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Subject: FW: Statement regarding the Proposed Hilfiker Park Mater Plan - Action item 3.3c. 18-232 on the City Council Agenda for June 25th 2018

Dear City Council Members and Councilor Nanke,

Upon reviewing the agenda for the upcoming Council Meeting this evening it appears that our previously sent written statement/testimony was not recorded and added to the meeting attachments. I am resending the written testimony along with this email (please see bold type below.)

As our testimony was not recorded and added we respectfully request that you postpone the discussion of Action item 3.3c 18-232 in todays meeting until such time that our written testimony can be entered, recorded and reviewed properly.

Respectfully

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From: Ian Meyer <ian@mco.ltd.uk>
Date: Friday, 22 June 2018 at 08:56
To: "cityrecorder@cityofsalem.net" <cityrecorder@cityofsalem.net>, "citycouncil@cityofsalem.net" <citycouncil@cityofsalem.net>
Subject: Statement regarding the Proposed Hilfiker Park Mater Plan - Action item 3.3c. 18-232 on the City Council Agenda for June 25th 2018

Dear City Council Members

We are writing on behalf of the property located at 4540 Pringle Rd SE, Salem Oregon 97302, directly north of Hilfiker Park property line. Molly Meyer and Ian Meyer, representing the Henry A Meyer Trust, submit these comments in regards to the proposed adoption of the Hilfiker Park Master Plan (Action item 3.3c 18-232) prior to the June 25, 2018 public meeting.

The Henry A Meyer Trust is generally in support of the draft Hilfiker Park Master Plan.

We prefer Conceptual Design Alternative B - Nature Park Option (Figure 4-5) as the recommended direction for planning and development of the park.

We strongly agree with the recommendations that the neighborhood park focus on maintaining natural elements and amenities, including a natural playground similar to the one pictured in Mt. Angel in the Draft Hilfiker Master Plan.

We are also encouraged by the sections included in the plan regarding path lighting, social area, site furnishings, landscape enhancements, tree thinning, invasive plant eradication, and plantings for pollinator habitat.

As a neighbor with a shared property line, we support the concept of increasing connectivity and park access from Hilfiker Lane SE, with the consent of the property owner. But only through the purchase of additional property by the City of Salem to generate a park expansion to Hilfiker Lane SE of the abutting 2-acres described in Chapter 5, Other Recommendations.

We are not in favor of additional access point(s) being developed between the current Hilfiker Park site and Hilfiker Lane SE through the acquisition of a right-of-way as shown in Figure 5-1 at this time. Our primary concern is the direct impact this will have on security and privacy due to the remote and unmonitored location of the easement and park property. These issues are already problematic with the current Hillrose Street connection to Hilfiker Park. We ask that you not exacerbate these problems by creating a third connection at this time.

We also request that all recommendations for Park Entries and Access regarding the acquisition of right-of-way between Hilfiker Park and Hilfiker Lane SE be removed from the recommendations in Chapter 5.

CURRENT TEXT:

Two existing entry points into the park will be maintained, and an additional access will be developed from Hilfiker Lane SE through the acquisition of right-of-way or a future park expansion. All entrances will provide access for both pedestrians and bicyclists. The two primary entrances will be from Hilfiker Lane SE and Sunland Street. These access points will be connected by a paved path, a portion of which will provide an ADA-accessible route into the park that connects to the proposed recreational facilities.

Hillrose Street SE will continue to serve as a secondary entry point. A vegetation-removal strategy will be used to enhance visibility. All entries will also be enhanced as 'gateways' with the addition of park identification and rule signage, and removable bollards that allow pedestrian access but prevent unauthorized vehicular entry.

The entry from Hilfiker Lane SE is a preferred ADA-accessible route in to the park. However, its development is dependent on successful negotiations with private property owner(s) to acquire public right-of-way. If this access cannot be developed in conjunction with other park improvements, the entry point from Sunland Street SE will be designed and constructed to provide ADA access. Due to the topography of the site, this will likely require realignment of the paved path to provide a more gradually-sloped meander, likely impacting the size and functionality of the existing turf field.

PROPOSED TEXT:

Two existing entry points into the park will be maintained, and additional access will be developed from Hilfiker Lane SE through the acquisition of the abutting 2-acres to complete the park expansion. All entrances will provide access for both pedestrians and bicyclists. The two primary entrances will be from Hilfiker Lane SE and Sunland Street. These access points will be connected by a paved path, a portion of which will provide an ADA-accessible route into the park that connects to the proposed recreational facilities.

Hillrose Street SE will continue to serve as the secondary entry point. A vegetation-removal strategy will be used to enhance visibility. All entries will also be enhanced as 'gateways' with the addition of park

identification and rule signage, and removable bollards that allow pedestrian access but prevent unauthorized vehicular entry.

With the acquisition the abutting 2-acres to complete the park expansion, entry from Hilfiker Lane SE will provide a third access point to Hilfiker Park. In the meantime, the entry point from Sunland Street SE will be designed and constructed to provide ADA access as park expansion may take time to facilitate. Due to the topography of the site, this will likely require realignment of the paved path to provide a more gradually-sloped meander, likely impacting the size and functionality of the existing turf field.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely

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