



MINUTES

City of Flagstaff

PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 9, 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 4:30 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

Members absent:

Jim Tuck

One vacancy

The following City staff was present:

Martin Ince, Multimodal Planner
Matt Kessler, FMPO Intern
Adam Langford, FMPO Intern
Kimberly Sharp, Comprehensive Planning

Others present:

Angela Horvath, County Health Department
Rick Kessler

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Announcements

There were no Announcements.

2. Public Comment

There were no Public Comments.

3. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Duncan made, and Ms. Browning seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of March 14, 2013. The motion was approved unanimously (5-0).

II. NEW BUSINESS

1. Flagstaff Regional Plan 2030 update

Kimberly Sharp provided an update on the Flagstaff Regional Plan. She said the first draft of the plan has been released, and public comments are being solicited until the public comment period ends on May 31, 2013. In June, the compiled comments will be reviewed by the Citizens Advisory Committee. She encouraged the Committee to help spread the word.

2. Bicycle and pedestrian crash data

Matt Kessler, an intern with the FMPO and a planning student at NAU, reported the preliminary results of a project to collect and analyze pedestrian and bicycle crash data. The Committee made several comments and had several questions:

- The report should describe what crashes are included and what crashes are not be included
- Helmet use in bike crashes is not universally recorded on the crash form, as a result the report should recommend that the police always record this information
- Shawn Bowker at FMC may have emergency room data on helmet use to supplement the information from the crash data
- Are there geographic patterns to pedestrian crashes that are alcohol-related
- What is the definition of inattention-distraction
- It would be helpful to have more information on how many crashes are related to electronic device use; however it seems like the crash reports did not often include this information, and it was acknowledged that it may be difficult for the investigating officer to determine when electronic devices were in use just prior to the crash

- For crashes at intersections, the highest number of both pedestrian and bicycle crashes occurred in marked crosswalks; however this may be a reflection of the fact that marked crosswalks are where most bicyclists and pedestrians are crossing
- Route 66 and Arrowhead is somewhat surprising as a high-crash intersection
- Both bicycle and pedestrian crashes follow a similar trend line over the past 12 years; does this hold for all crashes as well
- Does the NAU crash data include helmet use

3. Bike to Work Week

Ms. Austin asked if anyone was available to help with the ice cream social on Thursday at San Francisco de Asis school parking lot.

III. OLD BUSINESS

1. Sidewalk inventory and prioritization project

Adam Langford, an FMPO intern and a planning student at NAU, provided an update on the sidewalk inventory project from the last meeting. There were a number of questions and comments:

- Does cost affect the priority of projects; in other words are projects less of a priority if they are very costly
- What is the process for combining missing sidewalk segments into a single project
- There was a discussion of crossing difficulties at several locations
- There was a question about the relationship between this process and the Regional Plan
- Having a plan for sidewalk in place should help the City achieve a higher-level designation for walk friendly community status. There was a question as to when the designation renewal application is due

2. Flagstaff Walks!

The Committee discussed potential themes for this year's Science in the Park.

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Mr. Ince introduced an idea to conduct a walkability audit or Active School Neighborhood Checklist with NAU's Department of Planning and Geography. Students may be able to obtain course credit for participating in activities like these.

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Reports

The Committee discussed several items on the Reports list, including the Sitgreaves ramp, the Pine Knoll FUTS and bike lanes, electric bikes on the FUTS, and the PAC vacancy.

2. Announcements

There were no Concluding Announcements.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 pm.