

From: [Joan Lloyd](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#); [citycouncil](#); [Lisa Anderson-Ogilvie](#)
Subject: Fwd: D Street Community Park
Date: Friday, February 25, 2022 12:54:41 PM

City Council and Lisa Anderson-Ogilvie,

I feel strongly that the D Street Community Park should be in the Northeast Neighbors Neighborhood Association because NEN has a larger population and less acreage of recreational area than NESCA. The NEN/SESNA Neighborhood Plan advocated for the space which is now the D Street Community Park, then owned by the State of Oregon, to be open.

You have received information about the loss of park space in NEN and that NEN Board members and other residents have spent many volunteer hours caring for McRae and Englewood, our two remaining parks. I want to inform you about the efforts of the NEN Board a few years ago when I was Chair to gain park space.

We had asked the City about acquiring more park area and were told that there was no land owned by Salem that could be used for that purpose. Therefore, we decided to try other other institutions. Four board members testified at a Salem-Keizer School Board meeting to request allotment of a small area of unused weed-covered dirt illustrated with photos at Barrick Field to be used for some playground equipment. We even suggested that the area be part of the land swap between the City and the school district in order for that piece to be one of the municipal parks, but that didn't happen. We were contacted by Michael Wolfe who said that after the plan was made for the renovation of Barrick Field which included restrooms, new bleachers, etc., he would contact us to tell us if there were a spot for a small playground. There were two possibilities but the cost to NEN would be \$50,000. Yes, fifty thousand dollars! NEN didn't have that kind of money, not even close!!! So Barrick Field was no longer a feasible site.

A NEN Board member approached Mike Paluszak, the CEO of the Oregon State Fair about designating a small location near the houses on the south side of the field used for parking for recreation but they didn't want to lose any of their "parking lot."

Now the City of Salem has almost six acres dedicated to be a park and should consider it to be in NEN. It is the perfect resolution for restoring some of our lost recreational space.

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Subject: February 28 Council Agenda 2., Public Comment on "D" Street Park, N.Campus
Date: Sunday, February 27, 2022 10:56:02 PM
Attachments: [NEN park and recreational space lost.pdf](#)
[5 NEN Parks Features Lost.rtf](#)

Honorable Salem City Councillors and Mayor Bennett

I am Ken Simila, Salem resident homeowner @ 1810 20th St. NE, Salem OR 97301.
I have lived in Salem 73 years and resided in the NEN Neighborhood for 72 years. I currently serve as Vice-Chair of the NEN Neighborhood Association, and have been a NEN Board Member for 27 years.

I am addressing the new City Parkland that was purchased by the City of Salem between 23rd and 25th Streets NE along "D" Street NE. For reasons that follow, the Board of NEN feels that the Neighborhood Association Boundary at the former State Hospital North Campus site should run north-south through the middle of the new "D" Street Park.

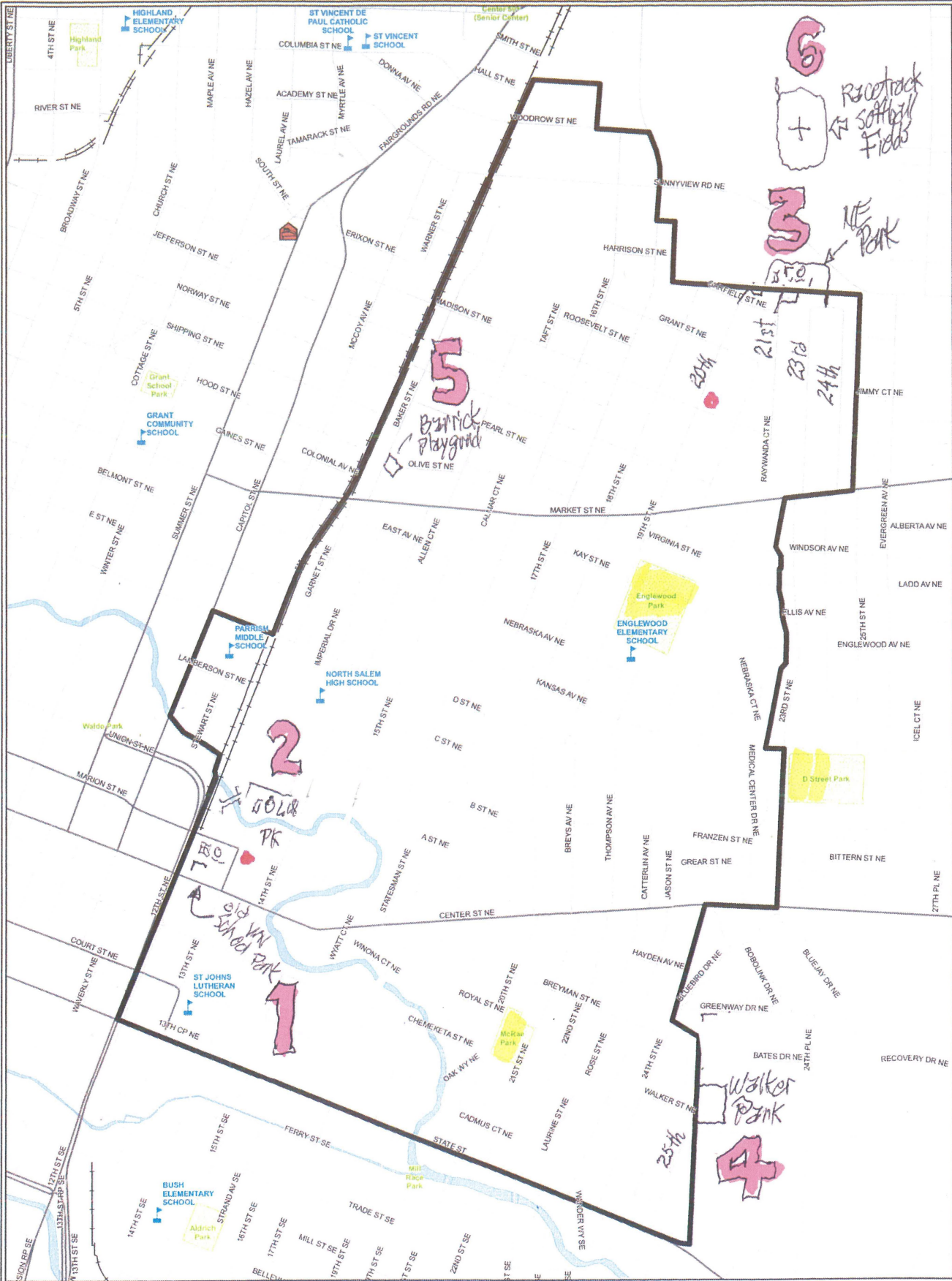
There is current precedence established for this "shared park" boundary between Salem Neighborhood Associations. The Salem Deepwood Museum and Garden Park property is shared by both the SCAN and SESNA Neighborhood Associations. From Mission Street south the **SCAN-SESNA boundary** runs through the Deepwood Park property not along a street or any obvious feature.

The NEN neighborhood has historic homes and structures dating back to before the 1890's. As the neighborhood grew out, seven public recreational sites were created throughout the neighborhood. Since 1950, however **FIVE** of these recreational "park-like" sites have been taken away. Attachment A is a map showing the location of these FIVE removed "park" sites in NEN. In the past I, my wife, my siblings, and my sons all have played, recreated and picnicked in these locations along with many other NEN neighborhood residents.

Attachment B is an inventory listing of the recreational features removed from the NEN Neighborhood when these FIVE "Park" sites were lost as public recreation places for NEN and other Salem residents.

For these reasons, NEN residents feel the new "D" street Community Park should be shared by both adjacent Neighborhood Associations. The Park would not be cut in half to become two separate parks. It would remain one Park, just like Deepwood is one Park. This approach would not change how the park is administered by city staff. Rather it would widen citizen inputs for an important community resource. NEN has a long history of cooperation with its adjacent neighborhood associations and the Salem Parks Board and Parks Foundation.

Respectfully, Ken Simia, Vice Chair, NEN Board



Legend

- Neighborhood Boundary
- Urban Growth Boundary

- Outside Salem City Limits
- Parks

- Fire Stations
- Schools

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ATTACHMENT B. To Ken Simila, Testimony 2/28/22
INVENTORY LISTING OF ELIMINATED PUBLIC RECREATION SPACES
IN SALEM'S **NEN** NEIGHBORHOOD, WITH USER FEATURES LOST

1) Old Washington School Site at Center St. NE - Marion St NE; 12th St. NE - 13th St. NE. Note: In use 1918-1950

USER FEATURES LOST: a) softball field b) climbing "jungle gym" c) triple swing set d) triple chinning bars e) metal self propelled merry-go-round f) tether ball pole g) metal ten foot high slide h) two basketball standards with oval metal backboards, i) two rest rooms on ground floor of the building j) three picnic tables in the NW corner grove of fir trees

2) Olinger Pool Park Site at 1200 block of "A" Street NE along north bank of Mill Creek. Note: In use from 1938 - 1985

USER FEATURES LOST: a) two softball fields & six tennis courts b) climbing "jungle gym" c) triple swing set d) triple chinning bars e) metal self propelled merry-go-round f) tether ball pole g) metal ten foot high slide h) two rest rooms on ground floor of the building i) twelve picnic tables in the SW & NE and SE corners in groves of fir and white oak trees

3) NorthEast Park Site at SE Corner of Oregon State Fairgrounds all-grass south parking lot Note: In use from 1965 - 1980

(Access from NEN was via two public paved public pedestrian/bike paths from the ends of 21st St. NE and 23rd/24th St. NE.) After 1985 Sunnyview Ave NE was extended east, paved and opened to the public for the first time from 17th St. NE to Evergreen St. Sunnyview Ave. NE is 100 yards north of the former park site.

NOTE: On a city-owned lot behind 1999 Garfield St. NE two public concrete block restrooms were erected by the city for NE park users year-around.

USER FEATURES LOST: a) a softball field with a chain link backstop b) climbing "jungle gym" c) triple swing set d) triple chinning bars e) metal self propelled merry-go-round f) two basketball standards with oval metal backboards, g) two spring-mounted riding toys h) tether ball pole i) metal ten foot high slide j) two city-owned rest rooms k) two picnic tables behind the backstop

4). Walker Park Site at corner of 25th St. NE and Walker St. NE at NW corner of Oregon State Penitentiary and SW corner of Oregon State Hospital Grounds. Note: in use from 1946 -1978

USER FEATURES LOST: a) softball field b) three picnic tables c) two porta potties d) running drinking water from a single pipe with faucet

5) Children's Playground Site, 1400 Baker St. NE/1305 Olive St. NE at SW corner of Barrick Field behind south backstop of the Fast-pitch Baseball Diamond. Note: In use from 1970 -1995

USER FEATURES LOST: a) two spring-mounted riding toys b) small slide c) rope climbing pyramid d) two picnic tables e) single rest room f) drinking water from a water fountain

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From: [THOMAS L SMITH](#)
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Subject: Agenda Item 3.2d, City Council Meeting 2/28/22
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Mayor Bennett and City Councilors,

I am writing in support of the recommendation to add the north campus of the state hospital property including D Street Park into the NESCA N.A. For several years when I was Chairperson of NESCA, this was discussed. NESCA supported that when this property was developed it would become part of the neighborhood association when I was Chairperson.

After reading the letters from NEN, I am disappointed that there is an argument over this boundary. It is a logical following the current boundary south from Market Street and extending it to Center Street along 23rd Avenue. Moving the boundary east to split the park and the north campus does not make sense

I also want to speak to the parkland issue. NEN is including Geer Park in the NESCA park total. While Geer Park is technically inside the NESCA boundary at the far south end of the N.A., it is a Community Park which serves not only NESCA but the entire city. If you look at strictly neighborhood parks, NESCA currently has less parkland than NEN. Even though D Street Park would be considered inside the NESCA boundary, it would still be adjacent to the NEN boundary. When I was chairperson of a N.A., information regarding city properties on existing boundaries were noticed to all neighborhoods sharing the boundary.

Thank you for your time and I ask for your support of the staff recommendation on this issue.

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