



MINUTES

City of Flagstaff

PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, June 14, 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 4:33 pm. On roll call, the following Committee members were present:

Georgia Duncan, Vice-Chair
Joyce Browning
Cecile LeBlanc
Jim Tuck

Members absent:

Kim Austin, Co-Chair
Heather Taylor, Co-Chair

One vacancy

The following City staff was present:

Tom Boughner, Environmental Management
Martin Ince, Multimodal Planner

Others present:

Erika Mazza, NAIPTA

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Announcements

Mr. Tuck voiced a concern about the proliferation of temporary signs, which are now allowed by the City. He said there is a potential they could block sidewalks and accessible routes.

Mr. Boughner reported that signs must leave an accessible route no less than 32 inches in width, per ADA guidelines. He said there are some concerns about enforcing the code for temporary signs.

The Committee expressed an interest in a presentation from Mr. Boughner on a future PAC agenda. Mr. Boughner said he would provide the PAC with a link to the ordinance.

Ms. LeBlanc asked about the Alpine Pedaler, which is commonly seen on streets downtown.

2. Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

3. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Tuck made, and Ms. LeBlanc seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 10, 2012 with one correction. The motion was approved unanimously (4-0).

II. NEW BUSINESS

1. NAIPTA Five-Year Transit Plan

Erika Mazza, planning manager for NAIPTA, made a presentation on the process to update NAIPTA's five-year transit plan.

The planning process is divided into three phases:

- Current and future conditions will be compiled into a report that should be done in August.
- Scenario planning, potentially including a redesign of existing routes, will be subjected to public review in the fall.
- A final report, with additional public input, will be produced at the end of the process.

Ms. Mazza also said that the study is exploring opportunities outside of NAIPTA's current area, including service to Winslow, Williams, and the Grand Canyon. A work shuttle to Phoenix would also be considered.

Ms. Mazza provided some preliminary results from a survey of riders. The survey finds that 70 percent of riders walk to catch a Mountain Line bus, and 92 percent walk to Mountain Link.

III. OLD BUSINESS

1. Flagstaff Walks!

The Committee continued planning for Flagstaff Walks! events:

- Staffing will be needed for the PAC's table at the community market and science in the park event. Ms. LeBlanc will recruit volunteers. The Committee discussed how many community market events it should plan to attend. October 7 is the last community market.
- The date of Car Free Day needs to be confirmed. September 22 is a Saturday.
- In place of a walkability audit, the Committee discussed the possibility of a series of "themed" walks beginning at the community market. The walks could be led by Jack Welch or a series of "experts" on different topics. The Committee asked if Mr. Welch could be invited to the next meeting.
- The PAC's consensus is not to include the First Friday Art Walk and DAC banquet in the schedule of events.

2. Bicycle and Pedestrian Strategies

Mr. Ince presented draft strategies to the Committee.

Mr. Tuck expressed his concern that there is a disconnect between the PAC and the Transportation Commission. Mr. Ince explained that staff was working to eliminate the disconnect, and described what was being done to keep both groups informed.

The Committee discussed the idea of a joint meeting between BAC and PAC to discuss pedestrian and bicycle strategies.

The Committee will continue its discussion of strategies at its next meeting.

3. Safe Routes to School Improvements at Kinsey School

Mr. Ince relayed information from Kim Austin that she has passed the information along to Kinsey School and the School District, but had heard nothing back.

Mr. Tuck said it would be beneficial if FUSD worked more closely with the PAC and the Safe Routes to School program. One idea would be to include a PAC member on the committee at Kinsey School.

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Reports

The status of various pedestrian-related projects was provided to the PAC in their packets.

2. Announcements

There were no Concluding Announcements.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:09 pm.