



MINUTES

City of Flagstaff

PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 12, 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 4:39 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:

Martin Ince, Multimodal Planner
Rebecca Kiener, Flagstaff Police Department

Others present:

Jim Tuck
Jack Welch

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Announcements

Ms. Duncan said that the dedication ceremony for the Karen Cooper Trail last Friday was nice.

Ms. Austin reported that Safekids had done a trail clean-up along the Sinclair Wash Trail. A total of 7 bags of trash were collected.

2. Public Comment

Mr. Welch reminded the group that Bike to Work Week was starting next week.

Mr. Tuck said he was thankful the walkability audit during the Walking School Bus training included accessibility issues.

3. Approval Of Minutes

Ms. Duncan made, and Ms. Austin seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 14, 2011. The motion was approved unanimously (5-0).

II. NEW BUSINESS

1. Flagstaff Walks!

Mr. Ince reported that any meeting of the PAC, including a subcommittee, needs to be duly posted and have a quorum. The Committee tentatively planned June 1, 2011 as a date for a special meeting to plan for Flagstaff Walks!

III. OLD BUSINESS

1. Walking School Bus Workshop

Ms. Austin reported on the Walking School Bus Workshop from last Tuesday. She said attendance was good, although there were some key people missing. There were representatives from Killip School, as well as Principal Hardy from Kinsey School; both are anxious to begin a program. As a next step, another organizational meeting is planned for June.

2. Walk Friendly Communities Application

The Committee reviewed and discussed the community feedback and report card that was provided as part of Flagstaff's designation as a Walk Friendly Community, and had several comments and questions regarding the recommendations:

- Pedestrian crashes, especially with severe injuries and fatalities, seem to be very high. What can be done to reduce crash rates?
- In how many crashes is alcohol/intoxication a factor?
- Police reports do not always record if alcohol/intoxication is a factor.
- According to Officer Kiener, the Police Department does not have the resources to hire a Traffic Safety Officer.

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- A training video for crossing guards would be helpful.
- The community feedback and report card should be shared with relevant City staff, with appropriate sections highlighted.
- Driver's education courses could include material on sharing the road with pedestrians. Unfortunately driver's education is not mandatory for high school students.
- A public service announcement (PSA) would be a good way to increase awareness. The NAU School of Communications may be able to produce materials. It may be affordable to air PSA's on local cable channels.
- The Police Department's changeable message trailer could be used to broadcast safety messages, for example during Flagstaff Walks!
- ADOT may have produced a series of PSA's that could be used.
- A sidewalk inventory should be completed.
- A pedestrian sting operation would take significant hours and may not be possible, given limited resources.
- It would be ideal to close a downtown street during the First Friday Art Walk in October, although it might be difficult to accomplish. Would it be as effective to close other downtown streets? It might be helpful to invite representatives of the Downtown Business Alliance to an upcoming PAC meeting.

3. FUTS Planning Discussion

Mr. Ince reported that the survey of FUTS users was being formatted for the City's website, and would hopefully be available soon.

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Reports

Mr. Ince reported on a number of on-going projects, including the Pine Knoll FUTS trail and bike lanes, the Florence-Walnut underpass, the Route 66 FUTS trails, and the Sitgreaves sidewalk ramp.

The PAC asked about the status of the vacancy, and indicated that situation was becoming very difficult because the Traffic Commission has not met in more than a year to make appointments.

2. Announcements

Continued planning for Flagstaff Walks should be on the next agenda.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:53 pm.