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To: CouncilAll <councilall@bendoregon.gov>

Cc: Karen Swirsky <kswirsky@bendoregon.gov>

Subject: Fwd: Fwd: NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY ISSUE - Please send an Email by August 6

Dear Council:

I live on Sunny Breeze Lane where Woodriver Lane intersects McClellan Road. I frequently walk on Woodriver Lane and through Woodriver Village.

-I agree with the Bend Planning Commission's decision to not allow an exception to City Code regarding sidewalks in WoodRiver Village as it does set a bad precedent.

-I am against any one neighborhood being allowed to ignore City Code because codes are there for very good reasons.

-First, I am astounded that there is even a thought to not requiring side walks through Woodriver Village. Such, a decision would discriminate against people who have disabilities that require side walks for safety. A blind or mobility restricted person or person with visual impairment, (lots of senior citizens). How can ADA requirements be totally ignored???

Preserving the rural character of the area is a particularly weak point.

Even as little as 20 years ago, Woodriver Lane was indeed, rural in character. The population influx continues at a brisk pace. Woodriver Lane is a bypass for the bumper to bumper back up for vehicles on Brookwood and huge homes are replacing modest dwellings. The rural character is also diminished by its" close proximity to Reed Market that is already overburdened by vehicle traffic and all the accompanying noises of said traffic the neighbors in close proximity must bear.

-I walk down WoodRiver Lane and it's connecting roads to get to Farewell Bend Park and the Old Mill and it is very dangerous for me due to how busy these roads are. This is why I support the Bend Transportation System Plan so that we can have sidewalks and bike lanes, which are desperately needed on these roads. Not allowing sidewalks would be a very dangerous decision on your part and it puts lives at risk.

-I walk through WoodRiver Village to get to and from the Deshutes River Trail and the roads leading to and from the trail need sidewalks and bike lanes as they are currently very dangerous.

-McMansions that are being built in WoodRiver Village have already destroyed the “rural character” of the area. This argument feels like an excuse to avoid City Code that protects pedestrians and bicycles.

-If the two individuals who originally brought this issue to the City Council were really concerned about the “rural character” of WoodRiver Village, they would have pushed for no thru traffic on WoodRiver Lane and the other roads cars and trucks use to bypass the Reed Market-Bond Street roundabout.

-I’ve included the map from the Bend Transportation System Plan showing where sidewalks and bike lanes are planned (blue lines) and I do support this Plan.

-I vote and I will be watching your decision closely to see if you care about safety for pedestrians and bicyclists in my neighborhood.

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