

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: **BEND CITY COUNCIL**
FROM: **BEND TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
SUBJECT: **JUNE 15, 2010 MEETING MINUTES**

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Deschutes County Road Department
Oregon Department of Transportation
Citizen Members

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

City Staff

Cindy Hartman
Chris Carney

Engineering Technician
Police Department

Guests

Mike Lovely
Bill Brisson
Bill Padgham
Annie Goldner
Ruth Zdanowicz
Kim Curley
Sami Fournier
Bob Brell

Citizen, SWBNA
Citizen, OFDNA
Citizen, CWNA
Citizen, RWNA
Citizen, SWNA
Commute Options
Citizen, RWNA
Citizen, CWNA

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) **Welcome & Introductions:** Vice Chair, Thomas Stump welcomed members and guests, introductions were made.
- 2) **Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Stump called for approval of the May minutes. Ms. Hartman explained that there was a request by Bob Brell to make some changes and corrections to the minutes consisting of adding Mr. Brell to the attendee list, adding Mr. Padgham's neighborhood affiliation and correcting the concern Mr. Brell has about the road surface from the City Limits on Century Drive and onto Newport. The minutes will be corrected as noted; a motion was made and seconded to accept the May 2010 minutes, as corrected, the motion passed unanimously.

3) **Public Comments:**

Annie Goldner, River West Neighborhood Association, has concerns about the intersection of Portland and 11th Street. There has been a car for sale parked right at the corner of that intersection limiting site distance, and she wants to know why that street is not a 4-way stop intersection. She thinks it might have something to do with the steep grade in the winter months.

Sami Fournier, River West NA/Element Exercise, brought the committee a copy of The Road Users Safety Taskforce poster that was developed for Commute Options week. The poster highlights a series of seminars on the Art of Biking to Work, promoting Safe Cycling.

Bob Brell, Century West Neighborhood Association asked for feedback on the safety of parking on Mt Washington and Metolius Drive during sporting events.

Ruth Zdanowicz, Summit West Neighborhood Association. Ruth reported that the speed trailer was parked by Summit High School and she still sees motorist zooming though Stop signs and it is not just high school kids this is also happening on the weekends. Now that the new streets are open she would like to see a speed trailer on High Lakes loop or John Freemont, besides a speed reduction around the High School.

4) **Agenda Review:**

- Kim Curley asked the committee for a partner from the group to become The TSAC - Safe Routes to School partner. The region receives about 1.3 Million dollars annually for bike & pedestrian education along with engineering and infrastructure. Erik Huffman volunteered to partner with Commute Options and Safe Routes to School.
- Nick Arnis updated the committee on the status of several of the Safe Routes to School projects. Also a zone change at Mt. Bachelor Park and Ride, this called for a lot of bike and pedestrian improvements, plus intersections and a roundabout to mitigate some of the other changes.
- Bob Brell, informed the group that he attended a meeting for the pre-application of the Deschutes County Landfill property at Simpson/Mt Washington/Century Drive for rezoning and development to mixed use. He sees this as a big impact on the transportation system in the area. They are conducting a transportation analysis now and then there will be a period of time for comments when it comes into the planning department.
- Ruth Zdanowicz, asked about the property owned by COCC on the corner of Mt. Washington and Shevlin Road. Nick Arnis reported that the preliminary plan he has seen was for a mixed used development that will come in as a master plan.

5) Portland Avenue Stop Sign request for a 4-Way stop at Awbrey Road

The request for a 4 way stop at Awbrey Road was being studied by Century West & Summit West Neighborhood Associations. Harold Anderson who was coordinating that effort was out of town and not able provide the report at this time. He will work with volunteers and staff and will have some more information for us at the next meeting.

Annie Goldner thinks that River West or Awbrey Butte neighborhood associations should be the ones to do this work, she noted that in surveys the number one problem is walking in the neighborhood. She recognizes that Portland and Newport streets are the only way to get to all of the newly built NW Developments.

After some discussion it was decided that the best use of the volunteers is to count pedestrians and bikes at Portland Street intersections. Officer Carney has scheduled a pedestrian sting on Portland and Awbrey at the end of this month. Staff will look into the issue of the stop sign at 11th & Portland to add a rider informing that cross traffic does not stop. Erik Huffman suggested that intersection counts and traffic data is also needed.

6) Poll the committee for attendance in July.

The committee responded with a majority of the members available for a July Meeting.

Comments from committee members/Agenda Items for the next TSAC Meeting

Mr. Arnis updated the committee on the status of current bike & pedestrian grants.

Adjourn 9:30 AM

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 17, 2010, 8:00 am, City Hall Council Chambers.