



MINUTES

City of Flagstaff PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 12, 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 4:32 pm. On roll call, the following Committee members were present:

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

Members absent:

Sharon Grasso

There is one vacancy on the Committee

The following City staff was present:

Roger Eastman, Community Code Administrator
Dave Needham, Flagstaff Police Department
Martin Ince, Multi-Modal Planner
Lauren Ray, Sustainability Program

Others present:

Gerry Craig
Bob Kampwerth
Rebecca Snow
Jack Welch

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Announcements

Ms. Ray reported that the City is still enforcing the sidewalk ordinance. She encouraged the group to call in to report violations.

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Chair Duncan mentioned an idea to combine the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committees, and suggested it may be a future agenda item.

Ms. Austin announced that "Walking Wednesdays" will begin in the next few weeks. The route starts at Circle K on Steves, makes its way through Bushmaster Park, and ends at Thomas School.

2. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

3. Approval Of Minutes

Ms. Taylor made, and Ms. Browning seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 12, 2009, with corrections to the title and the names of committee members. The motion was approved unanimously

II. OLD BUSINESS

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

Copies of the goals and priorities from last year were distributed.

Enforcement

There was a discussion of double fines in school zones and the status of signing. Mr. Craig said that roll-out signs are the school's responsibility.

Ms. Snow brought up the idea of a pedestrian sting operation. She referenced a study on the effectiveness of education and enforcement programs, and thought it would be beneficial to review existing pedestrian laws.

Following a discussion about the limitations of current regulations in enforcing removal of cinders and vegetation from sidewalks, the Committee recommended a goal to seek changes in existing ordinances to allow enforcement of vegetation and weed removal from sidewalks.

There was an idea to use kids groups and service groups to clean up and trim problem areas.

Evaluation

The Committee agreed that an evaluation of crash statistics should be kept on the list.

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The Committee discussed neighborhoods, like Greenlaw, that did not have sidewalks. The goal of building more sidewalks and FUTS trails is on-going.

Education

Ms. LeBlanc suggested using the information from Portland as a model and a source for education goals. The Committee settled on a goal to explore ways to promote existing opportunities for walking, biking, and transit to Flagstaff's residents and neighborhoods.

Encouragement

The Committee discussed the idea of an after-school walking program and its relationship to Walking Wednesdays. A suggestion was made to include it on the PAC's list of goals and priorities.

There was a discussion about the lack of funding options and the need to explore low-cost and no-cost solutions. There may be grants available to help with implementation, so it was agreed that the goals should be shared with the City's grants manager and other employees so they can help to identify opportunities.

2. Flagstaff Walking Map

The Committee took inventory of the information that has been collected to date.

3. Pedestrian Facilities Inventory and Prioritization

Mr. Ince provided a status of the data collection project.

There was a discussion about worn crosswalk markings and the value of having PAC members help to identify badly worn crosswalks. Prioritization of intersections and crosswalks is important, especially in the context of shrinking funds for maintenance. The Committee agreed to bring lists of worn crosswalks to the April meeting.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Land Development Code Revision

Roger Eastman, the City's community code administrator, outlined the process for rewriting the City's Land Development Code. He anticipates the process will take about 15-18 months, and he invited the Committee to participate in the process.

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

1. REPORTS

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There was no discussion on the reports.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Agenda items for the April meeting will include the walking school bus, crosswalk markings, and goals and priorities.

III. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.