

Amber Mathiesen - Photos for testimony at 9.26 Salem City Council meeting-proposed property transfer

From: Lynn Takata <lynntakata@aol.com>
To: <cityrecorder@cityofsalem.net>
Date: 9/26/2016 1:24 PM
Subject: Photos for testimony at 9.26 Salem City Council meeting-proposed property transfer
CC: <jello879@gmail.com>
Attachments: Englewood Park, proposed property transfer.pdf; Englewood Park possible property line.pdf

To the City Recorder,

Attached are several photos for the Salem City Council meeting to be put into the record for testimony on the proposed property transfer of land at Englewood Park to the Salem Keizer School District.

Thank you for including these photos as part of the record.

Best regards,

Lynn Takata
Englewood resident
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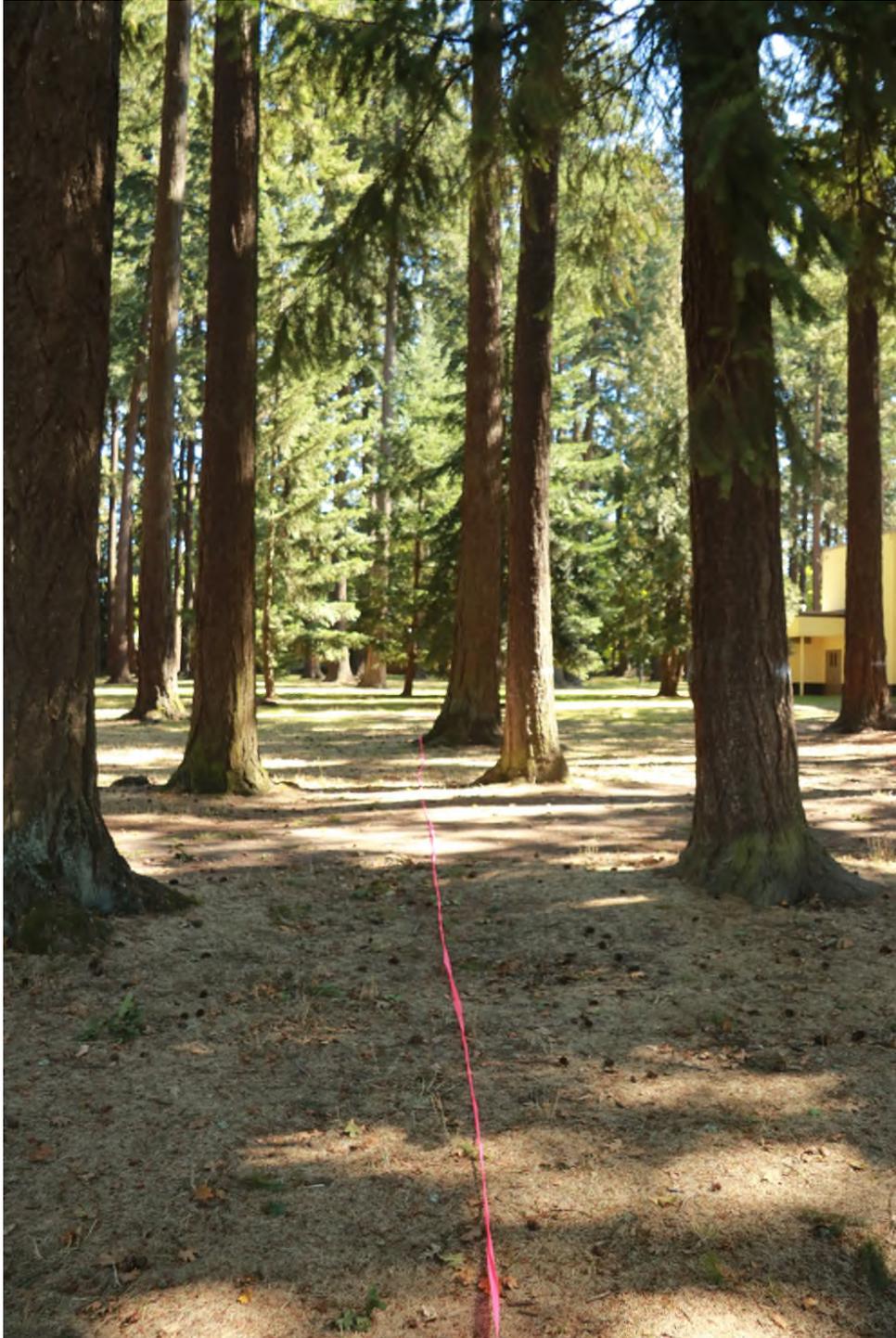
View of replacement property located inside, including and



View of replacement property located near building and



Engelmann Oak— possible property line to golf course





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September 20, 2016

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City Council Members: Chuck Bennett, Tom Anderson, Brad Nanke,
Steve McCoid, Diana Dickey, Daniel Benjamin,
Warren Bednarz & Jim Lewis

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Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: Park at Barrick Field

Gentlemen & Ladies:

The NorthEast Neighbor Neighborhood Association of the City of Salem voted to enter this letter as part of the official record concerning the park proposal made to you from Salem/Keizer School District. We do not forward our opinion and request lightly or without some investigation. We appeared at the school board meeting of September 13, 2016, as was the request of Councilor Bennett, to ask the school district to add a very small piece of property that is located at the southwest corner of their Barrick Field and is approximately only .04 acres (1,742 sq. ft.) to this proposal. According to Michael Wolfe of Salem Keizer School District will not add that small corner of their Barrick Field property to the list of properties offered in the City of Salem park swap proposal. Our annual meeting was held on September 20, 2016. At that meeting N.E.N. voted unanimously to respectfully request that your board add this piece to the list of properties included in your answer to that exchange of ownership that is part of several areas in Salem City Parks. This will help compensate for the .22 acres that is included in the park property swap from Englewood Park.

We are asking the council to add this small .04 acre piece of property to the list of property that is being considered by the Salem City Council as a trade for cross-use properties across the entire City of Salem Park holdings. Additionally adding this piece to the ownership trade, Salem-Keizer School District would not have further liability issues, maintenance or repair to the pocket park that NEN would like to re-establish at this location.

Adding this piece to the acreage listed in the park property proposal would further enhance the school district patrons' experience that attend games at Barrick Field by giving families that have small children a place to watch the games and keep their small children engaged with healthy play.

Presently the NEN neighborhood has no playground equipment north of Market Street for children and families. There was a small playground located in this location that was removed approximately 10 years ago. Since that time, children and families on the north side of Market Street in the NEN neighborhood have had to walk across Market in order to enjoy outdoor play in a City Park. If this small piece is made a part of the list of properties all over the city that the school district wants to trade, it would satisfy in a small way the goal stated in the NEN-SESNA Neighborhood Plan as it has to do with Barrick Field on page 55, Section A17.1.

Specifically: "The City should design and develop small pocket parks to serve areas that are currently underserved by existing parks but may not have adequate sites for larger parks. The City should work with Salem-Keizer School District to redevelop a pocket park at Barrick Field".

Please support the NEN -SENSA Neighborhood Plan that became effective March 11, 2016 by adding this small piece to the proposal that is before you tonight.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Salem Parks Department



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RE: Englewood Park Taking

Gentlemen & Ladies:

The NorthEast Neighbor Neighborhood Association of the City of Salem voted to enter this letter as part of the official record concerning the park proposal made to you from Salem/Keizer School District. We object to the property taking of .22 acres in Englewood Park that is part of this proposal. This objection is based on historic actions by Salem -Keizer School District's past actions when absorbing park properties within the NEN neighborhood and lack of public access during "No School" hours in some parks.

We are asking the council to insist that S-K School District assure residents of Salem that any City of Salem park property included in this city wide trade from the City of Salem to the Salem-Keizer School District will be accessible to the public any time that school is not in session.

Losing any more acreage ownership to Salem -Keizer School District would further reduce the areas that residents of Salem would have available for personal use in city parks that are near their homes.

Respectfully submitted,

[Redacted Signature]

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cc: Salem Parks Department

Amber Mathiesen - Loss of McKinley Park - City Transfer - City Council Action Item 9/26/16

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Subject: Loss of McKinley Park - City Transfer - City Council Action Item 9/26/16
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Dear Dr. Chandler,

Thank you for the material.

In review, please note the President of SCAN, Jeff Schumacher, and Ellen Stevens, a leading member of the SCAN Historic Preservation, Parks & Gardens Committee, appeared before the Salem Parks & Recreation Advisory Broad (SPRAB), and testified in opposition to the elimination of McKinley Park and transfer of the land to the School District.

Ms. Stevens has lived adjacent to McKinley School & McKinley Park for almost 4 decades and her children attended McKinley School. Jeff Schumacher, in addition to his elected Presidency of the South Central Association of Neighbors (SCAN) is a McKinley school parent.

In August 2016, the SCAN Executive Board, on a formal motion, requested McKinley Park remain a city park; not transferred to the School District, and there was no opposition in the vote of the Board membership to that Board position.

Oregon State Representative Brian Clem, and Carol Suzuki, also wrote to the chair of SPRAB in strong opposition to the transfer. Their child attends McKinley School and their residence is near the park. Ms. Suzuki serves as Co-Chair of the McKinley School Parent Teacher Club, an active volunteer and is very familiar with the park space and the school.

Not noted in the City Staff report is the loss of access for improvements to McKinley Park to the Salem Parks Improvement Fund match, the Federal Land & Water Conservation Fund, HUD match, and private foundations, e.g., notably, the Collins Foundation, the Jackson Foundation and numerous others.

Collins Foundation (\$180 million base) "grants are not made to elementary, secondary" schools. Jackson Foundation (\$12.8 million base) "generally will not make a grant to k-12" schools.

School districts are not eligible for State Lottery small recreation and park grants.

Also, Salem-Keizer School District 24J does not have an equivalent incentive program to upgrade recreational and park facilities through community action such as SPIF, match dollars wisely provided by Salem City Council.

SD 24J Board member Nancy McMorris-Adix who represents the McKinley-S Salem area -- has also stated her opposition to the transfer.

Unfortunately, there was no dialogue with the neighborhood leadership in the formulation of the package before the proposal was placed on the City Council Consent Calendar in February 2016. It was

a tidy package that also had not been before the Salem Parks & Recreation Advisory Board or the School District Board in February.

The timing and sequence certainly puts community or neighborhood input -- "after the fact" in construction of elements of the transfers. Certainly, in a disadvantage so not to being "streamrolled" and having to be in the uncomfortable position of having "to object" "at the last minute."

In 4 years of dialogue with the Parks Superintendent Keith Kever. Mr. Kever never discussed the possible elimination or transfer of McKinley Park with me.

To me, it is a regrettable situation for a neighborhood deeply dedicated to city parks and a long history of active involvement, contribution and fund raising to support our city parks, e.g., Fairmount Park on the west side of Commercial, rebuild of the Crooked House playground in the regional Bush's Pasture Park (1996-98)(2013-2015) and for a year-around frost free drinking fountain for the play area and McKinley Park users(2012-2015).

McKinley Park is the only neighborhood scale park east of Commercial in SCAN. Also an important resource for younger families, households in an area of SCAN not adjacent to Bush Park.

In the Council Work Session in June, some of the City Councilors, e.g., Councilor Dickey, wisely - astutely understood South Central Salem does not have quick access to sizeable SDC funds, and the parks equations are very different between the central area and outer areas of our city.

Regards.

Jon Christenson
Chair
SCAN Historic Preservation, Parks & Gardens Committee

cc: Councilors Andersen, Bednarz, Dickey, Mayor Peterson

On Thu, Sep 22, 2016 at 2:30 PM, Robert CHANDLER <rhandler@cityofsalem.net> wrote:

Mr. Christenson,

The staff reports for the September 26 City Council meeting have already been posted on our website:

<http://www.cityofsalem.net/CityCouncil/Pages/CouncilAgenda.aspx>

For your convenience, I have downloaded and attached the staff report and attachments for you here in this email.

Best regards,

Robert

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Dr. Chandler,

Our understanding is a Staff report will be going to City Council on Friday, September 23, 2016, which will include discussion of the elimination of McKinley Park and transfer of the property to the School District.

Respectfully, could you please forward a copy of the Staff report to me and SCAN President Jeff Schumacher.

Thank you.

Regards.

Jon Christenson

Chair

SCAN Historic Preservation, Parks & Gardens Committee

Amber Mathiesen - Potential Parks/School District land swaps and related issues

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Subject: Potential Parks/School District land swaps and related issues

Dear Councilors:

I am asking that you vote **no** on the agenda item before you tonight, September 26, 2016 -- Intergovernmental Agreement for transfer of real property between the City of Salem and Salem-Keizer School District 24J (File #16-142), or move to postpone a vote on this item until more study can be done, which should include the input and help of the neighbors in each affected area.

I also strongly urge that the proposed Englewood Park/SKSD swap not be approved. We are not assured of neighborhood access to the land proposed to be ceded to the School District; additionally, the safety and health of the Oregon White Oaks that might be impacted has not been addressed.

Lastly, I also support NEN's request for a portion of Barrick field for a playground.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Margaret Stephens
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