



MINUTES

City of Flagstaff PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, February 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 4:31 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:

None

There is one vacancy on the Committee

The following City staff was present:

Bob Caravona, Long Range Planner
Martin Ince, Multi-Modal Planner
Dave Needham, Flagstaff Police Department
Lauren Ray, Sustainability Program

Others present:

Gerry Craig
Rebecca Snow
Jack Welch
Cynthia White

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Announcements

Kim Austin reported on a community meeting held regarding Bushmaster Park. She said they are planning to start a walking school bus through the park in the spring.

2. Public Comment

Cynthia White, executive director of Friends of Flagstaff's Future, provided a letter to the PAC in support of their efforts to promote walkability in Flagstaff. She encouraged efforts to improve crosswalks and remove snow from sidewalks, and suggested there is still room for improvement.

Rebecca Snow also provided a letter to the PAC regarding a number of issues, including driver behavior, the Fourth Street corridor, a lack of crosswalks, snow removal from sidewalks, and lack of snow removal at bus stops. She encouraged the PAC to look to other communities for examples.

3. Approval Of Minutes

Ms. Browning made, and Ms. Taylor seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 15, 2009. The motion was approved unanimously

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Pedestrian Facilities Inventory and Prioritization

Mr. Ince showed a series of map images that displayed the data that has been collected in support of a comprehensive review of pedestrian facilities in Flagstaff. He said that he would provide regular updates at future PAC meetings.

2. Flagstaff Walking Map

The Committee reviewed the latest draft of the Flagstaff Downtown Walking Map and a list of information that might be included on the map. The following comments were offered:

- The audience for the map is primarily tourists, although locals would find some benefit as well.
- Nearby attractions that are outside of the map area should be within walking distance of downtown.
- Events are too subject to change to include on the map as a reliable source of information.

- It may be useful and interesting to color code neighborhoods on the map.

The Committee assigned members to help collect information as follows:

- Cecile: historic buildings
- Heather: public art
- Sharon: parks and other features
- Kim: walking tips, pedestrian rules, and bikes on sidewalks
- Martin: Mountain Line and FUTS

3. Regional Plan Update

Bob Caravona, the City's long range planner, made a short presentation on the process to update the Regional Plan.

4. Robert Wood Johnson – Active Living Grant

Ms. Taylor reported that they decided not to submit an application, partially because of concerns that Flagstaff could not be competitive.

Ms. LeBlanc referenced Portland's Smart Trips program as a good source of ideas for future projects.

III. NEW BUSINESS

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

Discussion of this item was held over to the March meeting.

2. Arizona State Parks Trails Heritage Grant Program

Mr. Ince reported that because of the State Parks budget crisis, grant monies through the Heritage Fund program were being "swept" back into the state's general fund and would no longer be available for projects. As a result the City was losing just under \$400,000 for two projects, the FUTS signing project and the Rio North FUTS bridge at Crescent.

Ms. Grasso made, and Ms. Austin seconded, a motion to send a letter to the Arizona State Parks Board in support of the Trails Heritage Grant Program. The motion was approved unanimously.

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

1. REPORTS

Regarding the Fourth Street corridor projects, the Committee discussed several items, including signs to remind motorists to yield to pedestrians, and the problems with right turns on red. Mr. Craig discussed the role of the Committee in making referrals and providing advice to the Traffic Commission.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no concluding announcements.

III. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 pm.