



## Urban Renewal Agency West Salem Redevelopment Board (WSRAB)

April 3, 2024  
7:30 A.M.– 9 A.M. In-person  
350 Commercial Street NE

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### **PARTICIPANTS**

#### Board Members

Samantha Ross (Chair); John Hannam (Vice Chair); Thomas Crozier; Jeremy Mackay; Ashley Morey; Mark Smith; *Open at-large*; *Open business/property owner RDURA*; *Open resident in the WSURA*

#### Staff

Tory Banford, Project Manager; Lynda Rose, Office Supervisor; Margarita Perez Staff Assistant.

### **AGENDA**

1. Welcome and call to order
2. Approval of agenda
3. Approval of the March 6, 2024, minutes
4. Public comment (appearance of persons wishing to address the Board on any matter other than those which appear on this agenda)
5. Action item
  - i. None
6. Discussion items
  - i. Draft criteria for a permanent art sculpture on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street NW (Tory Banford/All – 20 min)
  - ii. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street NW construction progress update (Tory Banford/All – 15 min)
  - iii. Sign and other opportunity project information (Tory Banford/All - 15 min)
  - iv. Latest from West Salem organizations (All – 10 min)
  - v. Next meeting topics (All – 5 min)
7. Adjourn

This meeting is in-person only, no virtual participation is possible. Interested persons may view the meeting online on [YouTube](#). Please submit written comments on agenda items, or pre-register to provide Public Comment on items not on the agenda, by 5 p.m. or earlier one day prior to the day of the meeting at [wsrab@cityofsalem.net](mailto:wsrab@cityofsalem.net)

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## MINUTES WEST SALEM REDEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD

Wednesday, March 06, 2024, 7:30 a.m.  
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### **OPENING EXERCISES**

**ROLL CALL:** Samantha Ross, Ashley Morey, Thomas Crozier, Mark Smith

**Absent:** John Hannam, Jeremy Mackay

**Staff:** Tory Banford, Lynda Rose, Margarita Perez

#### **1. Election of Chair:**

**Nominated by:** Board Member Smith

**Seconded by:** Board Member Crozier

**Action:** Appointed Samantha Ross as WSRAB Chair

**Vote:** Aye: Unanimous **MOTION PASSED**

**CALL TO ORDER: Chair Ross: 7:39 a.m.**

#### **2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion:** Move to approve the agenda for March 06, 2024, as presented.

**Motion by:** Board Member Morey

**Seconded by:** Board Member Crozier

**Action:** Approved

**Vote:** Aye Unanimous **MOTION PASSED**

#### **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion:** Move to approve the minutes for January 03, as presented.

**Motion by:** Board member Crozier

**Seconded by:** Board Member Smith

**Action:** Approved

**Vote:** Aye Unanimous **MOTION PASSED**

#### **4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

a. None

#### **5. ACTION ITEMS**

a. None

#### **6. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

a. Parks statement on West Salem facilities update: Tory Banford  
Questions/Comments: Ross, Morey, Smith & Crozier

b. Updates on unhoused resources and challenges in West Salem and city-wide: Gretchen Bennett/All  
Questions/Comments: Crozier, Ross, Morey, & Banford

- c. Latest from West Salem organizations updates: All  
Questions/Comments: Ross, Banford, Crozier, & Smith
- d. Next meeting topics: All

**ADJOURN** 8:35 a.m.

**Next Meeting:** April 03, 2024 (in person)

## RE: Park Questions from West Salem Redevelopment Advisory Board

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Robert Romanek

Tory Banford

, Aaron Kimsey [aaron.kimsey@salem.net](mailto:aaron.kimsey@salem.net)

Wed, Jan 31, 2024, 3:55 PM

Proposed Parks.pdf

Tory,

Thanks for your patience. Here are the requested updates for the West Salem Redevelopment Advisory Board.

### New parks in west Salem

- As a general trend, Park development timelines are extending out. It is primary an issue of capital cost – we've seen construction costs escalate over the past few years; however, the City also has a General Fund revenue issue effecting Parks Operations and new parks need to be maintained and operated.
- The next park in west Salem scheduled for a major development project is Eagle's View, a neighborhood park located at 451 Eagles Wing St NW. I anticipate construction will start in 2028 or 2029, based on the funding forecast included in the Capital Improvement Plan.
- Park predevelopment efforts include the following.
  - Through the City's contract with Friends of Trees, volunteers planted approximately 45 trees at Eagle's View Park this past fall.
  - A similar tree planting event will be held at Ellen Lane Park on February 10<sup>th</sup>.
  - Parks staff will be starting a riparian restoration effort at Eagle's View Park this year.
- Parks Planning staff are actively exploring opportunities to acquire a new park property, to be located east of Wallace Road NW. This acquisition would fulfill a need identified in the Comprehensive Park System Master Plan as Proposed Neighborhood Park #30 (NP 30). For more context, see the attached map.

### Other Park Improvements

Thanks to the voter approved Safety and Livability Bond passed in 2022, the City has a ten-year plan to upgrade existing parks throughout Salem. The following is a list of projects in west Salem.

- Brush College Park Playground Rehabilitation and Equipment Replacement
- Orchard Heights Park Picnic Shelter Development
- Orchard Heights Park Softball Field Renovations

[@Aaron Kimsey](#) Can you provide any detail on when these projects are slated to go to construction?

### Restrooms at West Salem Park

West Salem Park is classified as a Neighborhood Park, meaning the City plans for it to serve nearby residents with local access to basic recreation resources. While permanent restrooms are not normally provided in neighborhood parks, West Salem Park is one of several older parks that have one. In order to provide a consistent level of service across the City, the 2013 Comprehensive Park System Master Plan recommends removal of the restroom at the end of it useful life and, following removal, deployment of a season chemical toilet as needed.

In 2023, the West Salem Neighborhood Association's Park Chair, Linda Bierly reached out to the City and requested a meeting with several west Salem community partners. In that meeting, community partners shared a desire to replace the restroom and a wiliness to help fund raise. In acknowledging the value the community

places on the summer concert series hosted at the park, Parks Planning suggested that the City pursue a grant to fund approximately half of the cost to replace the structure once community partners raise the other half of the cost, which would match a grant aware to fully fund the project.

City staff have nearly completed a cost estimate, which community partners need to set a fundraising goal.

Thanks,

**Rob Romanek**  
*Parks Planning Manager*  
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Aaron Kimsey  
Robert Romanek, Tory Banford [tbanford@cityofsalem.net](mailto:tbanford@cityofsalem.net)  
Thu, Feb 1, 2024, 4:40 PM

Tory,

Here is the current schedule for the Bond related projects in West Salem:

- Brush College Park Playground Rehabilitation and Equipment Replacement – Construction 2029
- Orchard Heights Park Picnic Shelter Development – Construction 2031
- Orchard Heights Park Softball Field Renovations – Construction 2031

-Aaron | 503-588-6211

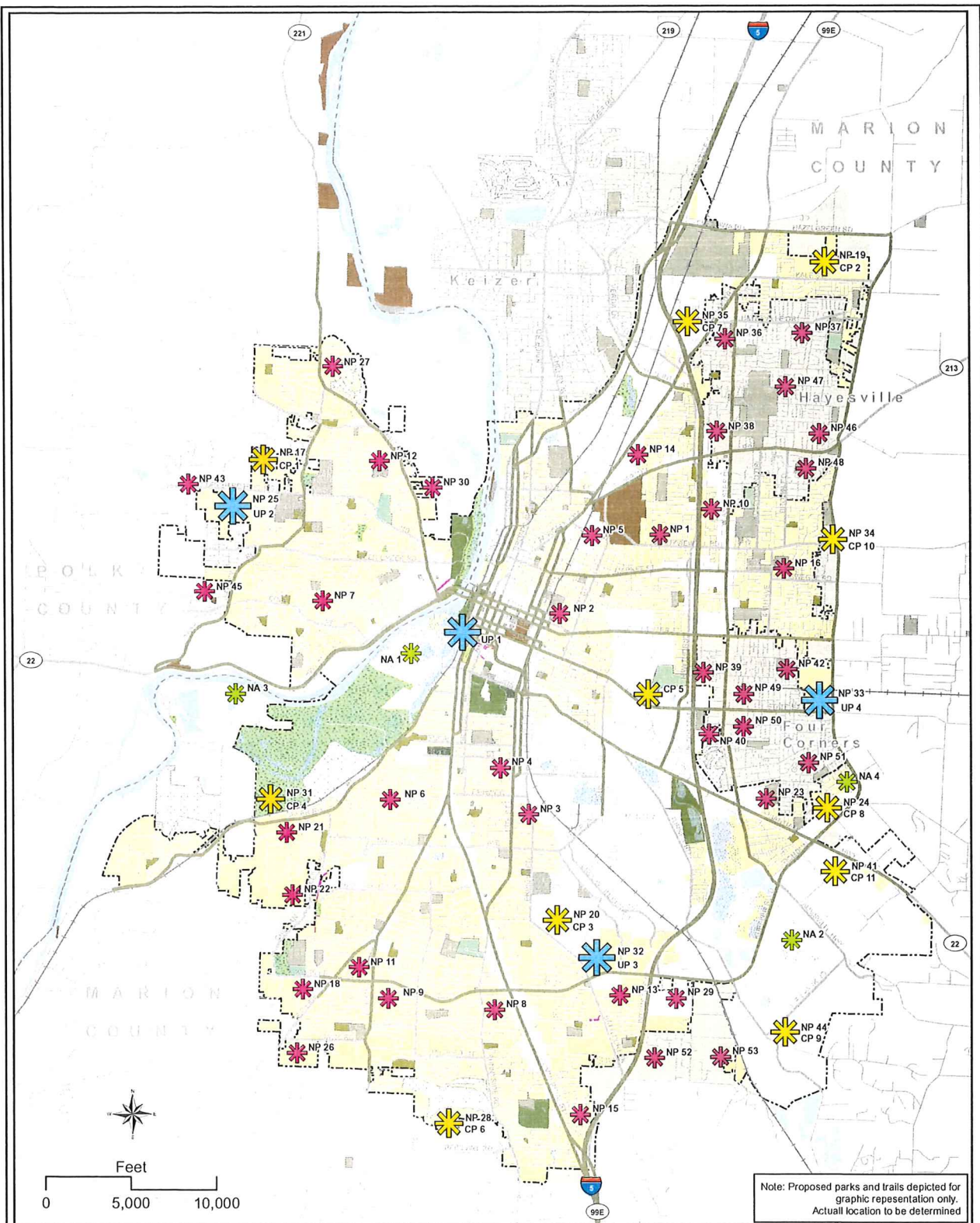
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Tory Banford  
Aaron Kimsey, Robert Romanek [rromanek@cityofsalem.net](mailto:rromanek@cityofsalem.net)  
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Thanks, guys!

- Tory | 503-540-2445





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### Map 3: Proposed Park System

Salem Public Works Department

- Neighborhood Park
- Community Park
- Urban Park
- Linear Park/Connector Trail
- Special Use Facility
- Historical Area
- Natural Area
- Other Parks

- Golf Course
- School
- Urban Growth Bnd
- Salem City Limits
- County Line
- Residential Zone
- Wetlands
- Barriers

- Proposed Natural Area
- Proposed Neighborhood Park
- Proposed Community Park
- Proposed Urban Park