

**FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF:
AGENDA ITEM:**

February 28, 2011
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TO: MAYOR AND SALEM CITY COUNCIL
FROM: COUNCILOR DAN CLEM, WARD 8
SUBJECT: EOLA RIDGE NEIGHBORHOOD PARK CONSTRUCTION

MOTION:

I move that City Council identify Eola Ridge Neighborhood Park as the next West Salem Park for development in the next budget/Capital Improvements Program (CIP).

DISCUSSION:

In consultation with the City Manager and Public Works staff, Council needs to identify a West Salem park property for design/preliminary construction within the 2011-2012 budget and 2012-2016 CIP.

This 10-acre site was exacted fourteen years ago when Woodland Estates was constructed on the western edge of the UGB/City limits in West Salem on Eola Drive NW. Eola Drive will be re-constructed using Street/Bridges Bond measure funds, with construction planned for 2014-2015. To efficiently and cost-effectively make these public improvements in a coordinated fashion, it makes sense to construct this park adjunct to the road construction. At that time, the land will have set vacant and unused for over 17 years. To coincide both projects, design and initial construction budget will need to be allocated in the 2011-2012 City budget and listed in the most current CIP.

This park was intended to serve the nearly 300 homes built fifteen years ago. Since that time, another 200 homes were built nearby at the Eagle's View Estates, along with two churches. There is no neighborhood park intended or built to serve these households. The nearest one is at West Salem High School over one mile away by car.