



MINUTES

City of Flagstaff

PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, June 29, 2011
4:30 pm

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:34 pm. On roll call, the following Committee members were present:

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

Members absent:

Rebecca Snow

One vacancy

The following City staff was present:

Tom Boughner, Sustainability and Environmental Management
Martin Ince, Multimodal Planner

Others present:

Jim Tuck
Jack Welch

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Announcements

Co-chair Austin said there is a tentative start date for the Walking School Bus at Killip School that will coincide with Walk to School Day. Killip will observe Walk to School Day on September 7, rather than October 5, because they are on break for the regular date. She said they have been doing outreach in the community.

Co-chair Taylor reported that they have been contacted by the Livable Communities Coalition and are now part of the coalition.

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2. Public Comment

Mr. Welch asked about the status of the vacancies on PAC.

Mr. Boughner said they have been working on enforcement of vehicles parked on sidewalks. Writing tickets is a police function, but he has asked that complaints be routed through his office.

Mr. Tuck said that AAA provides an annual award for a crossing guard, but only in Pima and Maricopa Counties. He also reported that a member of the City's Disability Awareness Commission was named Volunteer of the Year by the Police Department.

3. Approval of Minutes

Co-chair Austin made, and Ms. Duncan seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 9, 2011. The motion was approved unanimously (5-0).

II. NEW BUSINESS

1. Regional Plan 2012 Community Design Charrette Process

Mr. Ince provided an invitation to a series of design charrettes for the Regional Plan update.

III. OLD BUSINESS

1. Flagstaff Walks!

Co-chair Austin reported that Hermosa Vida was planning a community clean-up event. If they do it in September it could be added to the list of Flagstaff Walks! events.

The Committee discussed the schedule and how it could be opened up to include a variety of events in September under the banner of Flagstaff Walks! Keeping events to a week helps create more concentrated momentum.

There was also a discussion about whether the crossing guard appreciation component of Flagstaff Walks! should be joined with the recognition of Mr. Luna, the crossing guard at Killip who was killed. The Committee reached consensus that the events at Killip, which include Walk to School Day, the start of the walking school bus, and recognition for Mr. Luna, would stand alone and not be part of Flagstaff Walks!

The Committee then discussed individual events planned for Flagstaff Walks!:

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Community Clean-Up

- Will include PAC plus community volunteers
- Activities will include picking up trash, sweeping off sidewalks, trimming vegetation, and issuing notices for trash containers left on sidewalks
- Mr. Boughner said he will check which neighborhoods have the most violations
- The event will be used to promote the Safe Sidewalks program

Flagstaff Carfree Day

- Ms. LeBlanc offered to help organize and coordinate with Friends of Flagstaff's Future

Accessibility Audit

- Mr. Tuck said he will help organize with the Disability Awareness Commission
- Mr. Ince offered to help lead the audit, and will be responsible for assembling wheel chairs and a digital level

Walk the FUTS/Ride the Bus

- Ms. LeBlanc will organize
- There is a possibility of getting discount tokens for the Farmers Market for participants
- There was discussion about providing options for multiple routes

Crossing Guard Appreciation

- Assignments were made as follows – Mr. Tuck (Sechrist), Co-chair Austin (deMiguel), Mr. Welch (Knoles), Co-chair Taylor (Marshall)
- Remaining schools still need volunteers
- Getting schools involved will be the responsibility of the individual volunteer
- Mr. Tuck offered to write up a description

International Walk to School Day

- Co-chairs Taylor and Austin are organizing the event

Progressive Breakfast

- Co-Chair Austin will help Mr. Welch organize
- Should have no more than 4 stops
- There was discussion about charging a fee to pay for the stops
- The Committee is looking for other ideas to make it fun

First Friday Art Walk

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- City is planning to close streets for the event in August, September, and October
- The PAC thought Aspen should be closed in October
- The PAC and Safe Sidewalk program still want to have a booth on Heritage Square
- The Committee discussed several ideas for promotion, including free foot massages for those who walked, and free socks from the Sock Guy

The Committee approved the proposed logo.

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Reports

Mr. Ince provided an update on the Florence-Walnut Underpass, the Route 66-Sitgreaves ramp, and PAC vacancies. Co-chair Austin provided some details on the walking school bus.

2. Announcements

There were no Concluding Announcements.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.