



MINUTES

City of Flagstaff

PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 8, 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 4:37 pm. On roll call, the following Committee members were present:

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

Members absent:

Georgia Duncan, Vice-Chair

One vacancy

The following City staff was present:

Tom Boughner, Environmental Management
Carl Halperin, Flagstaff Police Department
Martin Ince, Multimodal Planner

Others present:

Jim McCarthy

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Announcements

Mr. Tuck said that Bike to Work Week was approaching, and suggested that the PAC might sponsor a Breakfast Station.

Co-Chair Austin reported that they have had conversations with Flagstaff Unified School District about hosting the Safe Routes to School National Course in Flagstaff.

2. Public Comment

Mr. McCarthy introduced himself.

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3. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Tuck made, and Ms. Austin seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 12, 2012. The motion was approved unanimously (5-0).

II. NEW BUSINESS

1. Regional Plan 2012

The PAC discussed the possibility of moving their meeting back to 5:00 pm so they can attend the next meeting of the Circulation Working Group. Mr. Ince was asked to provide the PAC with a schedule of the working group's upcoming meetings.

2. Coordinated Mobility Plan

Mr. Ince said he would have a draft of the plan available for the next PAC meeting. Mr. Tuck suggested scheduling the item at the Disability Awareness Commission.

III. OLD BUSINESS

1. FUTS Planning

The PAC discussed the relationship between the update to the Regional Plan and the FUTS master plan. A question was raised about where the FUTS plan would be located.

The Committee asked for examples of universal design.

2. Flagstaff Walks!

The PAC verbally inventoried other events that are scheduled for the fall:

- International Walk to School Day – October 3
- Disability Awareness Commission Banquet – October 5
- First Friday Art Walk – October 5
- Community Market – Sundays before September 30
- Festival of Science – End of September
- Car Free Day – September 19
- 15-Minute Makeover – October 15

The Committee discussed the possibility of stretching events out from September 19 to October 15.

Possible events for 2012 include:

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- Crossing Guard Appreciation Day
- International Walk to School Day
- Car Free Day
- Walkability Audit
- Disability Audit
- Progressive Breakfast

A question was raised about including the audits, since attendance has been declining the past several years. The Community Market was mentioned as a possible forum, since there is already a good crowd in attendance. The audits could include all kinds of wheeled vehicles, including strollers, wheelchairs, and walkers.

A tie-in to the Festival of Science was suggested. The festival requires that events be science-related. A partnership with the Arizona School for the Deaf and Blind was considered.

Mr. Boughner mentioned that the 15-minute makeover would likely include several longer events in the days leading up to October 15.

3. **Walking Survey**

The Committee reviewed examples of walking surveys from other communities. On-line surveys, such as Survey Monkey, were suggested as a possible forum.

4. **Arizona Transit Association Conference**

Co-Chairs Austin and Taylor reported on the planned walkability session at the Arizona Transit Association conference in Flagstaff on April 22. PAC members will help lead the session.

A suggestion was made to display the results of a walkability audit on a posterboard at the conference.

The PAC was also invited to serve as volunteers for registration and other administrative tasks at the conference. The PAC asked if registration fees would be waived for volunteers.

IV. **CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS**

1. **Reports**

Mr. Ince provided reports on a variety of projects to the PAC in their packets.

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2. Announcements

Mr. Boughner reported that about 20 section of FUTS trail have been adopted through the Adopt-A-FUTS program. Signing is still needed to recognize participants.

Mr. Boughner said they are working on a snow-angel program that would shovel sidewalks for those who are unable. He reported that the program is running into several legal hurdles.

He also said that the PAC's clean-up in University Heights last fall is paying dividends. There are now fewer incidents of trash or recycling containers blocking the sidewalks.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.