



MINUTES

City of Flagstaff

PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, August 13, 2009
4:30 – 6:00 pm

City Hall, Staff 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, Acting Chair
Joyce Browning
Cecile LeBlanc
Rebecca Snow
Heather Taylor

Members absent:

Georgia Duncan
Sharon Grasso

The following City staff was present:

Tom Boughner, Environmental Code Specialist
Martin Ince, Multi-Modal Planner
Dave Needham, Flagstaff Police Department
Rebecca Sayers, Sustainability and Environmental Manager

Others present:

Gerry Craig
Cody Gildart
Barbara Wells

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Announcements

There were no Announcements.

2. Public Comment

There were no Public Comments.

3. Approval Of Minutes

Ms. Browning made, and Ms. LeBlanc seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 9, 2009. The motion was approved unanimously.

II. NEW BUSINESS

1. Compressed Work Week for City Offices

Rebecca Sayers of the City's Environmental Services Division gave a short presentation on a proposal for a compressed work week for some City offices. The proposed new hours are 7 am to 6 pm, with offices closed on Fridays. She said there is a public outreach effort underway that will include public surveys.

There was a discussion about the potential savings, and other places that have gone to similar schedules.

2. Pedestrian Awareness Week

The Committee settled on Wednesday, September 30 through Wednesday, October 7 for Pedestrian Awareness Week. International Walk to School Day is Wednesday, October 7.

Ms. Austin described last year's photo journalism project for school kids. She announced they have a grant for \$2000 to build on a theme from last year's project. She said the selected theme is community clean-up, which will take place in the vicinity of Kinsey School.

Tom Boughner of the City's Environmental Services Division outlined the City's efforts to enforce the sidewalk ordinance. He mentioned the "September Sidewalks" neighborhood initiative in the Foxglenn neighborhood.

There was a discussion about publicity for the program, which could be an editorial for the paper or an ad purchased with the grant money. Mr. Boughner said that publicity was helpful in getting property owners to take care of issues.

The Committee discussed possible tie-ins with the community makeover day, which lasts for 15 minutes on October 15.

Ms. Snow offered to write an article, timed for release just before Pedestrian Awareness Week.

Ms. Taylor, Ms. Austin, and Mr. Boughner agreed to meet to further discuss a potential project.

Following discussion, the Committee settled on the following tentative schedule of events for Pedestrian Awareness Week:

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Wednesday, September 30

- Kick-Off Breakfast Walk

Thursday, October 1

- Safe Routes to School Workshop at Kinsey School

Friday, October 2

- Pedestrian Sting Operation (subject to Police Department participation)
- Walkability Audit
- Downtown Art Walk

Saturday, October 3

- Community Clean Up Day
- FUTS Walk

Sunday, October 4

- Ride the Bus/Walk the FUTS

Monday, October 5

- Try Transit Day

Tuesday, October 6

- Accessibility Audit

Wednesday, October 7

- International Walk to School Day

The Committee assigned tasks related to each event, and made a list of ways to generate publicity for the week.

3. Election of Officers

This item was tabled to the next meeting.

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III. OLD BUSINESS

1. Pedestrian Facilities Inventory

Mr. Ince presented a summary of the weighting of factors from last month's discussion. There was a question about whether curb ramps and on-street parking should be weighted higher.

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Reports

Mr. Ince provided the Committee with a written summary of the Reports.

2. Announcements

Ms Taylor announced that the proposed bicycle helmet ordinance for children was scheduled to be considered at the City Council on August 18.

II. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 pm.