



MINUTES

City of Flagstaff

PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, June 17, 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 4:35 pm. On roll call, the following Committee members were present:

Georgia Duncan, Chair
Kim Austin
Joyce Browning
Cecile LeBlanc
Rebecca Snow
Heather Taylor

Members absent:

Sharon Grasso

The following City staff was present:

Roger Eastman, Zoning Code Administrator
Karl Eberhard, City Architect
Martin Ince, Multi-Modal Planner
Dave Needham, Flagstaff Police Department
Kimberly Sharp, Neighborhood Planner

Others present:

Gerry Craig
Ingrid Turner

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Announcements

Ms. LeBlanc announced that she was starting a blog on walking, and provided the URL to those present.

2. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

3. Approval Of Minutes

Ms. Austin made, and Ms. Taylor seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 9, 2009 with corrections. The motion was approved unanimously.

II. NEW BUSINESS

1. Regional Plan Update Process

Kimberly Sharp, neighborhood planner, presented an outline of the process for updating the City's Regional Plan. She invited the PAC to participate in the process.

2. Fourth Street Corridor Study

Karl Eberhard, city architect, introduced the PAC to the Fourth Street Corridor study. He said the project consisted of two parts. The south end, from Butler to Huntington, is more of a technical analysis for future widening of the street. The north end addresses the public right-of-way between Route 66 and Linda Vista, and will examine options for traffic calming, pedestrian and bicycle facilities, and beautification. He said they are seeking to expand the project to include redevelopment plans for private parcels in the vicinity of Fourth Street and Seventh Avenue. The study will not include the intersection of Route 66 and Fourth Street.

Mr. Eberhard said the City is in the process of hiring a consultant for the project. He said the study will include a significant public meeting component that has not been scheduled yet.

There was a discussion about the scope and intent of the study, and the planned products at the end of the study.

There was a discussion about how the PAC might assist with data collection, for example pedestrian counts.

3. Zoning Code Update

Roger Eastman, zoning code administrator, provided an update on the zoning code update. He showed a short video on New Urbanism, and described the concept of the transect as it relates to form-based codes.

He said the consultants will be in town on July 8-10 for the next open house, and that a design charette was planned for September or October. He invited the PAC to participate in the process.

III. OLD BUSINESS

1. Pedestrian Facilities Inventory

Mr. Ince provided a summary of the process to inventory and rank pedestrian facilities and described each of the factors that will be used in the analysis. He said that this kind of process was being used in several other communities to help prioritize investments in pedestrian facilities. He said that some factors were more important than others, and therefore should be weighted. At the July meeting the PAC would help to determine appropriate weights for each of the factors.

2. Crosswalks

This item was held over to another meeting.

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

1. REPORTS

Mr. Ince provided copies of the new Urban Trails and Bikeways Map.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no concluding announcements.

III. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 pm.