

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: **BEND CITY COUNCIL**
FROM: **BEND TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
SUBJECT: **JANUARY 19, 2010 MEETING MINUTES**

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Bend Traffic Safety Advisory Committee
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Bend City, Public Works Director—Chair
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Bend City, Community Development
Bend City, Fire Department
Bend City, Police Department
Bend/LaPine School District
Deschutes County Road Department
Oregon Department of Transportation
Citizen Members

Nick Arnis
Thomas Stump
(Vacant)
Doug Koellermeier (Absent)
Jim Porter (Designee) (Absent)
Denice Blake
George Kolb (Absent)
Daniel Serpico
Harold Anderson
Winchell M. Craig
Robert Tyler

City Staff

Cindy Hartman
Chris Carney

Engineering Technician
Police Department

Guests

Mike Lovely
Bill Paghham
Rob Kirkpatrick
Deena McNeil
Casey Bergh
Jim Gattey
Ken Schofield
Bill Brisson
Erik Huffman
Ruth Zdanowicz

Citizen, SWBNA
Citizen, CWNA
Citizen, BTCA
Citizen, MVNA
SWBNA/Kittelson & Assoc
Citizen, CWNA
Citizen, CWNA
Citizen, OFDNA
Century West Engineering
Citizen, SWNA

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) **Welcome & Introductions:** Nick Arnis welcomed members and guests, introductions were made.
- 2) **Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Arnis called for approval of the November 2009 minutes. A motion to approve the minutes was made and seconded. The motion to accept the November minutes as written passed with two members abstaining from voting.
- 3) **Public Comments:**

Mike Lovely, Citizen - SEBNA

Mr. Lovely reported that there was a good turn out for the Sub-Committee meeting that was held on Dec. 15th in lieu of the regular meeting. Most of the Neighborhoods were represented. This group will look into how best to help with the Citizens Service Requests.

Ken Schofield, CWNA

Mr. Schofield addressed the committee about Miller Elementary School on Skyliner Road he is most concerned about the excessive speed past the school and the lack of a safe crosswalk.

Ruth Zdanowicz, CWNA

Ms. Zdanowicz is an avid bicyclist and has seen the same problem at Skyliner and Skyline Ranch Road, but she also sees very high traffic around Summit High School and at Clearwater and Mt Washington as well. She routinely sees that cars do not stop for pedestrians at crosswalks and also excessive speeds in this area. She is hoping that something can be done before spring when children regularly walk or bike to school.

Nick Arnis addressed this issue by outlining the work already done on Skyliner Road. He confirmed that a speed order for 40MPH is in progress and when signed by ODOT, signs can be placed. He went on to explain that more engineering needs to take place at Skyliner Road and Skyline Ranch Road intersection before an effective crosswalk can be put in place.

Officer Chris Carney reported on his experience patrolling in the area. He said that speeds were usually around 40MPH and that the law regarding stopping for pedestrians can only be enforced when the pedestrian has stepped off the curb and into the roadway.

Robert Tyler, Citizen Member

Mr. Tyler asked if there were plans for an interim fix for Powers Road/Brookwood intersection? Mr. Arnis replied that Robin Lewis has been exploring possible modifications with medians and lane reconfiguring rather than a 4 way stop because of the dangers they can pose.

4) **Agenda Review**

New agenda items from the membership.

- It was noted that Katherine Miller's term of service ended in December, 2009.
- Jock Craig announced an opportunity to attend a traffic school.

5) State Highway Crash Report for 2009 – Daniel Serpico

Mr. Serpico brought a report detailing the ODOT Region 4 top 10% crash sites for review by the committee. He went through the report detailing the ranking and the possible remedies as well as the estimated costs involved. The committee members were able to ask questions and learn which sites have improved and others that have gotten worse this last year. Detailed crash reports like this one helps the City & ODOT focus on areas where engineering changes can make the most impact.

6) Status of TSAC Sub-Committee - Nick Arnis

Mr. Arnis reported that the Sub Committee met on December 15th, he is asking the Neighborhood Associations to prioritize the lists of Citizen Services Requests since it is best to hear from the people who live in the area and to get a consensus on what issues are the most important to them. Harold Anderson spoke about the good attendance and interest by the Neighborhood Associations. He has also talked to members of the Neighborhood Associations that were not represented at our first meeting so that they can get involved.

7) TSAC Report to Council – Nick Arnis

Mr. Arnis mentioned that it was again time for the Annual Report to the City Council. He noted that the Road Users Taskforce had reported to the Council and that it is good way to keep the Council aware of the work we do. Mr. Arnis will prepare a draft for the committee's review. He will include projects like the Galveston Bike and Pedestrian project and the Neighborhood Traffic Circles that were completed this year.

- 8) Bill Padgham reported that he had been watching the progress of the driveway at the Athletic Club of Bend. It is in front of the hearings officer now, he will keep up on the project and see what can be done with the pedestrian crossing there.

Agenda Items for the next TSAC Meeting

Arterial and collector program

Bike lanes on Colorado

TSAC Membership

Adjourn 9:10 am

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 16, 8:00 am, City Hall Council Chambers, followed by the Sub-Committee meeting.