



MINUTES

City of Flagstaff

PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, February 10, 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 4:33 pm. On roll call, the following Committee members were present:

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

Members absent:

Rebecca Snow

One vacancy

The following City staff was present:

Martin Ince, Multimodal Planner

Others present:

Jim Tuck
Jack Welch

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Announcements

Co-chair Austin said that she is working with Brian Fellows to conduct a walking school bus workshop in Flagstaff. The workshop can be for either a regional or community audience. If the workshop is regional, then there must be at least 30 attendees. The workshop is tentatively scheduled for the end of April. It is an all-day workshop, and the County could provide lunch. She said she must give Brian an answer by February 15.

2. Public Comment

Mr. Welch reported that the Sustainability Commission is discussing Red Gap Ranch, including a future population projection of 180,000 people for Flagstaff. He said that retrofits are very difficult, and that the more we do now for pedestrian accommodation the better.

Mr. Tuck said he was happy to see the FUTS trail in front of FALA was finally open.

3. Approval Of Minutes

Ms. Duncan made, and Ms. Taylor seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 9, 2010. The motion was approved unanimously.

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. FUTS Planning Discussion

Mr. Ince provided a draft survey for FUTS trail users. The Committee reviewed the draft survey and provided a number of comments:

- It is probably not necessary to repeat the survey annually
- A survey of pedestrians might be planned during Flagstaff Walks! in the fall
- The survey should define FUTS, so survey respondents know which trails are FUTS trails
- The survey might also ask where respondents live by Flagstaff neighborhood, to get more detailed information than just ZIP code
- For question 14, it would be more useful to ask what part of Flagstaff rather than which trails
- Provide space to write comments or list problem areas under the questions that ask users to rate trail maintenance, cleanliness, and safety
- Eliminate the question about lighting
- Open ended questions should not be limited to 3 responses

2. Flagstaff Walks!

The Committee discussed having a sub-committee meet in May to begin planning for Flagstaff Walks.

Ms. Duncan said that the Festival of Science was tightly organized, and that it might be difficult to coordinate events with theirs.

Mr. Welch indicated that he is organizing a series of up to 6 walks for the Friends of the Rio as part of the Festival of Science. He said that events need to be submitted and accepted. He also said that tables were available at Wheeler Park in September. This year's theme is Light Forest Space.

The Committee discussed the schedule, which may last longer than a week. Events could start in late September, and the finale will be International Walk to School Day.

Geocaching was discussed as a possible event, provided individuals or a group can be identified to organize.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Sinclair Wash FUTS Trail Crossings

Mr. Ince provided information on options for improving bicycle and access along Beulah Boulevard between Woodlands Village Boulevard and McConnell, and reported on discussion held by the Bicycle Advisory Committee at their meeting the previous week.

The Committee discussed the feasibility of building a FUTS trail along the east side of Beulah Boulevard, and problems and possible solutions for the FUTS crossing at Woodlands Village Boulevard.

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Reports

Mr. Ince reported on the status of vacancies on the PAC, and gave a brief update on the status of the undercrossing at Florence and Walnut Streets.

2. Announcements

There were no Concluding Announcements.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.