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**SPECIAL REPORT**  
DEFINING THE WSMNA

Just who are these  
allusive WSMNA  
people anyway?

## WISE DEVELOPMENTS

### **HEARINGS AND OTHER INFO** by Chuck Blair

The first phase of the planned addition of about 250 homes to the Mesa is moving ahead, but with a few changes that your WSMNA Board convinced the Ada County Highway District (ACHD) and Boise Planning and Zoning (BPZ) to adopt. The development came before the BPZ in April for approval.

The Wise proposal included a sequence of development phasing that might have resulted in the new west road, Windsong, connecting to only the lower parts of the existing Mesa. Under the developer's proposal, Windsong Drive would only be constructed as far as Hard Rock Way during the first three phases of the development. Construction to this point would only serve the new development in the immediate area of the new road and the lowest part of the west side of the existing Mesa. After constructing phases 1 and 3, the developer proposed to shift development to phases 4, 5, and 6 on the east side of the Mesa, which would require upgrading Starview Drive to an average 10.25% grade with a sidewalk, bike-lane, and curb and gutter in accordance with ACHD conditions stated in Exhibit H of the BPZ Development Agreement.

The Board saw a major flaw with this development sequence because there is no assurance that the developer's phases 7, 8, and 9, which would complete

construction of Windsong Drive and connect it to the upper Mesa, would ever be built (economic conditions might change or the developer could decide to not complete the project for any number of other reasons). Without construction of the entire length of Windsong Drive, ACHD's projected spreading of traffic across several roads would not occur and there would be a substantial increase in traffic on Stone Point Drive compared to the current conditions.

If phases 7, 8, and 9 were not constructed it would leave the Mesa with a collector road that only serves a small part, rather than the entire Mesa neighborhood, and would result in a significant increase, rather than less traffic, on Stone Point Drive and Starcrest Drive. In our view that clearly failed to meet either of the ACHD's stated objectives for the third access road. Chuck Blair and David Bennion met with ACHD staff and they { cont }

## SELL THAT PET ROCK

### **ANNUAL MESA YARD SALE** by Mike Lechner

The event began when Tom and Donna Burns moved to the Mesa from Kansas City. They had moved all their possessions not knowing exactly what they would want in their new Boise home. In order to attract more visitors to take home the treasures they decided to part with, they delivered invitations to all their neighbors to join in a community sale in July of 1999. Fourteen families

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