

CITY OF SALEM

Written Testimony #3

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](#)

[Additional Public Comments received by 10:30 a.m. 4-27-20](#)

[Additional Public Comments received by 5:00 p.m. 4-27-20](#)

Add - Written Testimony.

2.3d. [20-144](#)

Small Community Air Service Development (SCASD) Grant Application for Commercial Air Service Development

Ward(s): 2

Councilor(s): Andersen

Neighborhood(s): SEMCA

Result Area(s): Strong and Diverse Economy

Recommendation: Authorize the City to apply for a Small Community Air Service Development (SCASD) grant through the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) for commercial air service development at the Salem Municipal Airport.

Attachments: [Public Comments received by 10:30 a.m. 4-27-20](#)

[Additional Public Comments received by 5:00 p.m. 4-27-20](#)

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](#)

[Additional Public Comments received by 10:30 a.m. 4-27-20](#)

[Additional Public Comments received by 5:00 p.m. 4-27-20](#)

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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](#)

[Additional Public Comments received by 10:30 a.m. 4-27-20](#)

[Additional Public Comments received by 5:00 p.m. 4-27-20](#)

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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.

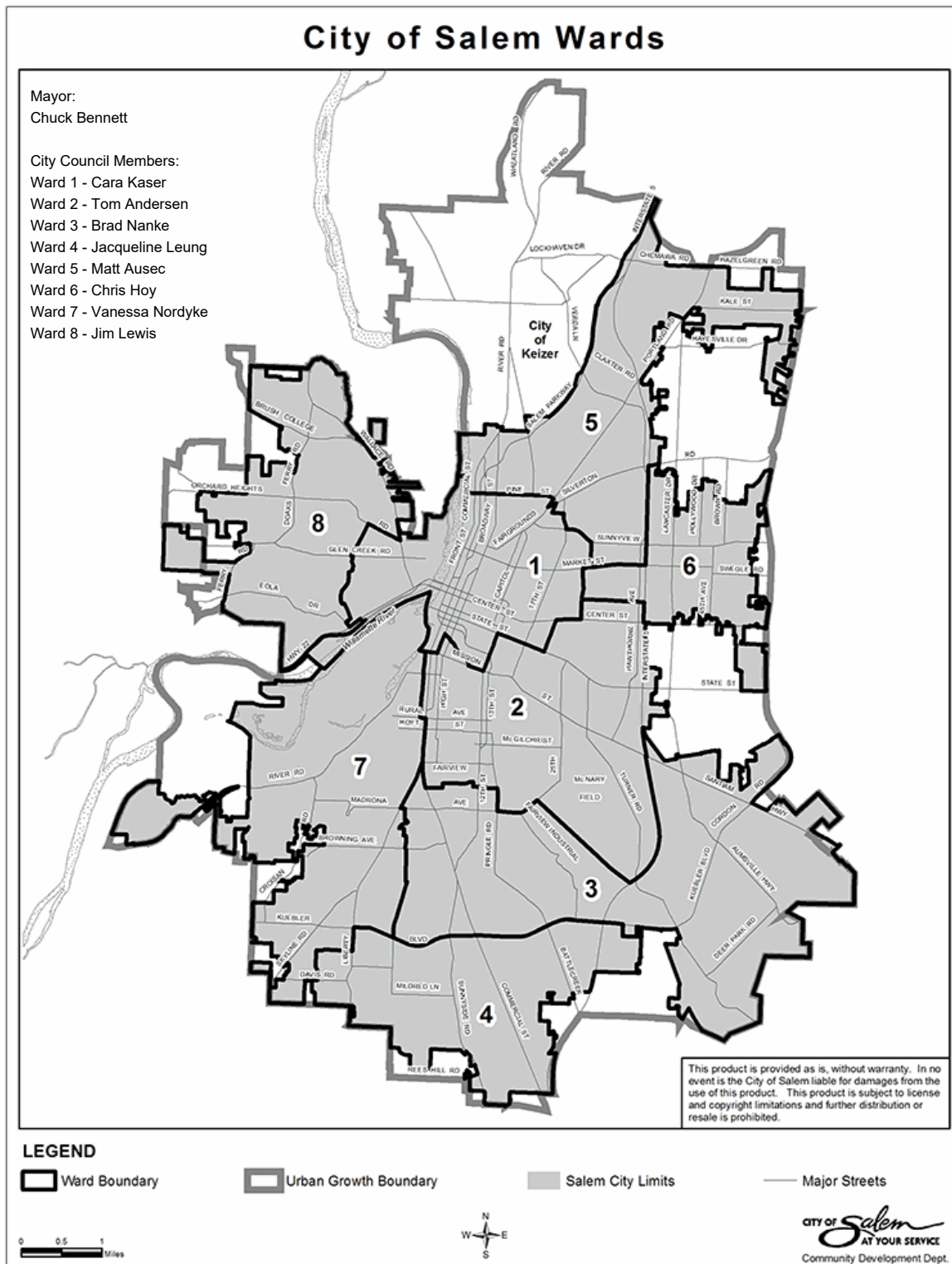
Attachments: [Resolution No 2020-20](#)

[Public Comments received by 4:00 p.m. 4-25-20](#)

[Additional Public Comments received by 10:30 a.m. 4-27-20](#)

[Additional Public Comments received by 5:00 p.m. 4-27-20](#)

Add - Written Testimony.



Amy Johnson

From: Joan Bechtel <jellybearcorner@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 3:16 PM
To: Chuck Bennett
Cc: CityRecorder; citycouncil
Subject: Fwd: Battlecreek Park

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Joan Bechtel <jellybearcorner@gmail.com>
Date: April 27, 2020 at 3:12:29 PM PDT
To: citycouncil@ofsalem.net
Cc: cityrecorder@cityofsalem.net, cbennett@cityofsalem.net
Subject: Battlecreek Park

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to you as a homeowner and Board member of Battlecreek Commons. I am concerned that what you have planned regarding the flood water detention will not be adequate for our protection here at Battlecreek Commons. I would like to suggest putting the final decision on hold until further study can be done.

We also are very concerned about trespassing on our property. Even now we are seeing an increase of people and their dogs entering through Battlecreek Commons. This is private property and is posted as such at each street entrance but is disregarded causing our residents and their pets to be confronted with aggressive and unleashed dogs being taken through our property to run in the park. Also, the Frisbee Golf participants have caused problems by coming into private yards as well as common areas. We would appreciate it if there could be some low maintenance shrubs or bushes to delineate our property line from the park.

Thank you for considering the huge impact on our community as you go forward.

Joan Bechtel
Battlecreek Commons

Sent from my iPhone

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Amy Johnson

From: Mary Schroeder <felines@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 2:22 PM
To: Chuck Bennett; citycouncil; CityRecorder
Subject: Battle Creek Park Master Plan

As a homeowner in Battlecreek Commons, which borders the south end of the park, I'm concerned about the flood water detention if this park is developed with the current proposed plans, which could impact our community. With Climate Change, it's getting harder to predict the amount of rainfall and, with the Covid-19 pandemic, it also doesn't seem like a good idea to spend millions of dollars of the City's funds with things being so unstable at this time, including the looming potential of a major earthquake. I would prefer to keep the park as a natural habit and then maybe put in a playground and some parking spaces on the north end of the park in a few years, scrapping the plans for a skate park and Frisbee golf, and save the funds for infrastructure needs.

*Thank you,
Mary Schroeder
6720 Continental Cir SE*

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Amy Johnson

From: Coralee Clark <coraclark72@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 2:40 PM
To: citycouncil
Cc: CityRecorder
Subject: SCASD grant testimony

Dear Salem City Council:

I request that you not approve a grant application be submitted for commercial air service development in Salem for the following reasons:

- 1) Commercial air service development in Salem will harm our ability to lower our city's greenhouse gas emissions. We want to lower emissions, not add a new source of them. Commercial air service will exacerbate the issue of transportation-caused greenhouse gas emission.
- 2) If Salem had a working Climate Action Plan, it would commit us to a goal to reduce our emissions and fossil fuel use. For example, the City of Eugene has pledged to reduce fossil fuel use throughout the city by 50% from 2010 levels by 2030. The State of Oregon is pledged to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in Oregon by 45% below 1990 levels by 2035. Salem's inaction on this account doesn't mean we should resurrect commercial air service. It obviously would not be consistent with an aggressive goal to reduce our emissions.
- 3) Please focus on transportation that is more friendly to the atmosphere. Please put your effort into more City electric vehicles, and enhancing mass transit.

Thank you very much,

Cora Clark
coraclark72@gmail.com

Amy Johnson

From: Daniel Rouslin <drouslin@willamette.edu>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 4:01 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Air service to Salem

Dear City Council,

I urge the council to learn from history and not pursue a Small Community Air Service Development Grant. Previous attempts to sustain air service in Salem have been short-lived. There simply is not a sustainable market here. Between the Covid 19 pandemic and increasing climate change, our transportation dollars would be much better spent on increasing and improving rail service.

But we have more important fish to fry, namely recovery of our local economy, especially aid to those who have lost work and may not get it back. Please consider prioritising help for those who were most affected by the shutting down of small businesses in Salem.

Thank you.

Daniel Rouslin
Ward 2

Amy Johnson

From: Jeanne Collins <traingal2@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 3:36 PM
To: citycouncil
Cc: CityRecorder
Subject: Former airline pilot opposed to Small Community Air Service Development Grant

Dear Salem City Council members,

I was a pilot for Horizon Air for a number of years, and I well remember the history of air service to Salem. At least three airlines have provided brief service to Salem, including United Airlines and Delta Airlines in addition to Horizon. In all three cases, service was initially subsidized, and in all three cases the loads did not support the service once the subsidies ended. I believe that it would be both foolish and irresponsible to use the very limited resources of the city to pursue this course for a fourth time, given that history clearly shows us that it can't work. As philosopher George Santyana said, those who cannot learn from history are destined to repeat it. I urge the council to learn from history and not pursue a Small Community Air Service Development Grant.

Respectfully,
Jeanne Collins
606 Wilbur St SE
Salem, OR

Amy Johnson

From: Jim & Jo <jimjohock@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 2:38 PM
To: citycouncil; CityRecorder
Subject: Salem air service

I am opposed to any agreement to begin air service to/from Salem, OR. This is a time to recoup our finances and rethink our future plans for city services. I think air service is way down on the list.

Jo Hockenhuill

1705 Church St. SE

Salem OR. 97302

Amy Johnson

From: Katherine Daniels <khdaniels51@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 4:06 PM
To: citycouncil
Cc: CityRecorder
Subject: Air Service Development Grant

Dear City Councilors,

I urge you to not authorize the submission of a grant application for commercial air service at Salem's airport. Commercial air service in Salem in the past has not been shown to be self-supporting once subsidies have ended, and there is even less reason now to think that commercial service could be sustainable. Nor could Salem afford to subsidize such service itself on top of its other many service obligations. Beyond this, there is no compelling reason for Salem to provide commercial air service, when the Portland International Airport is a little over an hour away. Finally, growing greenhouse gas emissions should be of concern to the Council, with a goal set to decrease, not increase potential new sources of emissions.

Thank you for your service and your consideration.

Sincerely,
Katherine Daniels
1662 Cottage St. SE
Salem, 97302

Amy Johnson

From: Laurie Dougherty <lauriedougherty@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 5:02 PM
To: citycouncil
Cc: CityRecorder
Subject: Opposing commercial air service in Salem

To Mayor Bennett and Salem City Council:

I am opposed to Salem applying for a Small Community Air Service Development (SCASD) Grant. Salem has started along the path of reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Encouraging more air traffic in Salem violates that goal. Even though city funds will not be used, the City of Salem will be an enabler of increased air traffic and emissions.

The minimum revenue guarantee specified in the term of the grant is a blatant subsidy to the airline industry and by extension to the fossil fuel industry. This misuse of funds from whatever level of government needs to stop.

Spend your time seeking funds for affordable housing, public transit, and safe infrastructure for walking and bicycling.

I notice that this request is linked to Ward 2. I used to live in Ward 2 under a flight path. There are already far too many low-flying aircraft over that neighborhood. They don't need any more.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Laurie Dougherty
Ward 1
728 Church St. #7
Salem OR 97301

Amy Johnson

From: Mady Kimmich <madykimmich@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 11:08 AM
To: citycouncil
Cc: CityRecorder
Subject: testimony related to Air Service grant application

Dear Salem City Council,

I am writing to request that the Salem City Council tonight take a stand in opposition to the proposed application for a Small Community Air Service Development Grant from the US Department of Transportation. My family has lived in Salem for over 25 years. The minimal commercial airline service available at McNary Field has never been an issue for us, and indeed now, with the movement restrictions related to the pandemic, commercial flights are clearly not needed. Life will be different when the COVID-19 concerns reduce later this year. It is not the time to invest in unnecessary development when so much of our existing commercial activity will need to be re-established in more sustainable ways. Less use of fossil fuels during the past two months has given us cleaner air, quieter neighborhoods, and the opportunity to reassess how we want to live. Please help the Salem community come together to discuss ways to be kinder to our earth and all the people on it, rather than assuming we all want and need to resume previous ways of doing business. Air travel will be very different after our pandemic experience. Let us be part of carefully rethinking what Salem and Oregon and the rest of our interconnected world really needs.

Sincerely yours,

Madeleine Kimmich
madykimmich@gmail.com
503-569-5266

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Amy Johnson

From: Richard Berger <RichardB@theneighborlyway.com>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 4:23 PM
To: CityRecorder
Cc: Elliott Pelfrey
Subject: Testimony
Attachments: Letter to Council 4-27-2020.pdf

Dear City Recorder,

Attached is testimony for the Council regarding item 3.b on the council agenda. Please distribute it to the Council.

All the best,

Richard



2925 RIVER RD. SOUTH, SUITE 100 | SALEM, OR 97302 | 503-990-8909 | WWW.THENEIGHBORLYWAY.COM

April 27, 2020

Mayor Bennett and Council Members
City of Salem
555 Liberty St SE
Salem, Oregon 97301

Via E-mail to: cityrecorder@cityofsalem.net

Re: North Campus TIF District

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

Neighborly Ventures, Inc. and Mountain West Investment Corp. are excited for the opportunity to develop a mixed income apartment project at the North Campus site near the center of Salem. This luxury project is part of a greater development that also includes a single-family home development. This project is scheduled to start construction this summer and has the support of both nearby neighborhood associations. The location of this development is a rare opportunity for greater density near Salem's core. It will offer short commutes to downtown and the Lancaster commercial district which gives a greater opportunity for increased use of multimodal transportation alternatives by its residents.

One of the most unique attributes of this apartment development is having a mix of both affordable units and market rate units in one complex. This format will be unique to Salem and we believe it will be a valuable asset to the greater Salem Community. Most development of affordable housing comes in the form of projects that have no market rate component and are usually built to serve only one level of affordability. Although these affordable only projects have their place, we are excited to do something new at the North Campus site by providing several levels of affordable housing as well as a substantial market rate component. Physically there will be no difference between the market rate and affordable units in the project. The affordable units will be spread throughout the project and will have the exact same high-end finishes and features expected in new modern apartment complexes. They will also have will have access to the onsite community center and the park like walking paths though the site. We intend the range of affordable units in the project to go from 80% to 40% Average Median Income (AMI) with an average of 60% AMI.

The proposal before you to form a TIF district, is the main mechanism to fund the affordable component of this project. Most other source that fund affordable housing require projects to be entirely affordable and generally require all units be at the same affordability level. The TIF funding has the flexibility to allow for the varied mix.

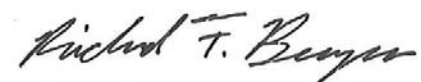
This TIF funding works by giving a portion of taxes paid by the property, back to the property owner in exchange for providing the affordable component. Since this property is currently state property and does not collect any property taxes, this proposal does not divert any current tax revenue away from local governments, it only adds revenue. It is important to note that a substantial portion of the property taxes paid by the owner will not be returned to the owner but will be passed to local governments. Under a recent change in state law, no tax money collected for local bonds goes to the TIF district, so that bond money will go to the school district, the city, and the others with outstanding bonds. The none bond taxes collected from the property owner will go to the TIF district, then from there, the district will collect a 3% administrative fee, and then finally the remainder of the funds will be passed back to the property owner.

Another important item for the Council to note, is that the exact number of affordable units in this project has not been set. Based on construction cost estimates in January, it was calculated that 10% of the units would be affordable. This number was the best guess at the time and assumed only 30 years of TIF funding not the 40 years of funding noted in the staff report calculations. The actual number of affordable units will be set in a development agreement with the City that will be finalized after the TIF district is created and once final construction bids are obtained. Neighborly Ventures and Mountain West are committed to providing the maximum amount of affordable housing that underwriting will permit. Our sincere hope is that construction costs will have gone down given the instability in the labor market and the final number of affordable units will be able to be increased from the 10% estimate.

We sincerely ask that the Council move the TIF district forward. We believe that this project supports the Council's strategic plan goals relating to affordable housing, public transportation, and environmental action. We are excited to do something innovative and impactful for the community in the City of Salem.

If you have any questions or need any information, please don't hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard T. Berger". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Richard" and last name "Berger" clearly legible.

Richard Berger
Director of Development
NEIGHBORLY VENTURES, INC.

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04/24/2020

CITY OF SALEM
MAYOR/CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Mayor Chuck Bennett, Salem City Recorder & City Council;

Re: Monday, Apr. 27, City Council Meeting
and Salem City Pioneer Cemetery Trail

I am opposed to a "cut-thru" trail
along the west fence line of the cemetery.

In this last year I have witnessed
a man and son playing catch with a ball
in the cemetery, (they could have easily
tripped over a stone), and young teen boys
climbing a tree. (How much more would
things like these happen with an open
trail through the cemetery?)

If there is a trail through the cemetery
there will be some children and bicyclists
unattended, due to some parents on the
telephone and not paying attention. Children
love to run through the plots and play
hide-and-seek behind stones, etc. Some
of the people truly care and respect
cemeteries. They could drive and/or
walk around - Park on Hoyt street
and enter through that entrance.

Does the City have enough funds to
keep up the repairs of the damage incurred
by the few that are disrespectful of Salem
and Oregon History held here?

04/24/2020

Please do not allow a walking path
along the west side of the Cemetery.

Respectfully,

Claudine Shaw

Volunteer, Pioneer Cemetery

Claudine Shaw

PO Box 3263, Salem 97302

3040 Loucks Ct NE, Salem 97306

Amy Johnson

From: Dixie Hall <dixhall@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 11:14 AM
To: CityRecorder
Subject: Pioneer cemetery...trail?

I have thought hard about this issue of putting a trail through the cemetery. It is a sanctuary of peace, hallowed ground and a significant piece of Salem history. I do respect that other people want to enjoy this treasure as well and anyone who wants to has access but I think we have to examine purpose. It is Not a park or playground or recreation spot. A lot of work has gone into repairs and restoration of this cemetery who would be the Guardians? With guardians? With the cemetery have a gate be secured in the evenings would the cemetery have a gate and be secured in the evenings? At this juncture I oppose the trail.

Dixie Hall
4293 Heavens Way S
Salem. 97302
Sent from my iPhone

Amy Johnson

From: Judith Norman <judy.l.norman@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 10:52 AM
To: CityRecorder
Subject: Pioneer Cemetery

I am writing to ask that NO TRAIL be constructed through the historic Pioneer Cemetery. This cemetery is among the most significant and meaningful parts of the history of Salem and a reflection of the courage and accomplishments of pioneers throughout our country!! PLEASE keep it preserved with respect and care AND quiet.

Sincerely, Dr. Judith Norman
4293 Heavens Way So.
Salem, OR 97302

Sent from my iPhone

Amy Johnson

From: Seth Nickerson <nicseth@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 11:27 AM
To: CityRecorder
Cc: Vanessa Nordyke
Subject: Statement in Support of Path through Pioneer Cemetery

We are writing in support of Councilor Nordyke's motion to study a potential path through Pioneer Cemetery. As residents of South Central Salem, one thing we love about our community is its beautiful, walkable neighborhoods. The proposed path would improve walkability by allowing pedestrians to travel between the Fairmount and Candalaria neighborhoods while avoiding the traffic, and accompanying noise and air pollution, of Commercial Street. We would wholeheartedly welcome this improvement.

We realize that this seems like a small matter when viewed in light of the ongoing pandemic. However, walking has been a source of comfort in these trying and uncertain times, and an important way to maintain our physical and mental health. We are certain that any efforts to make South Central Salem more pedestrian friendly would benefit residents for years to come.

We urge the Council to pass this motion and, eventually, approve the path through Pioneer Cemetery.

Thank you for your consideration.

Seth and Hannah Nickerson

FROM: SWAN Board
SENT: April 27, 2020
TO: Mayor Bennett and City Council

RE: Motion to study potential trail connection between Rural and Hoyt Avenues S in the vicinity of the Pioneer Cemetery.

The SWAN board is supportive of a study on connectivity between Rural and Hoyt but would ask that such a study not take place until the SWAN neighborhood association has had the opportunity to hold a meeting on this issue as it concerns the proposed site of Pioneer Cemetery which lies within its boundaries. Additionally, SWAN leadership was not included in the initial outreach efforts by city staff to properly publicize the stakeholder meetings with city staff on this issue. Our meeting in April was to provide this opportunity for SWAN neighbors to learn more about the cemetery from Elizabeth Potter, founder of Friends of Pioneer Cemetery, and to have further discussion on what the association feels should be considered as parameters in the proposed study. Unfortunately we had to cancel the meeting as the school where we meet was closed due to the virus.

We feel it is critical that our members be allowed the opportunity to voice their thoughts or concerns as many are highly invested in preserving, protecting and maintaining the Pioneer Cemetery historical site and may be able to offer more insight and alternatives which could prove beneficial prior to staff time being dedicated for this study.

In addition, when this study moves forward we want to ensure that it includes exploration and review of potential alternate pedestrian collector routes that do not go through the cemetery.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jeanine Stice
SWAN Board Chairman on behalf of SWAN board members

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Amy Johnson

From: Aaron Cooper <anmcooper@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 12:47 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Homeless camping in Cascades Gateway Park

Dear Council:

My wife and I are in our 80's. We both have issues with health and mobility. We were dismayed to see vehicles driving through the Green way. As our residence is located on the Northwest corner of the Paradise Island park, we feel this has greatly reduced our ability to protect our lives and property. The vehicles started after two huge cement blocks were removed from Turner Road that had served as a barrier. In the middle of this past week, my wife heard a man and woman talking right outside our home at 3:00 am. My wife did a visual check though the blinds all around the house and wasn't able to see anybody. Then slowly the voices grew further away. The next morning, we had nothing missing on the outside, this time. Sunday, a man with a backpack and two huge dogs walked though the green way to the park. We feel that our way of life will be greatly diminished with this change. Our Park Management has had to add a security company to protect us but it is a big park. This additional cost will certainly increase our monthly rent. We ask you would you want your mother or father, grand parents to find this threat outside their doors?

Aaron Cooper

To Whom It May Concern

Not in favor of homeless camping in our
city park.

Thank you

Anton & Anne Mack
3100 Turner Rd. S. E.
Salem, Oregon.
97302

TO: CITY COUNCIL OF SALEM

RE: HOMELESS IN CASCADE PARK

THERE HAVE BEEN SIGHTINGS HERE BY RESIDENTS HERE AT PARADISE ISLAND PARK (A 50 YEARS AND OVER ADULT RESIDENTIAL MOBILE HOME PARK) OF PEOPLE WHO QUITE OBVIOUSLY DOES NOT LIVE HERE.

WHY WOULD YOU NOT ONLY ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN, BUT ACTUALLY ENCOURAGE IT?

OUR TAX DOLLARS ASSIST IN MAINTAINING THE PARK AND IT IS A LOVELY AREA THAT MANY FOLKS BRING THEIR FAMILIES TO ENJOY NATURE AND FEED THE DUCKS AND GEESE AND PRACTICE THEIR FISHING SKILLS.

I DO NOT BELIEVE THESE KIDDOS NEED TO SEE NATURE IN THE GUISE OF PUBLIC NAKEDNESS, DRINKING, POT SMOKING, URINATION AND DEFECATION, AND THE SEX ACT IN PUBLIC. (WHAT KIND OF NATURE IS THIS TEACHING THEM?) GET THESE PEOPLE OUT OF CASCADE PARK AND ALL PUBLIC PARKS!

DO WHAT YOU WERE ELECTED TO DO! FIND THE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM, OR JUST SAY NO!!! I HAVE NO SYMPATHY FOR THEIR PLIGHT!

MRS. C.W. COLEMAN
3100 TURNER RD SE SP 616
SALEM, OREGON 973 02

4-25-78

Donald D. Dentey
3100 Turner Rd S.E. #334
Salem, Ore 97302

I don't understand how you could even
considering having homeless people camp in
our city park without at least 24hr
supervision and toilet facilities. This idea
would turn into a health issue.

Donald D. Dentey

In response to the city opening Cascade Gateway Park for Homeless Camping with no toilets or garbage is unthinkable. This is a minimum responsibility.

This presents a dangerous situation for the whole area. The only way for this kind of thing to have any chance is to have about 90% more structure.

How much this will change the area will be alarming. My wife and others shop at Walmart and Lowes, as well as other small shops in the area. This is not safe.

Dick & Doris Ramsey
#157 Paradise Island

It has been brought to my attention that the Salem city council is considering moving homeless campers to the Cascade Gateway Park. This appears to me to be an effort to move them from the public's view into a family use park without adequate bath room facilities and/or close monitoring. In addition this public use area is located just north of a senior citizens park that is already being harassed at night with petty thievery. I would suggest that you give consideration that the homeless be moved into the long vacant area south of Park Ave between Center St and D St where they would be more visible and can be more closely monitored. Thank you for your consideration.

George Manning

3100 Turner Rd SE Unit 620
Salem, Oregon

Amy Johnson

From: Glenn Million <gunsIng44@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 2:44 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Stay at Home Order

I do not support an extension of the stay at home order. I do support the Swedish model of a recommended stay at home order for the elderly and auto immune compromised as well as encouraging social distancing practices be put in place by businesses.

Lara Million
Ward 1

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

Amy Johnson

From: Judy Ferguson <fergie.je@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 3:30 PM
To: CityRecorder
Subject: Cascase Park

From: Judy Ferguson <fergie.je@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 26, 2020 7:32 PM
To: citycouncil <citycouncil@cityofsalem.net>
Subject: Cascades Park concern

Gentlemen and Ladies:

Your interest in allowing the homeless to live in Cascade Park is a terrible idea. Although homeless live in the area, this park is at the back door of our lovely 55+ senior community, Paradise Island. It is a huge concern for the safety of our residents. Please vote against this idea.

Thank you for your consideration,

Judith Ferguson

3100 Turner Rd, Unit 419

Salem, OR 97302

Attention: City Council
Salem, Oregon

We live close by Cascade Gateway
Park -

"Please" do not allow the
homeless to take over our Park -
as tax payers we do not want
to put-up with the garbage -
sewage - noise - they have become
a safety issue - we cannot
leave anything outside our homes -
or in locked sheds."

Let us live our twilight years in
peace and safety -

Thank-You

Amy-Joyce Turner #807
3100 Turner Rd. S.E.
Salem, OR. 97302

Amy Johnson

From: martha <martha@nonys.net>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 3:22 PM
To: CityRecorder
Subject: Tonight's Mtg RE Cascade Gateway Park

Please close Cascade Gateway Park to camping. I live in Paradise Island Park, which borders Cascade Park on it's South edge. Since late Feb, I have had 3 incidents at night that make me very uncomfortable, as a Senior Citizen. The 1st 2 incidents were reported to the police; and were cases of my vehicle being ransacked with property stolen from it, and an attempted forced entry into my home after dark. The 3rd incident, someone banged forcefully on the side of my house close to my bedroom window, also in the middle of the night.

Again, I've lived here for 9 years, and to have 3 incidents occurring in just a matter of a couple of weeks, was very disturbing to me. Paradise Island Park is a residential area ONLY for Senior Citizens, and to allow homeless camping so close to a known Senior living area, is at minimum, very negligent on the City's part!

Martha Ling, Lot #107

3100 Turner Rd SE

Salem, OR 97303

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Amy Johnson

From: Martha Ling <martha@nons.net>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 1:44 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Mtg tonight RE Cascade Gateway Park

Please close Cascade Gateway Park to camping. I live in Paradise Island Park, which borders Cascade Park on it's South edge. Since late Feb, I have had 3 incidents at night that make me very uncomfortable, as a Senior Citizen. The 1st 2 incidents were reported to the police; and were cases of my vehicle being ransacked with property stolen from it, and an attempted forced entry into my home after dark. The 3rd incident, someone banged forcefully on the side of my house close to my bedroom window, also in the middle of the night.

Again, I've lived here for 9 years, and to have 3 incidents occurring in just a matter of a couple of weeks, was very disturbing to me. Paradise Island Park is a residential area ONLY for Senior Citizens, and to allow homeless camping so close to a known Senior living area, is at minimum, very negligent on the City's part!

Martha Ling, Lot #107

Amy Johnson

From: Mary Supola <marysupola116@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 12:33 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Cascade Gateway homeless camps

Greetings from Paradise Island 55+ community,

We are all experiencing a once in a lifetime health pandemic. This pandemic to a much greater degree affects senior citizens in it's capacity to cause death.

This puts great stress on us residents that meet this criteria in this beautiful community of Paradise Island.

The decision to place tents and homeless camps in our city park directly adjacent to our community was not done, I'm certain with malice.

However, the result is malicious. We have experienced a surge in criminal activity and trespass since the camp was established. This has had a detrimental effect on all of us in Paradise Island.

The stress of contracting this deadly disease on top of feeling unsafe in our own homes compromises our immune system as well as our sense of safety and wellbeing.

I'm requesting that you find a different solution to the homeless crisis other than destroying the peace of our beautiful 55 + community.

Best regards.

Steve and Mary Supola
3100 Turner Road SE
#804
Salem, Oregon 97302

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

City Councilors:

It concerns me that the City of Salem has allowed the homeless to move into our beautiful Cascades Gateway Park. And especially right next to Paradise Island Park, which is an over 55 park with the majority of residents being older. It concerns me that since the homeless have moved into Cascades Gateway Park our fence has been cut twice and many things have "disappeared" from decks, back porches, cars and sheds, something that has been rare in the past. It has affected my sense of security and well being.

I realize this was done in answer to the coronavirus pandemic and I realize these folks have to have somewhere to go. I agree with Mr. Cory Poole that the solution would be for the homeless to be restricted to the north end of the park and thus create a buffer between the homeless camps and Paradise Island Park.

Please give this solution consideration.

Pat Richter
3100 Turner Road, S.E. #415
Salem, OR 97302\\

4-26-20

Dear City Council

To others who have enjoyed Cascade Park for many years, Cascade was not just for some, but everyone. Fishing, Frisbee, and dog park should be ~~as available~~ to all that want to use them.

But Agents pushing the people with out shelter "again" out of the park entirely. Please be human by using the North-over the bridge for these Encampment.

Most of my greatgrandchildren are in grade school. I would like to tell my eleven grandchildren & 5 greatgrands, that Salem has a caring heart with respect to those who are without shelter.

Please let us know how we can help in this ender. Many are ready to help!

Patsy Smith
Salem, Ore.
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4-26-20

Cory - if you feel so ~~inclined~~^{ok} inclined to
check or change my spelling. I feel
quite emotional about Cascade. Years of
walking and Birding + yes a fishing too.

Cascade over the bridge is the first
place that I saw a big brown horned owl
up close and a surprised was I! I backed
up very quietly. The next weeks hard winds
took the nest apart. But not forgotten.

Amy Johnson

From: Stan & Sharon <stanshar@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 10:36 AM
To: CityRecorder
Subject: HOMELESS

It is our understanding that you are going to open Cascades Gateway Park for homeless camping. WE STRONGLY OPPOSE THIS. There is no sanitary or garage facilities there. There is also no supervision. We live in Paradise Island Park next door to Cascade Park . It will be just a matter of time before they start filtering in here. We are not heartless but along with the homeless also comes filth, thievery and sometimes violence. WE are seniors and do not have the ability to protect ourselves as we once did. We do not have a good solution but having an un supervised camp that close to our home is very scary for us.

Stan and Sharon Peterson
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Salem, OR. 97302

Amy Johnson

From: noreply@cityofsalem.net on behalf of pbjstarck@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 4:53 PM
To: CityRecorder
Subject: Contact City Recorder
Attachments: ATT00001.bin

Your Name	Barbara Starck
Your Email	pbjstarck@gmail.com
Your Phone	5035590875
Street	3100 Turner Road SE, #210
City	Salem
State	OR
Zip	97302
Message	<p>My concern is the change in the use of Cascade Gateway Park. Shortly after overnight camping was allowed there, we had multiple break-ins in our senior community park, Paradise Island. On April 3rd, 2020 around 3AM our car, storage unit, and back porch area of our home were ransacked and robbed. Irregardless of the cost of the damages, our sense of security has been seriously compromised. Since that night, there have been many more "wandering" strangers on Turner Road and in our immediate neighborhood. There have been strangers tripping security lights at night around us and we have seen men walking in our green area who are not residents of the Park. There have been fires, camp-type and larger bon-type very near the park boundaries. Should this continue into the dry summer season, fire danger to our homes will be a REAL concern. We do not feel safe or secure with the changes brought into our neighborhood by alterations to the use of Cascade Gateway Park and ask the Salem City Council to find a different solution to the homeless situation in our city.</p>

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