



MINUTES

City of Flagstaff

PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 11, 2010
4:30 pm

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:37 pm. On roll call, the following Committee members were present:

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

Members absent:

Sharon Grasso
Rebecca Snow

The following City staff was present:

Roger Eastman, Community Code Administrator
Martin Ince, Multimodal Planner
David Needham, Flagstaff Police Department
Brittani Oatis, FMPO Intern

Others present:

Jack Welch

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Announcements

Ms. Duncan asked about the status of the downtown walking map.

Co-chair Austin announced that the walking school bus to Thomas School is starting on April 7, and that a cycle train is starting on April 1 to Sechrist School along the FUTS trail.

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2. Public Comment

There were no Public Comments.

3. Approval Of Minutes

Ms. Duncan made, and Ms. Taylor seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 14, 2010. The motion was approved unanimously.

II. NEW BUSINESS

1. 50 Miles of FUTS

Ms. Oatis gave a short presentation on the City's plans for events to celebrate 50 miles of FUTS trails.

The Committee had several suggestions for potential partners and sponsors:

- Willow Bend Environmental Education Center
- Safekids Coalition
- YMCA, which is located along a FUTS trail
- Arizona Trail Association
- Coconino County PLAY – Healthy Heart (Tara Jean)
- FMC – Weight Loss Program

The PAC thought it should sponsor an event or walk.

Mr. Welch said that Elson Miles was involved in early trail planning, and should be consulted for the names of others involved in the early planning efforts.

A suggestion was made to sponsor a photography contest along the FUTS, and that local photography clubs could be involved.

For the scavenger hunt and 50-mile challenge, it was suggested that participants be required to pick up trash along the trail.

There was some discussion about starting the Adopt-a-Trails program, in particular for schools along FUTS trails.

2. Operation Lifesaver Presentation

Mr. Ince made a presentation on behalf of Operation Lifesaver, an international, non-profit education program established to end crashes, injuries and deaths at railroad crossings and on railroad right-of-way. The presentation was made in anticipation of the start of quiet zones at the City's five at-grade rail crossings. Quiet zones went into effect on March 1, 2010

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Ms. Taylor mentioned that the presentation might make a good safety topic for their school education program.

III. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Flagstaff Walks!**

The Committee has not been able to contact the Downtown Business Alliance. Ms. Austin offered to check contacts.

Mr. Welch clarifies that the event is the fifth annual.

For the Safe Routes to School workshop, Ms. Austin said she would provide the date to Brian Fellows at ADOT. Both Tracy McMillan and Mr. Fellows are available to conduct the workshop.

Mr. Ince said he would follow-up with Stephanie Smith regarding the Ciclovía. A suggestion was made to provide additional parking at San Francisco de Asis School, if parking were a problem. Safekids has money for overtime pay as well.

Several suggestions were made for partnerships:

- Willow Bend conducts a "Green Friday" during the First Friday Art Walk
- FMC
- North Country Health Center
- Sustainability Commission

A suggestion was made to pattern the breakfast walk after the Bike to Work Week breakfast stops, and a discussion ensued regarding ideas for the organization of the walk. Wildflower Bread Company was discussed as a possible starting/ending point.

The Committee likes the idea of a community clean-up. The event could focus on a different neighborhood each year. Sunnyside was suggested for this year's event, with the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association and Sustainability Program as potential partners.

For the Walk the FUTS/Ride the Bus event, NAIPTA and the Farmers Market should be partners.

The Committee made assignments amongst themselves for organizing individual events:

- Ms. Austin will take International Walk to School Day, the Safe Routes to School workshop, and the Community Clean-Up

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- Ms. LeBlanc will take the Walk the FUTS/Ride the Bus and Try Transit Day, and will help with the First Friday Art Walk. She will also take on marketing and promotions
- Ms. Duncan will help with Walk the FUTS/Ride the Bus and Try Transit Day
- Mr. Ince will take the Walkability Audit.

For the Walkability Audit, the Committee discussed a possible location at the southwest corner of the NAU campus, along McConnell between Knoles and Beulah.

2. **2010 Pedestrian Advisory Committee Goals and Priorities**

The Committee asked Mr. Ince to send them the 2009 PAC goals and policies.

3. **FUTS Program Priorities**

Mr. Ince briefly summarized the results from the FUTS Program Priorities exercise.

IV. **CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS**

1. **Reports**

Mr. Eastman provided an update on the zoning code rewrite project. He reported that the project is struggling to meet its schedule, but that a report would be made to the City Council on March 30. He asked if there were any pedestrian issues that might be addressed in the new zoning code, and mentioned that there was also a parallel process to update the City's Engineering Standards. Mr. Ince said he would review possible pedestrian issues with Mr. Eastman in advance of the next meeting.

2. **Announcements**

There were no Concluding Announcements.

I. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 pm.