

## THE CITY LISTENED

When is a speed bump not a speed bump? When it's a speed HUMP! Had Nolan West (11/3) bothered to come to the first of two evening meetings (a third was never promised) scheduled by the City of Eugene to discuss traffic calming on Sorrel Way and Palomino Drive, he would know the difference. He would have received a written copy of the PowerPoint presentation given by Rob Inerfeld, senior transportation planner, which adequately explained all types of traffic calming measures currently used in Eugene. The city listened and was open to residents' suggestions for slowing the relentless speeders in our neighborhood.

A wide variety of people (not just elderly and retired non-drivers) were present for both meetings. Many participants have lived here for more than 20 years, but none for as short a time as newcomer Nolan West.

West claims that the city is in a rush to install the speed humps. We've been waiting for years for the city to implement this project! He also claims that there was not adequate representation from the neighbors at the second meeting. However, prior to each meeting the city sent 530 postcards inviting residents to attend. Had this issue been a priority to more people, they would have been present, or if unable, taken the opportunity to contact the city. Let's give credit to those who did attend, 34 at the first and 27 at the second meetings. These are people who really care.

We recognize that these gradual, elevated portions of pavement are a sacrifice for those who live in this area and travel these streets daily (and hopefully a deterrent to those who choose to cut through on our streets at excessive speed). However, speed humps are not a health risk when crossed at an appropriate speed, and according to Inerfeld they improve safety for pedestrians and bicyclists. The City of Eugene Fire Department has given its approval. And the project is expected to come in at closer to \$20,000, not the \$30,000 maximum budgeted by the city.

Most of us in the Sorrel/Palomino area have a big investment in our neighborhood. We desire a safe place for our children, pets and parked cars. What kind of neighbor wouldn't want the same? Is it any surprise that Nolan West has been trying to subvert the covenants put in place in 1953 to protect the integrity of our neighborhood in order to subdivide his property and reap the profits of building not one, but two out-of-character homes?

Sadly, there is really only one angry person in this neighborhood.

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## TOO MUCH COFFEE MAN

by Shannon Wheeler



## YOU GO, SALLY

This is an open letter to Bill Fredericks, who tried to put-down Sally Sheklow last week (11/3) in the *Weekly's* Letters, yet may have simply revealed his own restricted view.

Why do you read Sally's column if you don't like it? The *Weekly* is free. We are free to pick it up or not, and free to read or free not to

read. Don't we all skim over it page by page, and just read what interests us? I don't read everything. But I always read Lois Wadsworth, the letters, I skim the Calendar, and I often read regular writers like Mary O'Brien or Sheklow.

With Mary, *you know* she is going to be talking about "public interest science." With Sally, *you know* she is probably going to



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