



MINUTES

City of Flagstaff

PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, December 13, 2012
4:30 pm

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 pm. On roll call, the following Committee members were present:

Kim Austin, Co-Chair
Heather Taylor, Co-Chair
Georgia Duncan, Vice Chair
Cecile LeBlanc
Jim Tuck

Members absent:

Joyce Browning

One vacancy

The following City staff was present:

Martin Ince, Multimodal Planner

Others present:

None

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Announcements

Mr. Tuck reported that some members of the City Council have targeted downtown accessibility requirements in the new Zoning Code, in particular the number and width of accessible parking spaces. The Council is also considering loosening restrictions on temporary signs that block sidewalks and accessible routes. The Council may re-open discussion on some of these items. The PAC should monitor the process.

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Ms. Austin reported that about half of the playground at Killip School will be eliminated to make room for additional parking and a drop-off area. The Committee thinks that Killip is going in the wrong direction and will discourage walking and biking.

2. Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

3. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from previous meetings were not ready for approval.

II. NEW BUSINESS

1. Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting dates for 2013

Mr. Ince provided copies of the meeting schedule for 2013. The Committee discussed getting more involved in Bike to Work Week.

2. Cityscape articles

Mr. Ince reported that the next issue will be coming out in April-May. Copy will be due in early March. Cityscape is published 3 times per year.

The PAC asked that this item be kept on the agenda for next time, to discuss potential ideas for an article.

III. OLD BUSINESS

1. FUTS master planning

Mr. Ince presented a list of proposed changes to the FUTS master plan. He said that the purpose of this exercise was preliminary direction from the PAC; there would be an opportunity for the public to weigh in on the changes, and for the PAC to make a formal recommendation, in the future. The PAC said the County and USFS should also be involved in the discussion.

The PAC offered the following recommendations:

- Remove the Lowell Mesa North Fork Trail from the plan
- Keep the Paradise Trail as a local access trail

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- Collect additional information on the Arroyo Trail, to investigate whether there are any reasonable alternatives
- Keep a portion of the Thomas Trail, from Lockett to Linda Vista
- Remove the segment of the Lake Mary Trail that is south of J.W. Powell Boulevard
- Remove the Sheep Access Trail
- All of the proposed additions – Cortland Trail, extension of the NAU Trail, the Thorpe Trail, and an extension of the Switzer Wash Trail – should be added to the plan
- Three trails can be considered as potential single-track trails rather than FUTS trails – an extension of the Winifred Lynch Trail, an extension of the El Paso Trail, and an extension of the Sinclair Canyon Trail out to the Arboretum
- The Woodlands Trail, as well as other trails in the Woodlands Village area that started as wide sidewalks, should be removed and no longer considered as FUTS trails.

2. Sidewalk inventory and prioritization project

Mr. Ince provided some examples of how the data for prioritization will be used and presented.

The Committee said that they did not understand some of the prioritization factors, specifically the functional class of streets. Mr. Ince said he will bring the results of the weighting exercise to the next meeting.

The Committee offered a number of suggestions to add to the inventory of human service agencies.

3. Regional Plan 2012 – review of Transportation Element

Mr. Ince provided a copy of the latest draft policies regarding pedestrians and walking.

4. Flagstaff Walks!

There was no discussion on this item.

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Reports

There was no discussion on the Reports.

2. Announcements

There were no Concluding Announcements.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.