



DRAFT MINUTES

City of Flagstaff BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, December 4, 2014
4:30 pm

City Hall, Staff Conference Room
211 West Aspen Avenue, Flagstaff, Arizona

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:40 pm. On roll call, the following Committee members were present:

Ken Lane, Chair
Dave Blanchard
Richard Hall
Paul Owen
Jack Welch

Members absent:

Jodi Norris
Jeff Stevenson

The following City and County staff was present:

Martin Ince, Multimodal Transportation Planner

Public present:

Kevin Parkes
Shawn Thomas, Coconino County Public Health Services District

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Announcements

There were no Announcements

2. Public Comment

Shawn Thomas introduced himself as the new health policy analyst at the Coconino County Public Health Services District.

Kevin Parkes introduced himself as chair of the City's Transportation Commission.

3. Approval Of Minutes

Mr. Welch made, and Mr. Hall seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 4, 2014. The motion was approved unanimously (5-0).

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Bicycle master plan

Mr. Ince provided detailed results from the walking and biking survey. Mr. Ince acknowledged Mr. Parkes and commended him for doing an excellent job organizing a massive amount of data from the survey. Mr. Parkes worked as a volunteer helping to compile the biking results of the survey. This evening a lot of very detailed information from the survey will be presented, and the Committee is asked to provide comments and ask questions. Staff will continue working to pull useful information from the survey for the stakeholders and the public.

The Committee discussed several items from the survey:

- The Committee asked if the corridor responses were specific as to location. Mr. Ince said that they were, and that results could be pulled for shorter segments within longer corridors. Mr. Parkes said that longer corridors tend to get more responses. The Committee asked that the results be broken into specific locations within longer corridors.
- There is often a problem with vehicles parked in bike lanes, especially around campus and at the end of the day.
- The Committee asked if the ramp at Sitgreaves is intended to make the stairs accessible or to accommodate bikes. Mr. Ince replied that the stated intent is to make the stairs accessible, although it was widely acknowledged that the ramp would benefit and be used by bicyclists. Mr. Ince said that the narrow width of the sidewalk, and the potential for frequent conflicts between bikes and pedestrians, made this an area to consider a requirement for bicyclists to dismount. There was some concern that there would not be enough width on the sidewalk for a pedestrian and a person walking a bike, but the Committee acknowledged that bikes go too fast in this area and must yield better to pedestrians.

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- The Committee discussed the benefits of a center stripe on paved FUTS trails, and wondered if the walking survey indicated a problem with bike conflicts on FUTS trails and sidewalks. Signing should be considered to remind bicyclists to be courteous and yield to pedestrians.
- Milton Road seems busier than it used to be, and is probably the most pressing transportation issue in the City. Any potential solutions need to include bicycles.
- Completing missing segments of FUTS and sidewalks is not in Proposition 406, but there is still money available in the 2000 Transportation Tax. At the onset of the tax, a list of bike and pedestrian projects was developed, but some of the projects have not been completed. At one time the BAC asked for an accounting of how the tax proceeds were being spent and what bike and pedestrian projects have been completed.
- The Committee discussed a cell phone ban, and whether it could be passed. Mr. Parkes provided a brief history of the issue as discussed at the Transportation Commission. The Committee asked if the BAC could put forth a statement in favor of the ban.
- Future survey questions may have to address other users, including skateboards and electric bicycles.

2. Bicycle friendly community designation – status of application for renewal

Mr. Ince reported that the City's Bike Friendly Community status was renewed at the Silver level. He passed out a one-page report card from the League of American Bicyclists that provided suggestions for what must be done to move up to Gold level.

III. NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Reports

There was no discussion on the Reports.

2. Concluding Announcements

Mr. Ince said that because the next regular meeting falls on January 1, it must be canceled or rescheduled. January 7 was suggested as a replacement date.

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V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:11 pm.