



MINUTES

City of Flagstaff

PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, June 13, 2013
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
Joyce Browning
Cecile LeBlanc
Jim Tuck

Members absent:

One vacancy

The following City staff was present:

Martin Ince, Multimodal Planner
Mark DiLucido, Economic Vitality

Others present:

Justin Pryzby

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Announcements

Mr. Tuck reported that Charlie's restaurant has expanded their outdoor dining area and there is no longer adequate clearance for handicap access on the sidewalk.

2. Public Comment

Justin Pryzby said that Hops on Birch and Vino Loco on Birch Street have also moved their outdoor seating areas beyond what is allowed on their encroachment permit. He has reported the issue to Reid Miller in the Community Development Division.

He also stated that he has reviewed crash reports regarding pedestrian crashes, and will be submitting a critique to the Police Department shortly.

Mr. Pryzby detailed other information he has submitted to the City:

- Numerous instances of signing and pavement markings that do not comply with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD)
- About 150-200 instances of issues with sidewalks have been reported so far, and he anticipates submitting more shortly
- He has called the Police Department more than 600 times to report cases of vehicles parking on sidewalks, and said that he has received an unsatisfactory response from the Police Department and an unwillingness to issue warning or citations.

The Committee asked to have a discussion of downtown sidewalk encroachment permits, and enforcement of parking on sidewalks, as agenda items for a future meeting.

3. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Duncan made, and Ms. Browning seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of May 9, 2013. The motion was approved unanimously (6-0).

II. NEW BUSINESS

1. Vision Flagstaff

Mark DiLucido described a new outreach and crowd-sourcing website that is intended to generate community projects that fall within the five topic areas that are managed by the Community Investment Section. He said he is making presentations to a variety of City commissions to get the word out.

The site has been in operation for four months, and has about 250 participating members so far. No project has received 50 "likes" although a few are getting close. Once a project receives 50 likes, City staff will evaluate its feasibility as a potential project.

Other cities that use similar websites include Hilo, Hawaii and Roanoke, Virginia. He said the projects may not be specifically pedestrian-oriented, but some projects may be related, including streetscaping, medians, pocket parks, etc.

2. Flagstaff Trip Diary Survey of Community Travel Patterns

Mr. Ince provided an overview of the results of the latest Trip Diary Survey, with a particular emphasis on walking trips.

The Committee discussed using downtown light pole banners to provide information on walking, and asked if the topic could be placed on a future agenda for discussion.

III. OLD BUSINESS

1. Sidewalk inventory and prioritization project

Mr. Ince reported that staff was still working on this project, but there was no new information to share with the Committee at this point.

2. ADOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Update Draft Final Report

Mr. Ince provided a summary of comments submitted for the plan that was compiled by ADOT. He also reported on changes made to the plan in response to the comments.

3. Flagstaff Walks!

The Committee wanted to dedicate more time to planning events at the next PAC meeting. There was a question about immediate deadlines for any of the events.

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Reports

The Committee asked about the status of the Pine Knoll FUTS and bike lane project.

2. Announcements

There were no Concluding Announcements.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 pm.