



**SALEM PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
ACTION SHEET**

April 11, 2019

BOARD MEMBER ATTENDEES

Present: Woody Dukes, David Fridenmaker, Dylan McDowell, Kasia Quillinan, Paul Rice, Micki Varney

Absent: Tony Caito, Diana Dickey, Patty Tipton

**SUBJECT: SPRAB TO MAKE RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL ON
PROPOSED OPENING OF MUSGRAVE AVENUE NW¹**

ISSUE

In a motion adopted on March 11, 2019, City Council directed staff to begin implementing the recommended actions identified by the 2018 Congestion Relief Task Force. Among the recommendations contained in its final report to Council, the members of the Congestion Relief Task Force propose the City “remove the barrier on Musgrave Avenue east of Wallace Road to allow traffic to access Wallace Marine Park.”² This recommendation is hereby submitted to the Salem Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (SPRAB) for counsel and advice to Council.

DATE OF DECISION

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DISCUSSION

The main concerns noted were:

- Traffic coming into the park creating a risk to the park users.
- Runners currently utilize the roadway when the sides of the road become wet or muddy. If traffic is allowed through, some accommodations would need to be made for runner safety.
- Issues arising from boaters trying to enter Musgrave from Wallace Road.
- Conflicts arising due to heavy traffic in areas where people recreate in the area of the soccer fields, pedestrian bridge, etc.

¹ Musgrave Avenue NW is also referred to as Musgrave Lane NW in various sources.

² Salem Congestion Relief Task Force: Final Report. Dated October 19, 2018. Page 8

Chair Quillinan said that we could lose control of a significant portion of the park if we allow the opening of Musgrave.

The Board showed an interest in Marine Drive both south and north of Glen Creek Road as shown in the Wallace Marine Park Master Plan as a “new” road. The members would like this option to be further explored.

Member Rice noted that he didn’t see how this could alleviate congestion when you have to go through the railroad bridge and wind through the trees. He added that it is basically routing Wallace Road through the park and he doesn’t see how this makes sense.

ACTION TAKEN

Motion: Chair Quillinan moved to recommend that City Council concentrate on finishing the Marine Drive extension first and not open up Musgrave Avenue NW into the park. Member Varney seconded.

Vote: All members voted in favor of the motion.