

Ruth Stellmacher

From: Jessica Amos <souldocent@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2020 2:17 PM
To: CityRecorder; citycouncil
Subject: Testimony | Agenda Item 6d | City Counsel Mtg 6/22

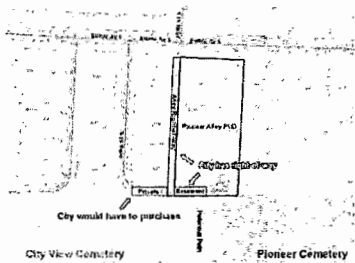
Hello,

I hope this finds you well and thriving.

My name is Jessica Amos. I live at 2030 John St. S in the Fairmount neighborhood in Salem as part of the Pioneer Ally community of neighbors.

I'm writing to give testimony concerning item **6d: A Pedestrian Connection Between Candalaria and Fairmount Neighborhoods** on the City Council Meeting Agenda for Monday June 22, 2020.

I looked at the attached maps on the meeting agenda and the map presented in option 3 - Possible Connections into Fairmount Neighborhood - is **wrong and misleading**.



The Planned Development I live in would be bisected by the proposed path, creating public access into my backyard.

First, creating public access into my backyard makes me feel very unsafe and uncomfortable in my own home.

The proposed path would make it hard to reliably know whether someone in my backyard is a member, or guest, of the community I share yard space with, or if it's a random person just passing through.

The danger of having unknown people exploring my private space any time of day or night is disconcerting. There is not public access to my backyard currently, and I would like it to remain that way, for my own sense of safety.

As a mother with two children, it also concerns me greatly that the community I live in, as well as my council members, have not considered the impact this pathway would have on my family as an equal member of the Fairmount community.

I love my home and the shared community of neighbors I live with in Salem's first Pocket Neighborhood since the early 1900s. This is a space worth honoring, respecting and preserving. If not for the community itself, but the families who have made a home here.

Second, I have already been a victim of several car break-ins and have had more than one package stolen off my front porch. I have talked to several other neighbors who have had the same experience on multiple occasions.

I am concerned that with a significant increase in traffic by my house, there would be even more opportunity for this sort of violation. **Which again, does not make me feel safe.**

Third, the turnaround congestion on my tiny, dead end street is already a challenge.

I can't tell you how many times a day someone currently uses my driveway as a turnaround. My kids and I joke that we should charge people for the use of our driveway. I don't see that getting any better with this proposed plan.

It's difficult to write this because I would love to be able to walk a safe path, in a quiet place, from here to LifeSource, or the houses of my friends in Candalaria. It's truly a wonderful thing for our two communities to want.

However, the proposed plan would greatly impact my family in negative ways that do not make me feel comfortable in my own home.

I ask you to please reconsider a plan that honors and respects the privacy, and safety, of my family + close neighbors.

You are welcome to contact me directly at souldocent@gmail.com or 503-569-1173 if you would like to ask me any more questions about my concerns.

Thank you for your time + consideration.

Sincerely,

Jessica Amos

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From: EVAN WHITE <epwhitehouse@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, June 20, 2020 3:18 PM
To: CityRecorder
Subject: Candalaria-Fairmount Pedestrian Connection, 6/22/2020 City Council Meeting, Agenda Item #6d

The six options in the staff report are: (1) do nothing, (2) ensure that nothing ever will be done, (3) require a half-mile detour along Commercial Street, (4) construct an inconvenient trail from Crestview to Rural -- if that is even possible, (5) construct a connecting trail through Pioneer Cemetery, (6) buy an easement at a fair price from City View Cemetery for a direct connection to John Street.

The only attractive options are (5) and (6), which would require that a third gate be locked every night and opened in the morning, as is the current practice for both cemeteries.

A lot of energy was spent working on a proposed third bridge over the Willamette. It would be nice to see staff put the same energy into making a neighborhood connecting trail possible.

I hope that Council will direct staff to pursue Option #6.

Thank you for your service,

Evan White
Land Use Chair, Sunnyslope NA

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From: noreply@cityofsalem.net on behalf of emcnicho@willamette.edu
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 12:41 AM
To: CityRecorder
Subject: Contact City Recorder
Attachments: ATT00001.bin

Your Name	Erin M McNicholas
Your Email	emcnicho@willamette.edu
Your Phone	5033027273
Street	470 Rural St S
City	Salem
State	OR
Zip	97301
Message	<p>Regarding Agenda Item 6.d for June 22, 2020 I live in a small pocket neighborhood with several homes sharing a communal back yard space. This is the area my children play badminton, neighbors tend a communal garden, and we all gather (now 6 feet apart) to visit over a fire pit. Our common backyard creates a unique sense of community I have not found anywhere else. The Possible Connections into Fairmount Neighborhood misrepresents this space. The "Alley Right of Way" shown on the map cuts right through this communal space. If you came to visit our neighborhood, you would see the designated space is NOT an alley or public right of way, but rather a communal backyard green space. Creating a path here would sever our community in half and destroy the kind of neighborhood community that we should all be working to develop more of. I strongly urge the council not to approve a pedestrian path connecting Fairmount neighborhood to Hoyt street along this path. It seems needlessly destructive, especially given John St., with its sidewalks, is just a few feet away. My understanding is that while the land is owned by the City, it has only been used as an easement for a water line from the Fairmount Reservoir to the Candalaria area, and has never been a public thoroughfare. As someone who regularly walks from my home to my best friend's house on Hansen Ave, I don't see a need for a Pedestrian connection. Walking down to Commercial and then up Hoyt is really not far out of my way and does not discourage people from exploring the neighborhood. While I use the Commercial path, there is also Fairmount Park Trail. If the city is looking for ways to improve connections between these neighborhoods, improving the Fairmount Park Trail with better signage would be much prettier and more enticing path than cutting through the City View and Pioneer Cemeteries. Please, do not destroy the community I and my children have found among this unique group of neighbors sharing a common backyard space. Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely, Erin McNicholas</p>

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From: Kabe Reynolds <kabemoss@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 8:14 AM
To: CityRecorder; citycouncil
Subject: Letter for 6-22-20 Agenda 6.d
Attachments: 6.22.20 - Letter to Oppose Pathway - K Reynolds.docx

Good morning -

Please find below, and attached, my opposition to the proposed pedestrian/bike pathway (Agenda item 6.d).

Thank you,

Kabe Reynolds
kabemoss@gmail.com

June 21, 2020

TO: Mayor & City Council

FROM: Kathryn Moss Reynolds

RE: Item 6.d - A pedestrian connection between Candalaria and Fairmount neighborhoods.

I am writing on behalf of my father, Dave Moss, who passed away in 2015.

My father began his home-building work with the goal of creating sustainable community. He wanted to take places that were unloved, or run-down, and build homes that people would want to live in. In the Pioneer Alley LLC PUD, each home makes sense for the occupant inside and works with the surrounding land. He took pride in making each home unique to the lot. These were no cookie-cutter homes where windows look directly into the neighbor's bathroom because "that's how the model is laid out". These are homes that fit into the property.

I tell you this because you will hear people quoting his 2005 request to create a pedestrian/bike pathway. He had created a multi-home community layout with the pathway as an integral part. He worked hard to make the path a reality and was opposed by City View Cemetery, the SCAN Board of Directors, the SCAN Bike Advisory Committee and the Friends of Pioneer Cemetery.

With the pedestrian/bike path proposal blocked, he redesigned the community to create more open space while preserving the original trees, and, as always, make each home fit best into the lot. This community has been a model of development. **A new pathway, as suggested, would tear through the communal space that is an essential and treasured part of the Pioneer Alley PUD community.**

Forcing a new pedestrian pathway through the community is a measure too late and destroys the legacy of community that my father worked tirelessly to build. On his behalf, I strongly advise that the vacated alley remain vacated and no pedestrian pathway inserted, as has been determined by 3 previous Councils.

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From: Pat Moss <scoutmoss@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 9:25 AM
To: CityRecorder; citycouncil
Subject: Pathway Letter - 6-22-20 Council Meeting
Attachments: 6.22.20 - P Moss Opposed Pathway.docx

Dear Council Members –

Please find attached my letter in opposition to the proposed bike/pedestrian pathway connecting Candalaria and Fairmount neighborhoods.

Thank you,

Patricia Moss
1510 Fairmount Ave S

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

June 22, 2020

Mayor Anderson & City Council Members:

My name is Patricia Moss. I live on Fairmount Ave S. My husband, Dave Moss, created the Pioneer Alley Planned Unit Development (PUD) with his partner Kathy Dewoina.

Dave was a local community member in the Fairmount Ave Neighborhood. Throughout his time living in Fairmount, he gave his heart and soul to building a strong community and improving both his personal property and community-accessible areas. He saw the Pioneer Alley PUD as an opportunity to be part of the local business development and give back to the community by creating beautiful quality homes that neighbors would want to live in.

This was a project of love for Dave. He worked hands-on every day to create a legacy to the community he loved. He poured blood (sometimes literally!), sweat and tears into realizing his vision. This is a community-directed development; not an external project brought in by external developers that do not understand preserving the beauty of the neighborhood. Local ownership means local oversight and quick response to concerns raised by tenants and neighbors. It means that the developer (Dave and Kathy) have had a tangible and emotional incentive to creating something that isn't a profit-generator, but community of homes.

The Pioneer Alley PUD has been a model of a new type of community development. Dave redesigned the layout to incorporate green space and communal areas. In the years that he worked on the PUD, the City had asked him to speak with other inquiring developers to share how he created a new PUD that fit within the neighborhoods. Dave focused on reconstructing derelict properties that were an eyesore and danger to neighboring property. One of the houses formerly on the property now owned by Pioneer Ally LLC had burned and was left to the rats. He replaced the unlivable building with a beautiful home. This PUD is a testament to his legacy of creating beautiful and affordable properties. Renters in Pioneer Alley PUD are long-term tenants that value the homes like their own property. These are homes built with quality in mind, not quantity.

Creating a pedestrian pathway straight through the middle of the Pioneer Alley PUD tears apart the communal space and destroys the quality of the homes. The communal space is a KEY and necessary aspect of a PUD and is part of the beauty of the neighborhood.

I oppose the plan to insert a pedestrian walkway through the communal space. It would be a destruction of the community and of the legacy into which Dave poured his love and service to this community.

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From: Jeanine Stice <nutritionetcetera@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 10:09 AM
To: Irma Dowd; Julie Warncke
Cc: citycouncil
Subject: Neighborhood Association Communication re: Hoyt Cemetery Path

Good Morning Irma & Julie,

I am writing to see if there is a way to improve communication regarding city reports and information reaching the SWAN Neighborhood Association in a more direct manner. It has come to my attention the Staff Report was not included with the hyperlinks I received last Friday when some of our board members attempted to use the links to review it.

" The informational staff report regarding a possible pedestrian connection between Candalaria and Fairmount neighborhoods is on the agenda for City Council on Monday, June 22 (this is also referred to as Rural-Hoyt Trail Connection or Pioneer Cemetery Trail). The report is available at: <https://salem.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=4574775&GUID=5A2B9B0A-A34A-4DCD-9BDA-D643DEF4D4D5>. This report is provided in response to a motion approved by City Council on April 27 (for that report, see: <https://salem.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=4426394&GUID=F9DE591B-8C46-49AD-8AF0-E22A501A20C8>). Note that this meeting will be entirely virtual as described on the City web page at the link below. Public comment can be provided by email to cityrecorder@cityofsalem.net – please include the topic or agenda item (6.d) in your email so the City Recorder knows which agenda item is being referenced. Communications received in advance of the April 27 report are included in the record (Attachment 6 to the June 22 staff report).

If it weren't for it being forwarded directly to me from Elizabeth Potter, I would not have been able to forward it to them to review over the weekend. Over the weekend, I was copied on an email from Evan White, (sunnyslope) who had also read the report and accessed it from some source. And this morning I received an email noting there was extensive communication on the report in a bike blog post : <http://breakfastonbikes.blogspot.com/2020/06/city-council-june-22-problem-of-cemetery-path-connection.html>

Frankly, it is a bit frustrating as the Neighborhood Chair of the neighborhood association the land is directly in to continually receive information on this important project indirectly, and after others in the community have received and accessed the information. SWAN have received a wide variety of opinions on this issue for two decades, and have continually been at the table with vested interest. Is there something that can be done to insure all NAs receive these reports at the same time they are released to the public? The fact the breakfast blog post is so in depth in it's coverage seems to indicate they had time to review it thoroughly before they posted it Friday, while I had only received the agenda links by 9:30am Friday morning void of the report.

Thank you for your help with this.

Sincerely,
Jeanine Stice
SWAN Board Chair

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To: CityRecorder; citycouncil
Subject: RE: Pathway Letter - 6-22-20 Council Meeting
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