We would wholeheartedly welcome this improvement.

We realize that this seems like a small matter when viewed in light of the ongoing pandemic. However, walking has been a source of comfort in these trying and uncertain times, and an important way to maintain our physical and mental health. We are certain that any efforts to make South Central Salem more pedestrian friendly would benefit residents for years to come.

We urge the Council to pass this motion and, eventually, approve the path through Pioneer Cemetery.

Thank you for your consideration.

Seth and Hannah Nickerson

FROM: SWAN Board  
SENT: April 27, 2020  
TO: Mayor Bennett and City Council

RE: Motion to study potential trail connection between Rural and Hoyt Avenues S in the vicinity of the Pioneer Cemetery.

The SWAN board is supportive of a study on connectivity between Rural and Hoyt but would ask that such a study not take place until the SWAN neighborhood association has had the opportunity to hold a meeting on this issue as it concerns the proposed site of Pioneer Cemetery which lies within its boundaries. Additionally, SWAN leadership was not included in the initial outreach efforts by city staff to properly publicize the stakeholder meetings with city staff on this issue. Our meeting in April was to provide this opportunity for SWAN neighbors to learn more about the cemetery from Elizabeth Potter, founder of Friends of Pioneer Cemetery, and to have further discussion on what the association feels should be considered as parameters in the proposed study. Unfortunately we had to cancel the meeting as the school where we meet was closed due to the virus.

We feel it is critical that our members be allowed the opportunity to voice their thoughts or concerns as many are highly invested in preserving, protecting and maintaining the Pioneer Cemetery historical site and may be able to offer more insight and alternatives which could prove beneficial prior to staff time being dedicated for this study.

In addition, when this study moves forward we want to ensure that it includes exploration and review of potential alternate pedestrian collector routes that do not go through the cemetery.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jeanine Stice  
SWAN Board Chairman on behalf of SWAN board members