

To: **BEND CITY COUNCIL**
FROM: **BEND TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
SUBJECT: **MAY 15, 2012 MEETING MINUTES**

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Deschutes County Road Department
Oregon Department of Transportation
Citizen Members

Nick Arnis
Thomas Stump
Collin Stephens (Absent)
David Howe
Cory Darling
Denice Blake
George Kolb (Absent)
Dan Serpico
Harold Anderson
Erik Huffman
Michael Toney (Absent)
Rex Wolf

City Staff

Cindy Hartman
Tom Pine

City of Bend
Bend Police

Guests

Bill Padgham
Mike Lovely
Jim Gattey
Kent Garliepp
Sami Fournier
Casey Bergh

Citizen, CWNA
Citizen, SBNA
Citizen, CWNA
Citizen, OFDNA
Citizen, RWNA
Kittelsohn & Associates

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) Welcome & Introductions:** Chair, Nick Arnis welcomed members and guests, introductions were made.
- 2) Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Arnis called for a vote on the minutes for April 17, 2012 a correction that Harold Anderson was not present at the last meeting was made, a motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as corrected.
- 3) Agenda Review:** Mr. Arnis asked if there were any changes or additions to the agenda. None given.
- 4) Public Comments:** Jim Gatty reported that people are parking on the north side of Mt. Washington again Officer Tom Pine responded that he will request patrolling for enforcement.
- 5) Citizen Service Request Update**

Mr. Arnis explained the status of the Citizen Service Request (CSR) program. There are around 80-100 CSRs still open and there is a lack of staff resources to address the CSRs. He noted that the requests are varied and can include everything from a simple sign request to a four page letter with several requests at one time. Rex Wolf and Harold Anderson have volunteered to help along with Kent Garliepp and Jim Gatty. The requests are sorted by Neighborhood Association and the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP's) will be posted on the website as guidance for the

volunteers. Sami Fournier also has an interest and can get a group from her neighborhood to help.

Harold Anderson asked if there is a liability to the Neighborhood Associations if they review and then also try to do some of the work like clearing vegetation, Mr. Arnis thought it would be best for City Crews to do the actual work in the Right of Way with the neighborhood volunteers identifying problem areas. Mr. Arnis also noted that with an even tighter budget this year this kind of help is needed. The volunteers agreed that their involvement would be done to validate the request, they also understand the delicate nature of some of the requests and they will be looking for a way to prioritize the requests. Mr. Arnis will meet with the volunteers soon to give them the lists and discuss how to proceed.

6) Police Enforcement Update and Information Items

Harold Anderson reported that following the meeting at 11:00 AM there will be a ceremony honoring fallen police officers, a moment of silence was held as a memorial.

Officer Tom Pine announced that with summer coming and by not seeking funding for more restrictive grants the force has begun more enforcement efforts. Chief Sale has been very pro traffic enforcement and with the addition of some unmarked vehicles they have had over nine citations in as little as two hours for distracted driving. Chief Sales is also looking into the potential for E-ticketing.

7) Information Items

Dan Serpico reports that green bike lanes have been approved for 8th Street at US Hwy 20, Mr. Serpico explained the products with the color green being a federal standard for bike markings. There are also plans to mark 8th Street with sharrows that is a marking for a combined bike and traffic lane. The project at 8th and Greenwood is planned for about one month from now to help prevent the right turn "hooks" that happen there. A public service announcement will be created to introduce the markings to the public.

Nick Arnis reported that we are on track for the GO Bond roundabout projects for this summer with Simpson/Mt. Washington out to bid and two more, 18th/Empire and Powers/Brookwood to go to bid in a few days for summer construction.

Reed Market road will be done in phases with the Senior Center to 27th Street happening first that phase is at about 30% design. The section of 15th Street to American Lane is more difficult, but American Lane to 3rd Street is not as complicated. OFDNA representative Kent Garliepp thanked Mr. Arnis for speaking at their Neighborhood Meeting and asked if public input at this stage is still valid. Mr. Arnis assured him that there is still a lot to do and that there will be many more opportunities for public comment.

Mr. Stump asked for a status update on Murphy Road project, Mr. Arnis reports that it is at about 60% design, with ODOT managing the project with the City in a supporting role. You can see the posting on the City website, up to this point there has been a major complication that being the sewer system. The entire project was estimated at about 25 million dollars but 29 million is the current figure. The good news is that the Engineering cost estimate is coming in higher than the actual bids by about 5%. The start date has been planned for 2013 with three major sewer lines that need to be considered.

Riverside Bike Pedestrian project will go to bid for the 2013 construction season.

The Westridge/Cascade Middle taskforce held a meeting with the School District, City Staff and the public, it was attended by about 45 people some of the concerns that were brought up were school bus routes, the fear of forcing cars into neighborhoods with no sidewalks and how emergency vehicles would be able to navigate that area.

Items for next month agenda:

CSR Update

Information items:

Murphy Road

Map of all projects

G O BOND update on-going

Police Information Update

Adjourn 9:25 AM

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 19, 2012, 8:15 AM, City Hall Council Chambers.