

# South Gateway Neighborhood Association

## Meeting Minutes – January 14, 2010

Board Attendance: Katrina Strand, Jason Brandt, Randy Barna, Derek Wickstrom, Natalie Brandt, Dynee Medlock, Billy Cordero, Todd Edgar, Kristin Roisen, Carol Snyder, Maria Delaney, Tim Grossnicklaus, Rich Clausen, David Nichols, Steve Withers, Patrick O'Dell, and Michelle LeTourneau.

Meeting started at 6:35 p.m.

1. Approval of Minutes: **Motion:** Rich Clausen made a motion to approve the minutes from December 10, 2009. **Seconded:** Dynee Medlock seconded the motion. **Vote:** The motion passed.
2. New Business: Pat O'Dell reminded people to bring non-perishable food to donate. Tim Grossnicklaus shared that there was going to be a meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> of January at Lee Elementary School concerning the future land use of property located at Kuebler and 27<sup>th</sup> (where the trees were recently removed).
3. Committee Reports: *Outreach* – Family Resources content has been added to the website. An idea for a contest on the website to encourage involvement was presented. Users would submit their thoughts on the subject of “What I love about my neighborhood” with a possible prize to be awarded. *Neighborhood Watch* – Officer Carpenter recommended that we keep areas confidential that are organized within the neighborhood association. It was recommended that this committee be combined with the outreach committee. *Neighborhood Development* - No active development at this time. *Transportation* – Submitted the following projects to the city for consideration: Crosswalks at Lee Elementary, curb and sidewalk on the west side of Lone Oak from Silver Hill Circle to north of Holder near Sumpter Elementary, and curb and sidewalk on Barnes and Reed across from Pringle Elementary. *Parks* – No activity at this time.
4. Police Report: Officer Mayer recommended that individuals have a security survey done by volunteers from the police department. He encouraged people to form a neighborhood watch for additional safety. A survey can be arranged by calling crime prevention at 503-588-6175. Child identification kits are also available. Officer Mayer also stated that dowels in windows needed to fit tightly to prevent the window from being opened enough to lift it out. He also shared the information that it is a violation to block a sidewalk with your vehicle.
5. Sergeant Carpenter: Sergeant Carpenter spoke about the City Crime Prevention Unit. The Crime Prevention Unit is responsible for recommending the renewal of liquor licenses, National Night Out, Landlord Training, and Neighborhood Watch. Neighborhoods with an active neighborhood watch are 97% less likely to be burglarized and participants receive a publication from the police department called “Sights and Sounds”.
6. Sara Casebeer, Principal of Lee Elementary: Ms. Casebeer spoke about safety and directional signage for the school. There is a need for directional signage at Avalon and Battlecreek. The city quoted Ms. Casebeer \$257.00 for a sign and \$40.00 per year to maintain it. **Motion:** Tim Grossnicklaus made a motion to endorse the idea of a directional sign for Lee Elementary. **Seconded:** Derek Wickstrom seconded the motion. **Vote:** The motion passed. The transportation committee will look into ways to help with the sign.

7. Kevin Hottman, City Traffic Engineer: Mr. Hottman spoke about the results of the public meeting on August 31<sup>st</sup> with TJ Sullivan concerning options dealing with Wes Bennett Park. The options and vote of the neighbors were reviewed and the board was asked for a recommendation. It was decided to give this issue additional consideration and place it on next month's agenda or send it to an Internet vote.

8. Andy Groh, PE and Project Manager: Mr. Groh discussed and presented design plans for the future park at Lone Oak Road and Mildred Street. The bid for construction had to be put off because the city only has 86% of the funding in place. They are currently looking into grants for the \$225,000 short fall. They are also looking into using transportation funds for the missing sidewalks. There was no parking in the original design, but parking has since been added. The transportation committee will look into why the parking was added. **Motion:** Derek Wickstrom made a motion to oppose the parking option added to the design for the proposed park at Lone Oak Rd. and Mildred St. **Seconded:** Michelle LeTourneau seconded the motion. **Vote:** The motion passed.

9. Brian Vinson, Senior Project Manager for the City of Salem Engineering Department: Mr. Vinson discussed the Fairway Avenue Bridge at Battlecreek that is being replaced with bond funds. The construction bid should be awarded in May or June. The bridge will be closed for three months starting in June.

10. Old Business: Pat O'Dell announced three open positions on the board due to members leaving. Cristina Edgar voiced her interest in becoming a board member. **Motion:** Jason Brandt made a motion to approve nominate Cristina Edgar for a position on the board. **Seconded:** Randy Barna seconded the motion. **Vote:** The motion passed.

Adjourned at 8:40 p.m.