



MINUTES

City of Flagstaff

PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, January 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 4:32 pm. On roll call, the following Committee members were present:

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

Members absent:

None

One vacancy

The following City staff was present:

Carl Halperin, Flagstaff Police Department
Martin Ince, Multimodal Planner
Rebecca Kiener, Flagstaff Police Department

Others present:

None

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Announcements

Mr. Tuck informed the Committee that he had received a notice for not putting his trash can out before 6:00 am.

Co-chair Taylor said that the Arizona Transit Association (AzTA) was holding its annual conference in Flagstaff in late April at the High Country Conference Center. She reported that she is working with NAIPTA and Livable Communities on a walkability workshop.

2. Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

3. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Tuck made, and Ms. Taylor seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 10, 2011. The motion was approved unanimously (6-0).

II. NEW BUSINESS

1. Sidewalk Inventory

Mr. Ince reported on a project to create a GIS layer of all the existing and missing sidewalks in Flagstaff. He said that an intern was working with the FMPO on the inventory, and provided maps to illustrate how and what information was being collected.

2. Electric bikes on FUTS

Mr. Ince introduced the item by explaining that the City Council had indicated an interest in the topic during consideration of revisions to City Code regarding bicycles.

The Committee expressed its concern about electric bikes sharing trails with pedestrians, potential issues with speed of electric bikes, and concerns about intimidation of pedestrians. There was consensus that electric bikes should not be allowed on trails, but that bike lanes are okay.

The Committee talked about the status of assistive devices, including Segways.

The Committee also considered the benefits of electric bikes in that it encourages people who would not otherwise ride. Although they could ride on-street, many bicyclists prefer FUTS trails because they are separated from traffic.

III. OLD BUSINESS

1. FUTS Trail Users Survey

Mr. Ince provided copies of the final report. In the past two years surveys have been conducted of bicycle commuters and FUTS trail users; a logical third survey would be for walkers/pedestrians. The Committee discussed the possibility of conducting a walking survey in the fall in conjunction with Flagstaff Walks! Events.

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Reports

The Committee asked about the alignment of the planned Arizona Trail, and how it was coordinated with the completion of Ponderosa Parkway.

The Committee discussed the design of the accessible ramp at Sitgreaves and Route 66.

Regarding the vacancy on the PAC, suggestions were made to check with Friends of Flagstaff's Future, NAIPTA, and Jack Welch for possible leads.

The FUTS trail and bike lanes along Pine Knoll were discussed. The principal at Kinsey School and FUSD have asked about the status of the project.

2. Announcements

The Committee asked if Steve Saville, the City's downtown manager, could be brought to a future meeting to make a presentation on his work.

The Committee expressed an interest in making a field visit to observe the pedestrian crossing at Butler and Humphreys once the weather is warmer.

Officer Kiener announced that she would miss the next four PAC meetings while she renews her EMT certification. She said the Officer Halperin would be taking her place during that time.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.