



MINUTES

City of Flagstaff

PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, June 9, 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
- Rebecca Kiener, Flagstaff Police Department

Others present:

- Jim Tuck
- Jack Welch

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Announcements

There were no Announcements.

2. Public Comment

Mr. Tuck reported that the Flagstaff Area Stream Team is planning to install an interpretive sign along Rio de Flaga and Karen Cooper Trail near the museum, and

wondered if there were standards for FUTS sings, including standards for accessibility.

3. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Duncan made, and Ms. Austin seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 12, 2011 and the special meeting of June 1, 2011. The motion was approved unanimously (5-0).

II. NEW BUSINESS

1. Safe Sidewalks Program

Tom Boughner, with the City's Sustainability and Environmental Management Section, made a presentation on the City's Safe Sidewalks program, including the following points:

- One of the goals of the program is to keep roll-out trash and recycling bins from blocking sidewalks
- He passed out a copy of a notice they use to notify and instruct people when they have placed a bin that blocks a sidewalk
- City trash and recycling truck drivers have been instructed not to put bins back on the sidewalk
- SEMS relies on citizen complaints to identify problems
- Problems are worse during snow season, and when streets are narrow
- Vegetation overgrowing the sidewalk is also enforced. They are working on addressing the problems along King Street near Seventh
- For problems with vehicles parking on the sidewalk, the Police should be contacted. If it's a persistent problem in the neighborhood, it can also be brought up at a community block watch meeting.

The Committee discussed how to help promote the Safe Sidewalks as part of Flagstaff Walks! For example, volunteers could target a specific neighborhood and issue green tags to trash cans that are not placed properly. The clean-up day is on Saturday, when no cans would be out. It could also be done as part of one of Jack's walks, but those will have a different focus. The Committee decided to move the accessibility audit to Saturday and the clean-up to Monday so it can be combined with a Safe Sidewalks effort. The Committee asked for a list of which neighborhoods have trash or recycling picked up on Monday to help choose a location.

III. OLD BUSINESS

1. Flagstaff Walks!

The Committee discussed potential partners for each event:

- Carfree Flagstaff: Friends of Flagstaff's Future, NAIPTA
- Festival of Science Walks: Friends of the Rio
- Community Clean-Up: Gore, CREC
- Walk the FUTS/Ride the Bus: NAIPTA, Farmers Market
- Accessibility Audit: Disability Awareness Commission, Visitor Center
- International Walk to School Day:
- Progressive Breakfast: Downtown Business Alliance, Mix restaurant (John Vanladingham), Biffs, Late for the Train, other restaurants
- First Friday Art Walk: Downtown Business Alliance, Sustainability Commission

The Committee indicated that they want to discuss how to involve partners in more detail at the next meeting.

Mr. Tuck reported that he has made contact with the family of the crossing guard who was killed on Fourth Street, as well as with Karen Eberhard at FUSD. Both received the idea positively. The Committee mentioned potential partners, including FUSD and Liz Archuleta. Various Committee members and members of the public volunteered to help organize appreciation events by school:

- Knoles: Jack Welch
- Sechrist: Jim Tuck
- DeMiguel: Kim Austin
- Marshall: Heather Taylor

The Committee discussed the logo for the event. While there was an interest in a higher resolution logo, there is some benefit to keeping the logo consistent. A contest for a new logo was discussed, but rejected because of the anticipated difficulty.

2. Transportation, Community, and System Preservation Grant Application

Mr. Ince showed an updated map of infill sidewalk locations submitted for the grant, and reported that the grant request was about \$635,000.

3. Walk Friendly Communities Application

Mr. Ince reported there was interest in a sidewalk infill program as a result of the Walk Friendly Community designation. Identification and prioritization of infill sidewalk segments may be a future PAC project.

4. FUTS Planning Discussion

This item was tabled.

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Reports

There were no Reports.

2. Announcements

Several members indicated that they would be on vacation during the week of the July meeting. Mr. Ince was asked to take a poll of members to find an alternative date.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.