



MINUTES

City of Flagstaff

PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, October 10, 2013
4:30 pm

City Hall, Council Conference Room
211 West Aspen Avenue, Flagstaff, Arizona

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:31 pm. On roll call, the following Committee members were present:

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

Members absent:

Cecile LeBlanc

One vacancy

The following City staff was present:

Martin Ince, Multimodal Planner
David McIntire, Assistant to the City Manager for Real Estate

Others present:

Lynne Corbin
Justin Pryzby

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Announcements

There were no Announcements.

2. Public Comment

Lynne Corbin introduced herself as a walker who is interested in pedestrian issues and the topics discussed by the Committee. She also expressed a concern about bicyclists on sidewalks.

Justin Pryzby provided 4 images of sidewalk obstructions that have been resolved, 2 images of dumpsters blocking sidewalks on Main Street in Sunnyside and at Cottage and Leroux on Southside, and a number of images from Hunt Avenue of vehicles routinely parking on the sidewalk.

3. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Tuck made, and Ms. Taylor seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of September 12, 2013. The motion was approved unanimously (5-0).

II. NEW BUSINESS

1. City property inventory

David McIntire, assistant to the city manager for real estate, gave a presentation on the process to plan for the future use of 17 unrestricted City-owned parcels. He explained that the process was being conducted in conjunction with the Regional Plan update, that he had collected considerable background information on the parcels, and that he was going to a number of City commissions to make this presentation and gather comments. They are planning to present to Council on October 28, including the recommendations from the City commissions.

Mr. Ince asked the PAC to consider FUTS and pedestrian access issues as part of their deliberation.

As Mr. McIntire presented his information and the staff's recommendation for each parcel, PAC asked questions and offered comments:

Koch Field

- The southerly parcel would be ideal for a county park, since it is adjacent to a school and an existing park. The committee wondered if it would be possible for the County to swap land with the City to acquire the parcel.

Schultz Trailhead

- This site may have cultural artifacts.

Thorpe near Multiuse Field

- The Committee asked about the impacts on property values for adjoining residential parcels.

San Francisco – Elks Lodge

- The Committee asked if a condition can be placed on the sale of the parcel to require future development to address the flooding problems. The Committee also asked if the City has impact fees.

The Committee indicated that the staff's recommendations seemed reasonable and a good compromise, and were appreciative that the FUTS has been considered.

III. OLD BUSINESS

2. Flagstaff Walks!

The Committee briefly recapped events:

- International Walk to School Day: a successful event with nearly 1,500 children participating
- Progressive Breakfast: a good event, with more than the usual number of participants
- Geocaching: lightly attended
- Accessibility Audit: informative and enjoyable, but there is an on-going question about how to get this information out to a larger audience
- Community Market: the banner was very helpful, but A-frames are needed for the posters

Ms. Duncan reported on issues that were brought to her attention during the Community Market:

- Downtown streets ought to be closed during the First Friday Artwalk
- Concerns about bicyclists on sidewalks
- Complaints that Flagstaff is not very walkable

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Reports

There was no discussion on the Reports.

2. Announcements

Mr. Ince said that he and Erika Mazza are scheduled to teach a 1-credit course at NAU on conducting walkability audits at the end of October. Mr. Tuck suggested inviting NAU4All.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 pm.