



MINUTES

City of Flagstaff

PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, April 9, 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 4:40 pm. On roll call, the following Committee members were present:

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

Members absent:

Sharon Grasso

The following City staff was present:

Dave Needham, Flagstaff Police Department
Martin Ince, Multi-Modal Planner

Others present:

Gerry Craig
Jack Welch

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Announcements

Ms. Taylor reported on a conference she attended in Tennessee.

Rebecca Snow, who was recently appointed to the PAC, was introduced to the Committee. The PAC also introduced themselves.

2. Public Comment

Mr. Welch said he has been circulating a petition to add police officers on bicycle.

3. Approval Of Minutes

Ms. Taylor made, and Ms. Austin seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 12, 2009. The motion was approved unanimously

II. NEW BUSINESS

1. Walking School Bus

Ms. Austin provided an update on the walking school bus program at Thomas School. She said that the route of the walk starts near Seventh and Steves, and proceeds through Bushmaster Park to the school. Several parents have been involved, and she has been working to transfer responsibility for organizing the activity to the parents.

There was a discussion about who is responsible for the kids during and after the walk. Mr. Needham said that in Arizona the school is still responsible when the student boards a bus. He suggested having the school update its handbook to address the situation.

2. Crosswalks

Ms. Snow provided a brief presentation on the condition of various crosswalks around Flagstaff. She referenced two problem intersections which had no pedestrian signal or markings on one leg:

- Fourth and Seventh
- Fourth and Lockett

She also said there were a number of intersections at which markings have faded or disappeared:

- Humphreys and Aspen
- San Francisco and Butler
- Beaver and Butler
- Fourth and Butler
- Fourth and Soliere
- Fourth and Route 66
- Patterson and Lockett
- Sawmill and Butler
- Elden and King

Mr. Craig added several to the list, including:

- Fourth and Lockett
- Fourth and Seventh
- Beaver and Cherry

- Birch and Leroux

Chair Duncan added Milton and Plaza to the list.

The Committee discussed data needs and methods to collect it. Mr. Ince agreed to forward the list to Jeff Bauman and Steven Hill in the City's Traffic Section.

3. Joint Meeting of PAC and BAC

Mr. Ince explained that the idea is to have a joint meeting with the Bicycle Advisory Committee, not a formal action to combine the two committees. The Committee agreed that if a joint meeting were arranged, an agenda that identifies common issues should be prepared in advance.

III. OLD BUSINESS

1. PAC Goals, Priorities, and Work Program for 2009

Mr. Ince provided a list of proposed goals and objectives based on discussion at the last meeting.

After a discussion on whether Fourth Street should be added as a goal, the Committee asked if a presentation on Fourth Street could be made at the next meeting.

There was discussion about changes to Flagstaff City Code to allow enforcement of weed and vegetation removal from sidewalks. Mr. Needham suggested including Tom Boughner in discussions early. The Committee discussed including a community clean up project as part of Pedestrian Awareness Week.

The dates for Pedestrian Awareness Week were set for September 30 through October 7.

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

1. REPORTS

There was no discussion on the reports.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no concluding announcements.

III. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 pm.