



MINUTES

City of Flagstaff

PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, July 12, 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 4:43 pm. On roll call, the following Committee members were present:

Kim Austin, Co-Chair
Joyce Browning
Cecile LeBlanc
Jim Tuck

Members absent:

Heather Taylor, Co-Chair
Georgia Duncan, Vice Chair
One vacancy

The following City staff was present:

Tom Boughner, Environmental Management
Martin Ince, Multimodal Planner

Others present:

None

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Announcements

Mr. Tuck related an experience he had recently with a contractor who was blocking the sidewalk. He showed a sample of a "tag" issued by the Disability Awareness Commission for violations of accessible parking spaces, and wondered if a similar tag would be useful when sidewalks are blocked.

He mentioned the Sunnyside Bike Shed and said he had recently purchased a bike there. He also distributed a copy of an article about pedestrians who put themselves in danger because they are talking on a cell phone or texting.

2. Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

3. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Tuck made, and Ms. Austin seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 14, 2012. The motion was approved unanimously (4-0).

II. NEW BUSINESS

1. Temporary sign regulations

Tom Boughner made a presentation to the PAC about enforcement of sign regulations and the Safe Sidewalks program. He said he is creating a presentation that he intends to make to local service groups. Mr. Boughner made several points:

- Political signs are not allowed on public property. They are allowed in City right-of-way, but not state (Arizona Department of Transportation) right-of-way.
- There are three places in town where temporary banners for special events can be posted.
- Current regulations do not allow sandwich board signs on public sidewalks; however there has been discussion at the City Council about relaxing the enforcement of this prohibition.
- As part of the Safe Sidewalks program, environmental code enforcement is now tracking and issuing second notice tags for violations. This may be an effective way to encourage compliance, because it puts violators on notice that the violation is being recorded and tracked.
- Illegal parking on sidewalks is a police enforcement function, but Mr. Boughner has the ability to write tickets.
- Enforcement is looking for "neighborhood champions" to help with its education and enforcement efforts.

The PAC considered the idea of forwarding comments to the City Council about sandwich boards on public sidewalks, and discussed how it might get involved.

Co-chair Austin mentioned an idea from another community that converted children's posters into permanent signs that were placed around the community. The posters/signs included various safe sidewalks themes. She said she would find the information and forward it to the Committee.

III. OLD BUSINESS

1. Flagstaff Walks!

Ms. LeBlanc provided an outline of Flagstaff Walks! events, which were discussed by the Committee in detail:

- Car Free Day. The international event will fall on a Saturday. The date needs to be confirmed.
- Community Market booth. The PAC will have a table for three consecutive Sundays, either September 16-23-30, or September 23-30-October 7.
- Themed walks from Community Market. Jack Welch is willing to help organize three walks – a Route 66 walk, and train walk, and a mural walk. The Committee should contact Mr. Welch to coordinate planning for the walks. A question as raised about whether Mr. Welch was conducting his Rio walks in the fall.
- Science in the Park. The booth will be staffed by Cecile and Jim. A display still needs to be designed and built. The FMPO EZ-up will be needed. The display will consist of a large, dark box, into which a flashlight will be shined to illustrate the visibility of dark clothing, light clothing, and reflective materials. 3M, or another company that makes reflective materials, may have a similar display already available. Handouts or giveaways are also necessary.
- Progressive breakfast. Co-chair Austin offered to help coordinate the venues. A date has not been selected, but could possibly be the Thursday after International Walk to School Day. The starting location will be City Hall.
- 15-minute makeover. Will occur on Monday, October 15. One idea is to work with the Bicycle Advisory Committee to clean along Route 66. The public could be invited as well.
- Crossing guard appreciation day. Mr. Tuck agreed to coordinate planning. Planning needs to start with FUSD, as well as each school's PTO or site council. At least one volunteer will be needed at each school.

2. Bicycle and Pedestrian Strategies

Discussion of this item was held over to the August meeting.

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Reports

Reports on various projects and programs were presented to the Pedestrian Advisory Committee in their packets.

2. Announcements

There were no Concluding Announcements.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:01 pm.