MINUTES
City of Flagstaff
PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 10, 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:

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

Members absent:

Heather Taylor, Co-Chair

One vacancy

The following City staff was present:

Carl Halperin, Flagstaff Police Department
Martin Ince, Multimodal Planner

Others present:

None

I.   PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

1.   Announcements

Chair Austin said that Public Achievement at NAU is working with Killip School on a variety of safety issues, including a walking school bus. She expressed frustration that some parents were opposed to the walking school bus idea. As part of the project, kids sent letters to their parents about the walking school bus, and some negative letters were returned.

2. **Public Comment**

There was no Public Comment.

3. **Approval of Minutes**

Ms. Duncan made, and Ms. LeBlanc seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 12, 2012 with one correction. The motion was approved unanimously (5-0).

II. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Safe Routes to School Improvements at Kinsey School**

Chair Austin reported that FUSD and Kinsey School are exploring improvements to the school grounds to make it easier for kids to get to school.

Some existing problems at the school include:

- Children are riding with NAU students on NAU shuttle buses from family housing

- Bus loading is a problem

- Pick-up and drop-off is an issue, including an arrangement that requires children to cross the driveway before crossing the street

The PAC discussed several ideas and potential solutions:

- The school wants to add a parking lot at the southwest corner of the campus, where Kiwanis Park was located. The PAC had some reservations about this plan, including the distance between the school and the parking lot

- Extend a driveway from the parking lot to San Francisco Street

- Complete a sidewalk along the west side of Lone Tree Road, from the school to the FUTS trail

- Talk to NAU about allowing family housing residents to use nearby parking for pick-up and drop-off.

- Use an additional crossing guard to help students across the driveway

Chair Austin said she would convey the ideas to FUSD. She reported that a committee has been formed, with representation from parents, teachers, the district, NAU, and the principal.

2. **Bicycle and Pedestrian Strategies**

   Mr. Ince described how detailed strategies fit into the regional planning process, and provided examples from the Bicycle Advisory Committee. The PAC expressed support for organizing the strategies around the five E's. The concept of *Cyclovias* was discussed as a possible strategy.

3. **McConnell Drive Road Safety Assessment**

   Mr. Ince described the process, and read recommendations from the draft Road Safety Assessment report for McConnell Drive. The Committee discussed the operation of unmarked crosswalks. Mr. Ince indicated he would provide a link to a recent comprehensive study of marked and unmarked crosswalks.

III. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Arizona Transit Association Conference – Walkability Session**

   Members of the PAC who attended the walkability session provided a synopsis of the event. There were several issues, including headsets that didn't work. In general the event could have been planned better, and it seemed like it tried to cover too much.

2. **Flagstaff Walks!**

   Ms. LeBlanc reported on an opportunity to be part of the Science in the Park event at the Festival of Science, but said the PAC needs to decide tonight whether to move forward. Several ideas for a theme were discussed, including reflectivity and visibility. Ms. LeBlanc said she would work on the application.

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

1. **Reports**

   Mr. Ince referred the PAC to the Reports in the packet.

2. **Announcements**

   There were no Concluding Announcements.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 pm.