

Faye Wright Neighborhood Association
Monthly Meeting - January 9, 2024
Zoom Meeting - 6:00 pm

Present at the meeting:

Sylvia Machado (Chair)
Blake Shelide (Vice Chair)
Sally Cook (Board Member)
Melissa Lang-Bacho (Recorder)

Neighbors: Roberta Morin, Lisa Novak, Dawn Banks, Thomas Ellis, Shane Matthews, Helen Griffin, Kevin Hottman, Andrew Hall, Annie.

City of Salem Staff: Kevin Hottmann (khottmann@cityofsalem.net - 503-588-6211)

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 pm and the meeting attendees introduced themselves.

Accept Agenda

The agenda for the meeting was accepted.

Acceptance of the minutes from the November 2023 meeting was postponed due to a lack of a quorum at the beginning of the meeting.

New Business

Traffic Meeting Plan

Kevin Hottman, the City of Salem's traffic engineer, attended the meeting to discuss a new traffic management plan that impacts the neighborhood. The city council is looking at issues around the city and they identified that additional stop signs in the neighborhood could improve the safety at intersections in the neighborhood. Kevin discussed how traditionally when there is no stop sign at an intersection, drivers were to slow down and proceed after determining the intersection is clear. Drivers are no longer as cautious as they were in prior years and continue through intersections if there is no stop sign or other control devices. The city is proposing to add approximately twelve stop signs in the neighborhood areas around Lone Oak along Arlene, Lori, and Nina at alternating intersections and a speed radar reader on Browning.

Kevin explained that the stop signs can not be used to control speed but can be installed to address safety concerns at intersections.

The city also received a grant for the Vision Zero plan from the federal government and will be working to install new speed limit signs which will lower the speed from 25 mph to 20 mph around town. Due to the large number of signs, this will take time to complete. The city is collecting feedback on where there are dangerous intersections around town and has a map on

the City of Salem's webpage for neighbors to add comments and feedback. (On the city's page, there are multiple pages that can be found via a search for streetlights, safer crossings, or safer streets).

The group was not able to vote on the discussion presented by Kevin due to a lack of quorum at the time of the discussion.

Proposed change in speed on Commercial

Alan Meyer with the Morningside Neighborhood Association (MNA) attended the meeting to discuss their group's proposal to change the speed limit on Commercial at Browning to Kuebler. The proposal is to lower the speed limit to 35 mph on the stretch of road. The speed limit increases on Commercial near Fred Meyer from 30 mph to 35 mph. Currently, at Commercial and Browning, the speed limit increases from 35 mph to 40 mph. The MNA is proposing to continue the speed limit of 35 mph from Browning to Kuebler. The MNA was seeking the FWNA's support on their proposal. The topic was discussed but the FWNA was unable to vote due to a lack of quorum.

Advertising at the NA Meetings

The chair brought to the group two businesses that wanted to provide presentations at upcoming neighborhood association meetings. The chair took under advisement the concerns of the board members on whether businesses (for profit or not for profit) would be able to attend to give presentations to the attendees.

Shane Matthews introduced himself and shared that he was running for city council and was attending the meeting to hear the concerns of the groups.

Meeting Schedule

The next meeting of the Faye Wright Neighborhood Association is scheduled for March 12, 2024, at 6:00 pm via zoom.