

M E M O R A N D U M

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

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Citizen Members

Nick Arnis
Thomas Stump
(Vacant)
Doug Koellermeier (Absent)
Jim Porter
Denice Blake
George Kolb (Absent)
Joel McCarrol
Harold Anderson
Winchell M. Craig
Erik Huffman
Rex Wolf

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Cindy Hartman
Chris Carney
Robin Lewis
Rick Root

Engineering Technician
Police Department
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Transportation Planner

Guests

Mike Lovely
Bill Brisson
Jim Gattley
Ruth Zdanowicz
Sami Fournier
Kim Curley
Dan Serpico
Perry Graves
Tim Larocco
Krista Zweers
Phil Hetz
Misty Hussey
Rebecca Voochies

Citizen, SWBNA
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Citizen, RWNA
Commute Options
ODOT
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COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) **Welcome & Introductions:** Chair, Nick Arnis welcomed members and guests, introductions were made.
- 2) **Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Arnis called for approval of the September minutes. A motion was made and seconded to accept the September 2010 minutes as written, the motion passed unanimously.

3) **Public Comments:**

Since several people came to the meeting specifically to discuss the Parkway Pedestrian Crossings Mr. Arnis suggested we move to that discussion first. He explained the purpose of TSAC and asked that the speakers give comment after Joel McCarrol opens the discussion.

Mr. McCarrol, of ODOT explained the dynamics of the accident and the design phase history of the parkway at Reed Lane and Badger Road. He did order pedestrian counts after the accident to get a feel of how many pedestrians/bikes are crossing at these two sites. He also mentioned that the landscaping will be trimmed to help improve sight distance. He stated that his focus will be safety first rather than removing the crossings, since people will cross even if there is no designated crossing.

Mr. Arnis opened the meeting to public comment.

Krista Zweers, Misty Hussey, her son Trey, Rebecca Voochies, Scott Harbenger, Maggie Jackson, Phil Hetz and Jim Gattey, all gave testimony on the various aspects of the crossing. The main points they all seemed to touch on were:

- The cross walk is unsafe for pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists.
- Sight distance due to landscaping is part of the problem
- Confusion for drivers/peds over the rules concerning yielding to pedestrians
- Signage/lighting is inadequate for the speed at the crossing
- A marked crossing gives pedestrians a false sense of security
- Motorists are afraid to stop for peds for fear of rear end collisions
- The emotional cost of the fatality weighed heavily on all of the citizens that testified, and motivated them to get involved.

Mr. Arnis concluded that ODOT and various agencies will form a Taskforce to analyze the crossing and how it could be made safer or be closed. Eric Huffman was appointed to represent TSAC.

Bob Brell, of Century West Neighborhood Association noted that school kids do cross Century Drive south of the Mt Washington, Reed Market, and Century Drive Roundabout and there is no crosswalk there. Rather than closing those crossings, let's make them safer.

Mr. Arnis called to move on to the rest of the agenda. And keep everyone informed of the taskforce study.

Perry Graves of Mountain View Neighborhood Association asked that the candlesticks on the end of the medium at 27th and Neff be reinstalled.

Sami Fournier announced that there were 26 volunteers involved in the pedestrian and cyclist counts on Portland Street Sept 28-30th. She noted some of the most interesting statistics and that the data will be used to evaluate that corridor. Nick Arnis thanked the volunteers and the coordinators of the study.

Ruth Zdanowicz, submitted an email that she helped facilitate in the Northwest Crossing neighborhood, using the regular e-newsletter to the neighborhood from the Association. She reminded neighbors of the speed limit and the stop signs that were being ignored. She also reminded them of safe cell phone usage laws and that their neighborhood was designed as pedestrian friendly and asked motorists to comply with safe practices.

4) **Citizen Service Requests**

Transportation Staff will update the committee on the status of:

- Mt Washington signs for No Parking – Work order has been issued for additional signs.
- Crosswalks at non-stop controlled intersections – this had to do with Franklin and Broadway where a pedestrian was hit by a car – there has been a study and a grant requested for better signage and striping for that area.
- Letter to DMV about location of offices – Mr. Arnis sent email on that issue to TSAC participants.
- Parrell Road disappearing bike lane – striping mistake has been corrected.
- Portland pedestrian count – was completed this week.
- Metolious Road signage – Committee met yesterday.
- Rumble stripes at Mt Washington & Simpson – Will be reinstalled.
- Citizen Service Requests – the bulk of them (around 200) are done the rest are very low priority.
- Speed bumps- this was a question concerning installing more of the type on Olney – because of the effect on emergency response times no more of this type will be installed.

Mr. Wolf asked if more could be done on the website. Mr. Arnis responded that there is a plan to remodel parts of the website.

Items for next month agenda

- **ODOT annual crash report – Safety Priority Index System (SPIS)**
- **Update on parkway pedestrian taskforce**

Adjourn 9:40 AM

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 16, 2010, 8:00 am, City Hall Council Chambers.