

CITY OF SALEM

Written Testimony #1

City Council

555 Liberty St SE
Salem, OR 97301

Monday, April 27, 2020

6:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

2.3a. [20-53](#)

Battle Creek Park Master Plan

Ward(s): Ward 4

Councilor(s): Councilor Leung

Neighborhood(s): SGNA

Result Area(s): Natural Environment Stewardship; Welcoming and Livable Community.

Recommendation: Adopt the proposed 2020 Battle Creek Park Master Plan.

Attachments: [Master Plan Report Layout 03-03-2020](#)
[SGNA Letter to City of Salem Regarding Battle Creek Park](#)
[SWAN Letter of Support](#)
[Battle Creek Park Disc Golf Support Letter](#)
[BattleCreekParkMasterPlan_SPRAB Action Sheet](#)
[Public Comments](#)
[Additional Public Comments received by 4:00 p.m. 4-25-20](#)

Add - Written Testimony.

3.b. [20-150](#)

Public Hearing on Ordinance Bill No. 7-20, considering creation of the Jory Apartments Tax Increment Financing District (TIF District)

Ward(s): Ward 2

Councilor(s): Councilor Andersen

Neighborhood(s): NEN and NESCA

Result Area(s): Welcoming and Livable Community

Recommendation: Advance Ordinance Bill No. 7-20 (Attachment 1), adopting the Jory Apartments TIF District to first reading.

Attachments: [Ord Bill No. 7-20](#)
[TIF District Boundary](#)
[Exhibit A - TIF District Report](#)
[Exhibit B - TIF District Plan](#)
[Planning Commission Recommendation](#)
[Taxing Jurisdiction Comments](#)
[Public Comment from M. O'Toole](#)
[Public Comment from A. Golden](#)

Add - Written Testimony.

4.a. [20-58](#)

Motion from Councilor Nordyke regarding a potential trail connection between Rural and Hoyt Avenues S in the vicinity of the Pioneer Cemetery.

Ward(s): 7
Councilor(s): Nordyke
Neighborhood(s): SCAN and SWAN

Attachments: [Public Comment received by 5:00 p.m. 2-19-20](#)
[Public Comments received by 1:00 p.m. 4-23-20](#)
[Additional Public Comments received by 4:00 p.m. 4-25-20](#)

Add - Written Testimony.

4.b. [20-147](#)

Extension of declaration of state of emergency related to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Ward(s): All Wards
Councilor(s): All Councilors
Neighborhood(s): All Neighborhoods
Result Area(s): Good Governance; Safe Community;

Recommendation: Adopt resolution no. 2020-20, extending the state of emergency within the city of Salem related to the COVID-19 Pandemic through June 30, 2020.

Attachments: [Resolution No 2020-20](#)
[Public Comments received by 4:00 p.m. 4-25-20](#)

Add - Written Testimony.

Amy Johnson

From: Dylan McDowell <dylan.d.mcdowell@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2020 12:37 PM
To: CityRecorder
Cc: Toni Whitler; Patricia Farrell
Subject: Testimony regarding Battle Creek Park Master Plan
Attachments: McDowell Testimony Supporting Battle Creek Master Plan .pdf

Good afternoon,

I am writing with written testimony in support of the Battle Creek Park Master Plan adoption at the upcoming meeting. See attached.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,
Dylan

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Dylan McDowell
541.961.7755
dylan.d.mcdowell@gmail.com

April 24, 2020

Testimony in Support of the Battle Creek Park Master Plan

Dear Members of the Salem City Council,

My name is Dylan McDowell and I am writing in support of the Battle Creek Park Master Plan. I serve as Chair of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board where we heard from community members and discussed the Master Plan in February. The Board unanimously voted to recommend approval of the Master Plan.

Battle Creek is classified as an Urban Park, meaning it is intended to serve the entire community. I am incredibly impressed with the extensive outreach City staff has done to ensure community voices are heard through three in-person meetings, two online surveys with over 800 people responding to each, and numerous responses to individual requests. Battle Creek is a large park at 56 acres, and the Master Plan balances a number of active and passive recreational opportunities that will allow users of all ages and abilities to enjoy the area.

The Park is especially important for its stormwater benefits. Both City staff and project consultants are working hard to ensure stormwater and park development plans are closely aligned. This topic was heavily discussed during the SPRAB meeting, and I was encouraged by the knowledge of the consultants incorporating planning from both projects.

Approving the Master Plan is an important first step in a long process of park development. A decision to not approve the plan would lead to extensive delays and risk missing out on both fundraising opportunities and immediate benefits. I believe the City has worked hard to balance community input, stormwater management, and the park layout to create a Master Plan that will be an incredible asset for everyone in our City.

Sincerely,
Dylan McDowell

Amy Johnson

From: daltfam@comcast.net
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2020 2:36 PM
To: citycouncil
Cc: Patricia Farrell
Subject: TESTIMOY REGARDING BATTLECREEK PARK
Attachments: BATTLECREEK PARK Testimony to City Council 4-27-20 meeting.docx

Dear City Council and Mayor Bennett.

I am attaching some perspectives and recommendations regarding the Plan for the new Battlecreek Park.

I have been involved from the early days of the public input process – as a South Salem resident, member of the South Gateway Neighborhood Association, and a Park ‘neighbor’ (at Battlecreek Commons, along the south Park boundary). I am an enthusiastic supporter of the Park as a neighborhood and City resource. By considering and addressing- ahead of time-- the complex issues associated with our planning and development, we can well-maximize that positive potential .

Thank you for considering this input.

Sincerely,

William Dalton
6619 Huntington Circle SE
Salem 97306
(503) 371-4174

To: Salem City Council
From: William Dalton -- 6619 Huntington Circle SE Salem 97306 (503) 371-4174
Re: **Final Plan for Battlecreek Park**
Date: Public Hearing – April 27, 2020

Dear City Council.

My comments and requests are directed at the Final Plan for Battlecreek Park:

.. The **Planning Process**, led by Park Planning Manager Patricia Farrell, has been excellent and sensitive. She and her staff have provided numerous opportunities for residents to express preferences and offer suggestions. Most importantly, it is obvious that the final Plan reflects much of that input (e.g., a ‘moderate’ – vs. ‘intense’- level of development; emphasis on heavier utilization in areas north of Battlecreek; moving high-use portions of the park away from residences) = Much Appreciated!

.. The Park Plan reflects efforts to be sensitive to the highest priority need for this land, that is -- **water retention and control**. Those of us who have lived in the area - especially during the flooding events of the 1990’s and early 2000’s – are deeply concerned with any land improvements and development as they affect water flow/levels. The implementation of final Park plans must fully consider concurrent water issues (water table studies, effectiveness of proposed water-retention ponds) and the impact of high-level of current & future development in the South Salem water basin.

.. **Park Boundaries** are creating concern and anxiety for residents in the Park area. Fully three sides of the Park abut current homes, most of which have no buffer whatsoever between their property and the Park: The Park flows seamlessly into the backyards of the homes on Doral; the ‘legal’ south boundary of the Park is visually inseparable from the “commons” land and sidewalk of Battlecreek Commons (BCC). NOTE: Despite signage, BCC is already experiencing an increase in both vehicles & pedestrians accessing and utilizing the Park – even before the proposed improvements. This issue is further complicated by current planning, which includes a major public parking area only on the north side.

REQUEST/RECOMMENDATIONS

Process: As the Park is developed (likely in phases...) continue to be flexible – i.e., responsive to additional data and actual experience, such as the impacts of increased Park utilization and flooding. This is especially important with respect to the essential issue of **Water Retention/Control**, with Park planning dependent only on our best judgments concerning the complex interaction of the water table, weather events (e.g., heavy rains...), and continued development in the South Salem water basin area.

Boundaries: For both *sensitivity-to-livability* and *legal protections*, it is absolutely essential that planning for the park specifically include provisions for appropriate (e.g., non-fencing) boundary’ing. 1) All proposals for developed recreation (paths, disc golf, ...) should include substantial setback from existent private property. 2) The Park should utilize and enhance existent ‘natural’ features as visual and physical borders between private residences and the Park – e.g., allowing vegetation to grow along such borders; and, re. BCC and the private east-side/Fairway condos, planting low maintenance shrubs/bushes long the tops of the berms. 3) Immediately begin addressing the issue of limited parking. Battlecreek is being proposed as a City-wide/Regional Park – Proposed use would dictate the necessity of including well-signed public parking, away from private property and already-overcrowded streets.

THANK YOU for your consideration. I look forward to continuing to be a part of the sensitive planning and development of this positive addition to our City’s resources.

W.B. Dalton 4/24/20

Amy Johnson

From: Ann Golden <woodmama2@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2020 10:16 AM
To: CityRecorder
Subject: Jory Apartment TIF Comment

Dear Mayor, Councilmen and Councilwomen of Salem;

I am very concerned about the development of a TIF at this current time and in creating an apartment complex instead of looking at providing more permanent solutions to affordable housing.

Salem has seen unprecedented growth and it is wise to look ahead yet the infrastructure has not been built to support our current population.

The concerns include:

- our school district has not expanded nor are there plans to expand to support our current population (classroom sizes are too large now!)
- public transportation and parking issues- our infrastructure does not meet the needs now
- will need money to recover and support our current Salem community and businesses from this Covid-19
- there was a "fee" added to our water bill to support the infrastructure showing how Salem can not maintain our current infrastructure
- the neighborhood this is proposed, needs park development, not further population growth of low income housing.

I believe this would continue to decrease the appeal of this neighborhood and create more of low income saturation. It would be helpful to have all of the apartment complexes within Salem take a percentage of low income. This allows a mix of incomes instead of concentration and further serves families of low incomes to be able to live in different neighborhoods of Salem.

I disagree with this proposal at this time, Salem can not afford it, we do not have the infrastructure we need.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Ann Golden

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Amy Johnson

From: EVAN WHITE <epwhitehouse@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2020 12:47 PM
To: CityRecorder
Subject: Rural-Hoyt Trail Connection, Additional Comments
Attachments: Pioneer.docx

I do not want to burden the record, but after reading public comments, I think it might be helpful to re-enter the comments that I made nearly eight years ago (received by the City Recorder on July 13, 2012), representing the unanimous views of the Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association.

Several persons mentioned public safety. Paragraphs #2 and 3 of my 2012 comments discuss this issue and give the names of three people I know who were injured while riding bikes on Commercial. It hasn't gotten any safer.

One commentator presented voluminous real estate statistics, as if they tell some story. The story that you should be hearing is that walkability enhances real real estate values, as I mention in paragraph #4. The website www.walkscore.com -- still exists, and is proof that people pay more for property when they are able to walk to work, shopping, or recreation.

I have in my files a letter to the Planning Commision, from Friends of Pioneer Cemetery, dated December 7, 2004, stating that " *We welcome responsible and appropriate recreational use of the cemetery.*"

Finally, when I lived on Fairmount Hill, I regularly walked to work and took the bus home. That would be much more unsafe and unpleasant for those who live on the south side of Pioneer Cemetery.

Thank you for your service to our City.

**Comments of Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association
On LUBA Remand of City Initiated Vacation of Public Right-Of-Way at Pioneer Cemetery**

My name is Evan White, and I live at 4553 Brock Loop S., just north of Sprague High School. I am Land Use Chair of the Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association. At its regularly scheduled meeting on May 17, 2012, our board voted to oppose any further City efforts to vacate this public right of way, at least until such time as the City has completed its transportation planning and developed both a plan and funding for a pedestrian and bike path connecting Hoyt Street and Rural Street. Nine board members were present and the vote was unanimous.

A bike/pedestrian path through Pioneer Cemetery will help Council achieve one of its most important goals. It will also reduce accidents, discourage potentially lethal bike travel, enhance property values, and improve the physical and financial health of city residents.

1) Help achieve better connectivity, one of Council's most important goals. Council has clearly stated that it seeks better bike and pedestrian connectivity.¹ Pioneer and Mt. Crest cemeteries share a fence that is 3,000 foot long, severing bike or pedestrian connectivity between the Candalaria and Fairmount neighborhoods, or between the Sunnyslope neighborhood and downtown. This tall barbed-wire tipped fence is the only significant barrier to north-south connectivity for Sunnyslope neighbors who want to bike or walk to or from downtown.

2) Reduce accidents. Lack of a path through Pioneer Cemetery forces cyclists (and pedestrians) to divert to Commercial Street. As noted in the decision of the Oregon Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA), *"Commercial Avenue is a busy north-south arterial street that is auto oriented and not particularly pedestrian or bicycle friendly."*² Two of my former co-workers have had bicycle accidents on Commercial Street. Dave Astle was able to transport himself to the Emergency Room, thankful that he was not run over by a car. Tom Riordan had his arm broken.³ And my former wife, Kaaren Hawkes, had her collar bone broken. All three feel fortunate to be alive and still living in Salem.

3) Liberty is lethal. Lack of a pathway through Pioneer Cemetery encourages my neighbors to use Liberty Street when bicycling to and from downtown. But there are no bike lanes along Liberty between Hansen and Browning. Riding on sidewalks is both prohibited and unsafe because mailboxes are set into the sidewalks on both sides of the street. The posted speed limit is 35 mph, but traffic generally moves at about 40 mph. A slight "hump" at one road section creates a risk that an automobile might quickly be "on top of" a bicyclist, especially at night.

4) Improve property values. *"Walkable neighborhoods have become hot commodities across the country. According to a 2011 survey conducted by the National Association of Realtors, nearly 80 percent of respondents look for homes in pedestrian-friendly areas.. At least two large*

¹ Council Goals, July 11, 2011; "Vision 2020 Principles," Council Agenda item 4.2C, January 9, 2012.

² Oregon Land Use Board of Appeals, LUBA No. 2011-2012, page2, emphasis added.

³ Portland is generally considered more bicycle friendly than Salem. However, it was in Portland that the daughter of another former co-worker, a recent graduate of West Salem High School, was killed while riding her bicycle.

brokerages with offices in the Portland area – Windermere and John L. Scott – are routinely using Walk Score [www.walkscore.com] as a marketing tool on their listings.”⁴ Salem depends on property tax revenue for its fiscal health. Mayor Anna Peterson and other community leaders are concerned that only 66 percent of the Salem workforce choose to live here.⁵

5) Improve resident financial and physical health. The benefits of physical exercise need no explanation, but there is a synergy with the Salem-Keizer Transit District. Some residents may want to walk one way, and take the bus home or vice versa. Improved connectivity would help families who struggle with higher gasoline costs, or who are stranded because (unlike Portland, Corvallis and Eugene) Salem lacks weekend bus service. Gasoline prices tripled from 1970 (36 cents per gallon) to 1990 (\$1.16 per gallon) and tripled again by 2010 (\$3.05 per gallon).⁶ Currently, the price of gas at the South Salem Shell Station is \$4.06.

Sunnyslope Shows The Way

The Sunnyslope Neighborhood has bike/pedestrian paths which link streets and provide a safe and pleasant way to walk or bike. (See attached photos) These paths can be compared to a potential path through the Pioneer Cemetery, which I’ve measured to be approximately 448 feet. I will discuss five of these paths.

Two paths let me walk to Roths or to a location from which I could catch the bus. From Sunnyslope Park I can use a path between two houses that is approximately 161 feet long and connects to Kurth. After a short walk, I can then enter another path, 197 feet long, that goes between four houses and connects Boston Court S. to Redinger Ct. These paths let me (and school children) avoid a section of Cunningham that does not have sidewalks.

Another path, approximately 367 feet long, connects 12th Place S. to Skyline Boulevard, and helps neighbors and school children avoid walking along Skyline, which has no sidewalks.

Two paths with a combined distance of about 416 feet connect Rock Creek to Maplewood. The first section goes from Rock Creek to Red Leaf (214 feet), then, crossing Red Leaf (30 feet), a second path connects to Maplewood (172 feet). These paths help children walk safely to Secor Park and Crossler Middle School.

Conclusion

It is unclear why the city would initiate a proceeding to give away a valuable public right of way that is needed for an important bicycle or pedestrian connection between the Sunnyslope, Candalaria and Fairmount neighborhoods.

Attachment: Photo of Cemetery & photos of bike/foot paths in Sunnyslope Neighborhood

⁴ “Walkability ranks high among buyer desires,” Oregonian, April 2, 2012.

⁵ “Which way are commuters headed?” Statesman Journal, April 10, 2012.

⁶ Statistical Abstract of the United States, 1977 and 2012.

Pioneer Cemetery Path – 448 feet

20th Pl. S. to Skyline – 367 feet

Maplewood to Red Leaf – 172 feet

Red Leaf to Rock Creek – 214 feet

Amy Johnson

From: Vanessa Nordyke
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2020 7:21 AM
To: CityRecorder
Subject: Fwd: Proposed Pioneer Cemetery access

Vanessa Nordyke
Salem City Council, Ward 7
City phone: (971) 707-3732

From: james.douglas@yahoo.com <james.douglas@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2020 4:20 PM
To: Vanessa Nordyke
Subject: Proposed Pioneer Cemetery access

Hi Vanessa,

We are writing to express our desire for having an additional access through Pioneer Cemetery. We are both Salem natives and have lived in Salem much of our lives, and much of that has been in either the Fairmount or Candalaria neighborhoods.

We think it's a shame to not have an easy, direct, public way to travel by foot between these two great neighborhoods. The current accesses between the two neighborhoods are either 1) circuitous (the path west of City View Cemetery) or 2) next to Commercial St South, one of the busiest vehicular boulevards in the mid-valley.

We feel that having a pedestrian-friendly way to travel through Pioneer Cemetery would benefit our city, by encouraging more pedestrian travel and thus reducing travel by car, and also allowing both neighborhoods the easy and pleasant travel in both north and south directions. People in Candalaria could much more easily get to downtown locations and Fairmount residents could much more easily access businesses south of them.

We love Pioneer Cemetery, it is a true gem. And we love the work that The Friends of Pioneer Cemetery have done. But this gem is virtually unknown due to the fact that it is nearly inaccessible. The only current access is the small single entrance on Hoyt Street. We believe that having an opportunity for more people to access Pioneer Cemetery would actually help The Friends of Pioneer Cemetery's work and visibility.

In summary, we are for having an additional access to Pioneer Cemetery, an access that is controlled with the same hours of operation as the current access, which would allow the Fairmount and Candalaria neighborhoods to be easily connected by pedestrians.

We applaud your efforts to move this process forward.

Sincerely,

Jim Green

Kathy Lelack-Green
512 Rural Ave S
Salem, OR 97302

Amy Johnson

From: Jeff Schumacher <jeff.schumacher@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2020 11:49 AM
To: CityRecorder
Cc: Vanessa Nordyke; Tom Andersen
Subject: April 27 City Council meeting - potential Rural-Hoyt Trail Connection
Attachments: 2020.04.23 Comments for Council meeting on Apr 27, 2020 - trail between Rural & Hoyt.pdf

Hello,

Please see comments for an item on Monday's City Council agenda - the upcoming motion from Councilor Nordyke for a potential trail connection between Rural and Hoyt.

These comments include the "official" position of the South Central Association of Neighbors as well as more personal comments compiled from conversations with other neighbors that are not on the SCAN board.

Thank you,
Jeff Schumacher
SCAN chair, 2019-20

April 23, 2020

Jeff Schumacher
SCAN chair, 2019-20
1945 W Nob Hill St. SE
Salem, Oregon 97302

Re: *Motion from Councilor Nordyke regarding a potential trail connection between Rural and Hoyt Avenues S in the vicinity of the Pioneer Cemetery.*

The South Central Association of Neighbors supports a pedestrian connection between upper Rural and upper Hoyt. This connection is mentioned in the City's Transportation System Plan as needing further study to determine the final location and design - SCAN supports the City undertaking this further study now with the ultimate goal of connecting the Fairmount Hill neighbors with the Candalaria neighbors.

In my time on the SCAN board - about six years - the vast majority of our board members have supported the possible connection of Rural Avenue to Hoyt Street along the western border of Pioneer Cemetery. Most recently, SCAN passed a motion of support for this connection at our November 13, 2019 meeting. There were ten votes in favor and zero against this motion.

I've also been asked to convey the support of many individual Fairmount Hill neighbors. When this request was made we were anticipating an in-person hearing rather than a virtual meeting with no live testimony (and our goal was to avoid repetitive testimony). However, I will still briefly summarize some of the many points supporting this connection through City property that will benefit two neighborhoods.

Initially, it is worth noting that this issue has come up before. I haven't been around for the entire history but my sense is this issue has been resurrected because a connection between upper Rural and Hoyt has long-standing support from many neighbors and it is inherently a good idea.

We should have safe, convenient ways to move around our City without driving. This connection would allow parents in Candalaria to easily access Fairmount Hill Playground. It would allow Fairmount Hill neighbors easy access to the commercial corridor - from the FedEx Office store to Roth's Vista Market to Venti's and more. The connection may not make a

measurable difference in traffic counts along Commercial Street but it would have a measurable impact in quality of life for those neighbors in Candalaria and Fairmont Hill that would enjoy convenient walking access to a few of Salem's amenities.

Currently, if a neighbor travels between Fairmount Hill and Candalaria without a car there are no great options. Walking along Commercial Street is thoroughly unpleasant, and made extra unpleasant if you have kids. Being near fast moving cars - while on foot - is uncomfortable for many people, and the road noise makes conversations difficult or impossible. Another option, and one that has been cited by opponents of this connection at Pioneer Cemetery, is the Fairmount Park trail. This trail heads west from Fairmount City Park and drops down to Crestview (just above River Road). This trail is hardly a substitute for a connection at Pioneer Cemetery as it is neither a direct nor convenient connection between Fairmount Hill and the heart of the Candalaria neighborhood (to say nothing of connecting Fairmount to the Commercial corridor).

Regarding Pioneer Cemetery, I should point out that every person I spoke to who wants this connection along or through Pioneer Cemetery has a deep appreciation for the Cemetery. It is universally admired, and its preservation is incredibly important to these neighbors. However, preserving the Cemetery is not necessarily contrary to also wanting to improve the Cemetery. It is important for our neighborhoods to evolve - even historic neighborhoods. We shouldn't put old things in a time capsule, and we can preserve Pioneer Cemetery while still increasing access to it in a way that both benefits its adjacent neighbors and also adds awareness and vitality to the Cemetery and its important role in our City's history.

In regards to Pioneer Cemetery's historic status it is important to consider some context. First, it is surrounded by a chain link fence that was installed in the 1980s. As I understand it, this fence was installed as a reaction to some serious vandalism. Second, there is a road for cars into the Cemetery. In fact, the road does a loop through the Cemetery. Adding a connection for pedestrians - which would allow a north/south connection from Hoyt to Rural - may upset some people that value keeping Pioneer Cemetery exactly how it is but I would submit the Cemetery has always been subject to change. And allowing people to traverse it on foot strikes me as far more historically accurate than allowing cars or installing chain link fences.

Finally, I think it is important to acknowledge that some of the risks mentioned by those opposed to this connection have cited do exist. There are risks to headstones toppling over, there are risks to encroachment onto grave sites, there are risks of vandalism. All of these risks currently exist, and if pedestrians are allowed to cross into Pioneer Cemetery at that northwest corner it is possible that those risks would be increased. But those risks are also being managed - there is no reason to think we cannot continue to effectively control and mitigate those risks.

And there is a chance that increased access to Pioneer Cemetery would actually decrease the risks; more people using a gate through the Cemetery could mean more people would help keep inappropriate behaviors at bay. And just as importantly, increased access could mean more people will learn about Pioneer Cemetery, its important place in our City's history, and the value to our community in preserving it.

The City staff should determine what options are available to make this connection a reality.

On behalf of SCAN and neighbors in support of this connection, thank you for your consideration.



Jeff Schumacher
SCAN chair, 2019-20

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Amy Johnson

From: noreply@cityofsalem.net on behalf of yolyalx1@gmail.com
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2020 9:46 AM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Contact City Council
Attachments: ATT00001.bin

Your Name	Alex James Barisoff
Your Email	yolyalx1@gmail.com
Your Phone	5034288019
Street	1235 Vista Ave SE
City	Salem
State	OR
Zip	97302
Message	<p>We recently moved into Paradise Island 55+ community park adjacent to Cascade Park and were informed the City of Salem has opened Cascade Park for homeless camps and would like the City of Salem to reconsider this decision. Cascade Park has no garbage of rest room facilities available for homeless to use. We have visited the park since we moved to Paradise Island and the rest rooms have piles of feces. This will be a health hazard for anyone that may be living there and also create a hazard to those living close by. Paradise Island has already had break in activity recently and feel this would create a greater opportunity for more illegal activity at Paradise Island. Thank you, Alex Barisoff, 3100 Turner RD SE #312, Salem, Or. 97302</p>

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Amy Johnson

From: Anne Crum <annekcrum@att.net>
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2020 2:10 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: What a Shame

Why Oh Why would you allow homeless camping where there are no facilities at all. I feel the senior citizens at our senior mobile home park will see problems of safety in our peaceful community within walking distance of the park. Surely there's a place closer to the center of town! Why did we not have any input sooner?

Again, what a shame. Anne Crum at #139 in Paradise Island Senior Mobile Home Park.

Amy Johnson

From: Gaylan Frank <cgfrank@wvi.com>
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2020 2:59 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Cascade Gateway Park

To Members of Salem City Council:

We are writing about the Council's decision to open Cascade Gateway Park to homeless camping and about our concerns regarding the decision. We live in Paradise Island Park which is south of the camp sites. Recently, we among several others in the park, fell victim to robbery. Approximately \$600-700 worth of items were taken from our home alone. The thieves came up onto our porch by our back door. It is very unnerving and we feel violated. Most likely the thieves will never be caught and our stolen goods will never be returned. Our 98-year-old neighbor had food stolen off her porch.

We moved to this Park for a couple of reasons: It's reputation for being a peaceful, quiet, friendly and safe place to live; and to be near my 93-year-old+ mother who also lives in this park. She was not a victim, but this has certainly made her feel unsafe. She lives alone.

We feel there is a very strong possibility the people from CG Park came across the fence into our park. We have little or no defense against this situation. There are no toilet or garbage facilities for these folks and the camp is unsupervised. Some of our park residents go into their backyards, and tents are what they see along with that which goes along with tent living. We ask you to please reconsider your decision – for our safety.

Thank you
Kind Regards,

Clement and Gaylan Frank
Paradise Island Park
3700 Turner Rd SE
Salem, OR 97302

Amy Johnson

From: Charlotte <shelby.charlotte@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2020 4:28 PM
To: CityRecorder
Subject: SIP

I vote to maintain the status quo at this time till June 30-2020 and to be reviewed then as to how to proceed based on numbers. If we do not contain this summer I believe we will b hard hit in the fall and winter of 2020/2021. Life over economy.

Regards,
Charlotte and Donald Shelby.

The only constant is change
Sent from my iPhone

Amy Johnson

From: noreply@cityofsalem.net on behalf of shed404@yahoo.com
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2020 10:22 AM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Contact City Council
Attachments: ATT00001.bin

Your Name	Edwin & Sharon Schultz
Your Email	shed404@yahoo.com
Your Phone	5039399189
Street	3100 Turner RD. S.E. Unit 437
City	Salem
State	OR
Zip	97302
Message	We do not want Cascades Gateway Park turned into a Homeless camping for the safety of us and the park we live in

This email was generated by the dynamic web forms contact us form on 4/25/2020.

Amy Johnson

From: newellf5 <newellf5@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2020 3:55 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Homeless using Cascades Gateway Park

Regarding homeless camping at our city parks. During the covid19 pandemic I feel we should allow parks to be used for our homeless. WITH THIS TYPE OF USE, HOWEVER, IT IS PARAMOUNT THAT THIS USAGE SHOULD BE POLICED AND GARBAGE SERVICE AND RESTROOMS SHOULD BE PROVIDED. Let's all try to make this work during these hard times. I live in Paradise Park adjacent to Cascade Gateway Park. Many here are against the homeless next to us. There has been several thefts of opportunity in our park recently so people here are sceptical of this working.
We are all mostly just a couple of paychecks from being homeless. Let's do this the right way.

Faith Newell
3100 Turner Rd. S.E.
Salem, OR 97302

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Amy Johnson

From: Gretchen Bennett
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2020 4:54 PM
To: Laura Presley
Subject: RE:

Laura, thank you so much for writing in your thoughts to City Council. My name is Gretchen and I am on the staff team at the Mayor and City Manager's Office.

I just returned from a visit to the Cascade park to check on the tents and camps that are there, and also walked along the perimeter of the Paradise Island Park/Cascade boundary. I hear you in this email and appreciate getting the chance to read about your experience as a direct neighbor near the park. I am problem-solving issues and am happy to be a point of contact should you have questions or issues – if I don't know I can sure try to get the answer!

We've added several things to try to assist:

- Porta potties,
- Potable water (in the center) – it is a blue container with a spigot that pumps clean drinking water, for handwashing and drinking,
- We are working to pick up the garbage regularly to keep up with it, and we also coordinated with the Church @ the Park program on a project to positively have the people who are camping to help us with the garbage,
- We have an additional cleaning planned for next week

Just in case that helps to be aware of, I wanted to let you and the other neighbors know. I will also share this info with them as our Mayor and Council receive other letters, too. – Gretchen

Gretchen Bennett

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From: Laura Presley <lpresley2250@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2020 4:07 PM
To: citycouncil <citycouncil@cityofsalem.net>
Subject:

No, to having homeless in Cascade gateway park. No sanitary services, water, garbage, bathrooms, garbage service, and to close to Paradise Island Park, for safety of seniors in our park. Violence, theft, no supervision. Please come up with another solution.

Amy Johnson

From: Gretchen Bennett
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2020 4:57 PM
To: newellf5
Subject: RE: Homeless using Cascades Gateway Park

Faith, thank you so much for writing in your thoughts to City Council. My name is Gretchen and I am on the staff team at the Mayor and City Manager's Office.

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From: newellf5 <newellf5@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2020 3:55 PM
To: citycouncil <citycouncil@cityofsalem.net>
Subject: Homeless using Cascades Gateway Park

Regarding homeless camping at our city parks. During the covid19 pandemic I feel we should allow parks to be used for our homeless. WITH THIS TYPE OF USE, HOWEVER, IT IS PARAMOUNT THAT THIS USAGE SHOULD BE POLICED AND GARBAGE SERVICE AND RESTROOMS SHOULD BE PROVIDED. Let's all try to make this work during these hard times. I live in Paradise Park adjacent to Cascade Gateway Park. Many here are against the homeless next to us. There has been several thefts of opportunity in our park recently so people here are sceptical of this working. We are all mostly just a couple of paychecks from being homeless. Let's do this the right way.

Faith Newell
3100 Turner Rd. S.E.
Salem, OR 97302

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Amy Johnson

From: Gretchen Bennett
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2020 5:01 PM
To: Brenda Myers
Subject: RE: Cascades Gateway Park

Dear Mike and Brenda, hello,

My name is Gretchen and I am on the staff team at the Mayor and City Manager's office. I wanted to thank you for writing to our elected officials, and also let you know that the people who are camping are not exempt from the rules about not gathering in large groups – you would be right, that applies to all of us. Our staff have been communicating about this to the extent they are able. I know sometimes there are households staying together, much like I am with my household in my home, - but of course, we are all to be applying the social distancing guidelines to help suppress the virus from transmitting.

I am glad you wrote in. We have been working at trying to address any health and safety issues and want to help.

Thank you again,

Gretchen Bennett

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From: Brenda Myers <brendasmyers@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2020 3:52 PM
To: citycouncil <citycouncil@cityofsalem.net>
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Sincerely,

Mike and Brenda Myers #612

Amy Johnson

From: Gretchen Bennett
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2020 5:07 PM
To: Gaylan Frank
Subject: RE: Cascade Gateway Park

Clement and Gaylan,

Thank you for writing to City Council. My name is Gretchen and I am on the staff team at the Mayor and City Manager's Office.

I just returned from a visit to the Cascade park to check on the tents and camps that are there, and also walked along the perimeter of the Paradise Island Park/Cascade boundary. I am so sorry to read that you were a victim of this crime, and am also understanding the feelings that would leave for your mother. That can't ever feel comfortable.

Police and code enforcement officers work to respond swiftly to issues as they are reported and have also had presence at the park. We've added several things to try to assist:

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From: Gaylan Frank <cgfrank@wvi.com>
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2020 2:59 PM
To: citycouncil <citycouncil@cityofsalem.net>
Subject: Cascade Gateway Park

To Members of Salem City Council:

We are writing about the Council's decision to open Cascade Gateway Park to homeless camping and about our concerns regarding the decision. We live in Paradise Island Park which is south of the camp sites. Recently, we among several others in the park, fell victim to robbery. Approximately \$600-700 worth of items were taken from our home alone. The thieves came up onto our porch by our back door. It is very unnerving and we feel violated. Most likely the thieves will never be caught and our stolen goods will never be returned. Our 98-year-old neighbor had food stolen off her porch.

We moved to this Park for a couple of reasons: It's reputation for being a peaceful, quiet, friendly and safe place to live; and to be near my 93-year-old+ mother who also lives in this park. She was not a victim, but this has certainly made her feel unsafe. She lives alone.

We feel there is a very strong possibility the people from CG Park came across the fence into our park. We have little or no defense against this situation. There are no toilet or garbage facilities for these folks and the camp is unsupervised. Some of our park residents go into their backyards, and tents are what they see along with that which goes along with tent living. We ask you to please reconsider your decision – for our safety.

Thank you

Kind Regards,

Clement and Gaylan Frank
Paradise Island Park
3700 Turner Rd SE
Salem, OR 97302

Amy Johnson

From: Gretchen Bennett
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2020 11:29 AM
To: Lou B
Subject: RE: Homeless Camping at Cascades Gateway Park in Salem, Oregon

Gayle, hello - my name is Gretchen and I work on the staff team at the Mayor and City Manager's Office. I visited yesterday at the Cascade park to check on the tents and camps that are there, and also walked along the perimeter of the Paradise Island Park/Cascade boundary. Thank you so much for having volunteered at the park - and thank you to Country Financial for their support of that! I hear you in this email and appreciate getting the chance to read about your experience as a direct neighbor near the park. I am problem-solving issues and am happy to be a point of contact should you have questions or issues – if I don't know I can sure try to get the answer!

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-----Original Message-----

From: Lou B <gdaprons@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2020 6:28 PM
To: citycouncil <citycouncil@cityofsalem.net>
Subject: Homeless Camping at Cascades Gateway Park in Salem, Oregon

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Gayle A. Burright
3100 Turner Rd SE Unit 802

Salem, Oregon 97302
Sent from my iPhone

Amy Johnson

From: Gretchen Bennett
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2020 11:31 AM
To: Martin and Lorraine Frost
Subject: RE: Homeless camping at Cascades Gateway Park

Martin, hello,

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To: citycouncil <citycouncil@cityofsalem.net>
Subject: Homeless camping at Cascades Gateway Park

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Thank you for taking this matter up before the city council.
Martin Frost 3199 Turner Rd S.E. unit 418 Salem, Or.97302

Amy Johnson

From: Gretchen Bennett
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2020 11:32 AM
To: Roger Brostrom
Subject: RE: Homeless Camping in Cascades Gateway Park

Roger and Irene, good morning, my name is Gretchen and I work on the staff team at the Mayor and City Manager's Office. I visited yesterday at the Cascade park to check on the tents and camps that are there, and also walked along the perimeter of the Paradise Island Park/Cascade boundary. I hear you in this email and appreciate getting the chance to read about your experience as a direct neighbor near the park. I am problem-solving issues and am happy to be a point of contact should you have questions or issues – if I don't know I can sure try to get the answer!

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From: Roger Brostrom <rogerbirenec@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2020 9:22 PM
To: citycouncil <citycouncil@cityofsalem.net>
Subject: Homeless Camping in Cascades Gateway Park

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Thank You
Roger & Irene Brostrom
Paradise Island
3100 Turner Rd. #318
Salem,Ore 97302

Amy Johnson

From: Gretchen Bennett
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2020 11:40 AM
To: yolyalx1@gmail.com
Subject: RE: Contact City Council

Alex, good morning. My name is Gretchen and I work on the staff team at the Mayor and City Manager's Office. I visited yesterday at the Cascade park to check on the tents and camps that are there, and also walked along the perimeter of the Paradise Island Park/Cascade boundary. I hear you in this email and appreciate getting the chance to read about your experience as a direct neighbor near the park. I am sure sorry to read you had to see feces like that piled up in the bathroom – that is never our intention. I am problem-solving issues and am happy to be a point of contact should you have questions or issues – if I don't know I can sure try to get the answer!

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From: noreply@cityofsalem.net <noreply@cityofsalem.net> **On Behalf Of** yolyalx1@gmail.com
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2020 9:46 AM
To: citycouncil <citycouncil@cityofsalem.net>
Subject: Contact City Council

Your Name	Alex James Barisoff
Your Email	yolyalx1@gmail.com
Your Phone	5034288019
Street	1235 Vista Ave SE
City	Salem
State	OR
Zip	97302
Message	We recently moved into Paradise Island 55+ community park adjacent to Cascade Park and were informed the City of Salem has opened Cascade Park for homeless camps and would like the City of Salem to reconsider this decision. Cascade Park has no garbage of rest room facilities available for homeless to use.

	<p>We have visited the park since we moved to Paradise Island and the rest rooms have piles of feces. This will be a health hazard for anyone that may be living there and also create a hazard to those living close by. Paradise Island has already had break in activity recently and feel this would create a greater opportunity for more illegal activity at Paradise Island. Thank you, Alex Barisoff, 3100 Turner RD SE #312, Salem, Or. 97302</p>
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Amy Johnson

From: Gretchen Bennett
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2020 11:42 AM
To: Rhue LUNA
Subject: RE: Castcade Gateway Park

Rhue, my name is Gretchen and I work on the staff team at the Mayor and City Manager's Office. I visited yesterday at the Cascade park to check on the tents and camps that are there, and also walked along the perimeter of the Paradise Island Park/Cascade boundary. I am so sorry for the feeling of living in fear that you are sharing and am glad you are reaching out to let us know. I am problem-solving issues and am happy to be a point of contact should you have questions or issues – if I don't know I can sure try to get the answer!

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From: Rhue LUNA <rhueta@msn.com>
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2020 6:42 PM
To: citycouncil <citycouncil@cityofsalem.net>
Subject: Castcade Gateway Park

I am a senior resident at Paradise Island right next to Castcade Gateway park. We already are living in fear and if homeless move right next door with no utilities, we will all be at risk. Please reconsider allowing this next to a senior park where many of us live alone. This is very frightening and another spot may be more appropriate. I know they have to be somewhere but it would be better if they had restrooms and garbage cans available. How will I protect myself?

Rhue Luna

Amy Johnson

From: Lou B <gdaprons@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2020 8:32 PM
To: CityRecorder
Subject: Fwd: Homeless Camping at Cascades Gateway Park in Salem, Oregon

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Lou B <gdaprons@hotmail.com>
Date: April 24, 2020 at 6:28:23 PM PDT
To: "citycouncil@cityofsalem.net" <citycouncil@cityofsalem.net>
Subject: Homeless Camping at Cascades Gateway Park in Salem, Oregon

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Sent from my iPhone

Amy Johnson

From: Susan DUBLIN <jandsdublin2@msn.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2020 12:32 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Paradise Island Park

Dear council members;

Gateway Park USED to be a public park, paid for by tax payers of Salem. It should not solely be designated as you have deemed, a place for people to permanently live. If it's no longer a public park, then REMOVE it from our tax base! We used to be able to take walks with our kids and grandchildren to Gateway, and now it's not a welcome or safe place. How long do you think it's going to take before Mill Creek becomes contaminated with human waste and drugs!

We, in Paradise Island Park, do not feel safe or secure living here now, since you decided that in order to get the homeless off the streets of Salem, they've now become our problem! Management has lately been using private security to minimize the theft and security in this park, and have had to erect fencing, which will ultimately result in an increase of our living costs. Many living here, are on a fixed income to start with!

By providing amenities such as water, showers, and toilets, only proves that you are not planning this to be a temporary fix to the homeless problem, but apparently in your minds, "out of sight, out of mind" is the solution.

The City of Salem needs to find a permanent solution to the homeless problem, and that should NOT include ANY public park.

Jerry and Susan Dublin
3100 Turner Rd. SE
Salem, Oregon 97302

Amy Johnson

From: John Koskela <john.koskela@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 23, 2020 10:35 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Homeless people camping in Cascade Gateways City Park, using small trees for campfire wood.

I know Governor Brown's executive order concerning distancing and staying in place does not apply to homeless people who have no place to stay. I like that.

I am concerned about their safety and of others as homeless people seek shelter and camp within Cascade Gateways City Park. I doubt they gather in groups of 5 or more, and most likely there is much separation between them. Thing is they have camp fires there and the wood they burn comes from small trees they cut down within the park. Volunteers over the years have made much progress planting new trees in the park and it would be a shame those new trees become campfire wood.

I wish there was a solution for these homeless people. I have great compassion for them and they stems from the fact my younger brother has been a homeless person for years in and around Centralia, Washington where we grew up. He is schizophrenic. We have tried to help him but he takes off.

I learned to play disc golf at Cascade Gateways Park after I retired from working for the state of Oregon's Judicial Department. I believe the disc golf baskets are still in place there, but they should be stored away, lest they be stolen and sold for scrap metal. I doubt homeless people would do that due to the physical unlikely process they would have to overcome to do that. The park needs to be monitored 24/7, because I believe those homeless people present a danger to themselves and perhaps to others nearby.

Thank your for reading my email and should this arouse concern for you, take the action you believe appropriate.

Amy Johnson

From: jschleufer82 <jschleufer82@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2020 7:30 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Cascade Gateway Park

The idea of preventing a pandemic is completely understandable. We* the disc golf community of take it upon ourselves not go out and enjoy something we really enjoy doing. You're allowing the homeless Community to destroy one Salems better parks. The lack of police, the lack of any rules out there it's pathetic. I believe the City of Salem owes it to us for all the work we've put in at that Park as well as time to go out there and Patrol that Park. We cannot allow the homeless Community to go driving their vehicles in the park. Going out and starting fires wherever they see fit. If you folks don't step up and do something now you will be forcing a huge wedge and that WON'T END WELL

-John Schleufer

Sent from my Sprint Samsung Galaxy Note5.

Amy Johnson

From: Sundee Taylor <harvesttimechurch@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2020 2:39 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Homeless camping

My wife and I oppose the homeless camping practically in our backyard. We live at Paradise Island and feel this is wrong and dangerous to our senior community! Can we send a couple of homeless people to live in your backyard? Give me your address if you would please?

Jerry and Sundee Taylor
3100 Turner Rd SE. Sp 614
Salem, Or. 97302

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Laura Presley <lpresley2250@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2020 4:07 PM
To: citycouncil

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From: Laura Presley <lpresley2250@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2020 4:01 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Homeless at Cascade Gateway Park

Concerning putting homeless in Cascade Gateway park. Not a good idea,because unsupervised, no bathrooms,showers,garbage service, would create more theft, violence, in the area. Paradise Island Park backs up to Cascade Gateway Park, this could very well be detrimental to the elderly in our park. Please come up with a better solution. lpresley2250@gmail.com

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From: AOL <rg Harris3@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2020 12:36 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Cascades Gateway Park

It has come to my attention that you have opened the park to homeless camping. I realize the homeless have to have a place to go also, but, if you're going to allow them to camp in the park temporarily during this pandemic you need to make it safe. You need to provide Porta potty's and some form of garbage pick up for them so that park does not become unsafe and filthy. Also Mill Creek runs through the park and more than likely it is being used as a toilet right now which can pollute it down stream all the way to the Willamette river.

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From: Rhue LUNA <rhuet@msn.com>
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2020 6:42 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Castcade Gateway Park

I am a senior resident at Paradise Island right next to Castcade Gateway park. We already are living in fear and if homeless move right next door with no utilities, we will all be at risk. Please reconsider allowing this next to a senior park where many of us live alone. This is very frightening and another spot may be more appropriate. I know they have to be somewhere but it would be better if they had restrooms and garbage cans available. How will I protect myself?

Rhue Luna