

Staff Report

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TO: Mayor and City Council
THROUGH: Steve Powers, City Manager
FROM: Vanessa Nordyke, Councilor, Ward 7

SUBJECT:

Motion from Councilor Nordyke requesting additional information on two potential trail connections between Candalaria and Fairmount neighborhoods.

Ward(s): 7

Councilor(s): Nordyke

Neighborhood(s): SCAN, SWAN, and Sunnyslope

Result Area(s): Welcoming and Livable Community.

MOTION:

I move that City Council direct staff to submit a report to City Council that provides additional information regarding two potential pedestrian paths linking Candalaria and Fairmount neighborhoods between Hoyt Street S and Rural Avenue S: (1) a path through Pioneer Cemetery that connects the two neighborhoods; and (2) a path connecting the two neighborhoods that includes City View Cemetery. The report will include a summary of the issues, constraints, and options for the two potential paths. The report will also provide planning-level estimates of the costs of constructing the two paths not including potential expenses related to acquiring property or easements. During the course of their research, staff will discuss the two options with representatives of City View Cemetery and Pioneer Alley, LLC, and summarize the results of these conversations to Council in the report.

DISCUSSION:

The City's *Transportation System Plan* and *Comprehensive Parks System Master Plan* identify a potential trail connection between Rural and Hoyt Avenues S, subject to further study. In an information report presented to Council on June 22, 2020, staff presented facts and findings, summarized the 35-year history of Council's actions related to a path through Pioneer Cemetery, and presented six options for Council consideration for a pedestrian connection between Candalaria and Fairmount neighborhoods (Attachment 1). This motion directs staff to provide additional information on two of those options, identified as Option 5 (Construct a connection through Pioneer Cemetery)

and Option 6 (Construct a connection that includes City View Cemetery) in the report.