



**River West**  
**Neighborhood Association**

**Annual General Meeting**

April 29, 2010, 7:30pm  
Westside Magnet School  
(Kingston School) Gym

**Topic: Traffic & Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety**

**Board Member Introductions:**

- Annie Goldner, Interim Chair & Special Projects Coordinator
- Rachel Stemach, Secretary, Treasurer
- Bill Kurtz, Membership & Business Liaison
- Leslie Olson, Stormwater Management
- Dennis O-Shea, Database/ Newsletter
- Sue Vordenberg, Parks & Recreation Liaison
- Cassie Giddings, 2030 Vision Liaison & Mirror Pond Committee
- Sami Fornier, Traffic Safety Liaison
- Gary Fowles, Good Samaritan Coordinator
- Stacey Stemach, Land Use Coordinator (not present)

**Guest Presenters Introductions:**

- Robin Lewis - City of Bend Traffic Engineer
- Tyler Deke - MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization)
- Susan Duncan - City of Bend ADA
- Kim Curley - Commute Options
- Chris Carney - City of Bend Police Department

**Additional Guests (with displays):**

- TSAC and Commute Options
- Oregon State Park - Prineville Reservoir Star Party is May 15th
- Bend 2030 Vision
- Fire-Free Cleanup - May 1/2 and 8/9
- RUYA (Right Up Your Alley) Project
- Bend Metro Parks & Rec District (BMPRD) - plans & location for First St. bridge options and Deschutes River Trail continuation from Pioneer Park to Revere Ave, Steve Jorgensen
- Newport Market - \$5 coupons

**Memberships and Attendance:**

- 48 current members attended (including board members)
- 1 new member sign-up

**Robin Lewis - Traffic Engineer**

- 2010-2011 budget for upgrades is \$250,000, but tapers to only \$90k by 2013
- Traffic Studies - counts on amount of traffic and average speeds determine which local streets earn improvement dollars
- Crosswalk Study - striping crosswalks found to not have any impact on accidents

**Tyler Deke - Bend MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization)**

- MPO serves as a regional transportation planning
- National Forest Service grant for transportation to and throughout parks approved
- Murphy Road/ S. Parkway Interchange currently in planning

**Susan Duncan - ADA**

- \$2000 - 3000 cost per curb ramp for upgrade to ADA standards
- \$3.2 million total for upgrades, to be completed by 2011
- Phase 1 includes all BAT bus route stops
- Phase 2 to include downtown core area (beginning in fall 2010) and through Galveston
- Phase 3 planned for Olney/ Portland St upgrades

**Kim Curley - Commute Options Outreach Coordinator**

- Goal is to get people away from driving solo in their cars
- Currently teaching bike safety to local schools, 4th through 6th grades
- Offers \$20 coupons redeemable at local stores, for choosing commuting alternates besides driving alone

**Chris Carney - Bend Police Department**

- 86 officers total in force, representing about 1 per 1000 residents (1%). Only 4 traffic officer positions remain (down from 6 last year)
- Primary goal is to gain compliance with all road users, but PD focuses mostly on high-crash areas of town

**Business Members "Thank You" to:**

- Newport Market

**Don't Forget That....**

- "River West Neighborhood Association Member, Shop Local" stickers are available
- RWNA needs to remind businesses that membership is FREE, no membership dues!