

The following Written Testimony relates to File No. 17-282, Purchase and Sale Agreement with State of Oregon for property at the former Oregon State Hospital:

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**From:** webmaster@cityofsalem.net  
**Sent:** Friday, June 09, 2017 12:19 PM  
**To:** citycouncil  
**Subject:** Contact City Council

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Message Type: Contact City Council

Details:

- From: Paul Jarmusz at: labelpacker@yahoo.com
- Phone: 503-371-0868
  
- Mailing Address: 2845 D St, Salem, 97301
  
- Message Body: D St Park Please purchase it! I have gone down and watched many a game there with my dog. To see happy players have a place to play makes me happy too. Thanks

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**From:** J.E.Seibert <jseibert@willamette.edu>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 08, 2017 12:51 PM  
**To:** citycouncil  
**Subject:** Purchase of the NW corner of the OSH North Campus for park

**Categories:** Follow-up

Dear Mayor Bennet and city councilors,

**I urge you to approve purchase of the NW corner of the North Campus of the Oregon State Hospital (the “D Street Field) for a city park.**

Among the reasons I believe this is prudent are:

1. The area is heavily used by numerous organizations with participants of all ages, as well as individuals who run or walk for exercise, practice golf, walk dogs, or just wish to gaze at green space.
2. The area has parking, is central, and is level.
3. A park will help retain current and attract new residents of the adjacent stable and well-maintained neighborhood to the north. Preservation of this neighborhood is essential to the viability of Central Salem and the long-term success of new development on the North Campus.
4. With the use of Yaquina Hall for housing and the development of the North Campus, the park will provide future “North Campus” residents with the convenient green space needed for mental and physical health.
5. The attraction of a park will help make development of the North Campus successful.
6. The proposed park area is a small lake for much of the winter and serves as a de factor wetland, which attracts birds. This significant water will need to go elsewhere if the area is replaced by hard surfaces — city sewers, streets, basements.

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Thank you for your service to Salem!

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(1) that SE corner in the winter becomes a small lake; if developed, that water will need to go elsewhere, perhaps in a detrimental way. (2) A park at this site will help protect an existing, well-maintained neighborhood from ruin when development of the North Campus occurs in that a nearby park is a neighborhood asset and buffer. (3) A park will be an asset to residents of housing when the North Campus is developed and will therefore help the development be viable. (4) Parks encourage citizens to be active.