



MINUTES

City of Flagstaff

PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, July 10, 2014
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:

Joyce Browning
Georgia Duncan, vice-chair
Cecile LeBlanc
Jim Tuck

Members absent:

Kim Austin
Heather Taylor

One vacancy

The following City staff was present:

Martin Ince, multimodal planner
Stephanie Stearns, Montoya Fellowship intern

Others present:

Kevin Parkes
Jack Welch

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Announcements

Mr. Tuck asked why there is no longer a police representative at PAC meetings. He reported that CDAD at NAU is planning a month-long celebration of the anniversary of ADA. He also reported that he was approached by a member of the VFW and American Legion, who were concerned about business owners taking over management of downtown, and their reluctance to allow parades and other events.

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He said that the recent Fourth of July parade had a proliferation of private pop-up tents that block sidewalks and access. He wondered who the appropriate contact person is, and can this be a future agenda item. He said that the hot dog stand at San Francisco and Birch has been removed. Operation Lifesaver will be conducting a class at NAIPTA on July 17.

2. Public Comment

Mr. Welch said that David Needham had represented the police at the Bicycle Advisory Committee, but that he has been reassigned.

Mr. Parkes introduced himself as the chair of the Transportation Commission, and asked if the PAC could make a presentation to the Commission after October.

3. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Tuck made, and Ms. Browning seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of June 12, 2014. The motion was approved unanimously (4-0).

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Flagstaff Walks!

The Committee continued planning for Flagstaff Walks!:

Science in the Park

- Felt cut-outs will be used in place of a mannequin
- Kids can "dress" the cut-outs in appropriate day and night-time outfits
- With the cut-outs, more kids will be able to participate, and the display can be more hands-on
- It may be possible to use the felt cut-outs at the Community Market

Peace-Mural-PAWS Walk

- The peace walk will be about 2 miles in length, the PAWS and mural walks will be about 2-3 miles
- Since there are only a few PAWS sculptures within walking distance of downtown, the PAWS walk can be augmented with other public sculptures
- Materials can be handed out for each walk; flyers for the PAWS walk and public art maps for the mural walk
- For the peace walk, participants will walk from one of 4 peace poles to Heritage Square, where there will be an organized gathering
- PAC should work with the sponsoring organizations to promote the walks

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Community Market

- Useful handouts include the half-sheet calendar of events, FUTS maps, and public art/PAWS brochures
- Art Babbott has not yet been contacted

Accessibility Audit

- Some of the planning details are still up in the air, as NAU4All will not meet until NAU is back for the fall semester
- Would like to include downtown in the route

Progressive Breakfast

- Ms. Austin is planning an itinerary

Geocaching/Letterboxing/Benchmark Hunting

- Date will be moved to October 5
- Needs additional publicity to draw a larger group
- Are there local geocaching groups
- Will begin on the front steps of City Hall

International Walk to School Day

- Ms. Austin is planning

Crossing Guard Appreciation

- Ms. LeBlanc offered to draft resolutions for Crossing Guard Appreciation and Flagstaff Walks!

15-Minute Makeover

- Several locations were discussed, but not settled
- Tom Boughner may have suggestions
- Needs to be settled at next meeting

Try Transit Day

- NAIPTA has not been contacted

Advertising and marketing

- 8.5 x 11 posters
- Daily Sun calendar – contact Abbie Gripman specifically to promote events

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- Jacks column on September 23
- Check on advertising rates at the Daily Sun
- KAFF radio

2. Pedestrian master planning process

Ms. Stearns provided a detailed outline for the master plan that is organized around the 5 E's. The Committee had several comments and questions:

- Are passive detection systems commonly used?
- The effective width of some downtown sidewalks is less than in residential areas
- There was a question about the status of the missing sidewalk along Fourth Street
- When is trip reduction required, and when is it incentivized?
- The Safe Routes to School position should have a standing position on the PAC; can this be a future agenda item?

Ms. Stearns provided an update on the Walking and Biking Survey. The Committee discussed a possible combined BAC-PAC meeting sometime in the beginning of September. It could also be pushed to October to coincide with Flagstaff Walks events. The Transportation Commission should be included in the notification for the combined meeting.

III. NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Reports

There were questions about the status of the transverse pavement markings project and appointments/reappointments to the PAC.

2. Announcements

There were no Announcements.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:56 pm.