



# MINUTES

## City of Flagstaff PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

4:30 pm Thursday, January 15, 2008

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City Hall, Council Conference Room  
211 West Aspen Avenue, Flagstaff, Arizona

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 4:34 pm. On roll call, the following Committee members were present:

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

One vacancy

Members absent:

Sharon Grasso

The following City staff was present:

Bob Caravona, Long Range Planner  
Joe Haughey, City Council Member  
Martin Ince, Multi-Modal Planner  
Dave Needham, Flagstaff Police Department

Others present:

Mike McDonald

### **I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS**

#### **1. Announcements**

There were no announcements.

#### **2. Public Comment**

City Councilor Joe Haughey was introduced. Mr. Haughey said that he is serving as Council liaison to the Traffic Commission. He believes that the Pedestrian Advisory

Committee is a good forum to discuss pedestrian issues prior to Traffic Commission and City Council meetings.

Mr. McDonald asked about the City's snow plowing practices, and expressed dissatisfaction with plowing on ADOT roads.

**3. Approval Of Minutes**

Ms. Taylor made, and Ms. Browning seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 11, 2008. The motion was approved unanimously.

**II. OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Pedestrian Facilities Inventory and Prioritization**

Mr. Ince described staff's efforts to collect information on pedestrian facilities, including arterials and collector street segments and intersections. He provided a list of information that will be collected and an outline of a methodology to help inventory and prioritize pedestrian facilities. Information will be brought back to PAC as it is developed for review and policy guidance.

**2. Flagstaff Walking Map**

The PAC made a list of information to be included on the back of the map, including civic buildings, historic buildings, public art, and bus stops. A suggestion was made to include places that rent bicycles, as a way to help encourage alternative transportation. Mr. Ince will make a list of facilities, which will then be distributed to the PAC to help collect information. Existing sources should be checked first.

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Regional Plan Update**

Mr. Caravona presented a brief outline on the process for updating the Regional Plan. He described the role of focus groups, which will make recommendations to a Citizens Advisory Commission. Public open houses will be held prior to focus group meetings. Pedestrian issues will be included in the Circulation element.

Mr. Caravona indicated that he would come back to the February PAC meeting to make a formal presentation.

**2. Robert Wood Johnson – Active Living Grant**

Ms. Taylor described a potential grant opportunity through the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The grant is not for infrastructure projects, but rather programs that help set policy and bring about community change. The first six months of the grant are for planning, so the details of a program do not have to be worked out in advance. She said she is looking for ideas from the group.

Ms. LeBlanc described a help packet for riding the bus that is available in Portland, and said that it may be helpful to have a similar packet for pedestrians.

Mr. Haughey suggested that Pedestrian Awareness Week would be a good forum for an event, and described a walking map from Santa Monica.

There was a discussion about techniques to encourage kids to walk to school during the winter months.

Ms. Taylor asked if the item could be brought back to the February meeting for further brainstorming.

#### **IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS**

##### **1. Reports**

Mr. Ince described ADOT's efforts to prepare a statewide pedestrian safety action plan. He said that the information collected on pedestrian crashes showed that Flagstaff had a significant number of crashes compared to other places across the state. Five state road segments in Flagstaff have been identified as priority segments.

Ms. Taylor reported that double fines in school zones cannot be enforced until signs indicating double fines are posted. She said the grant they submitted to Safe Kids Worldwide for new signs was not funded. Plan B is to seek other funding and to meet with Jeff Bauman to discuss other options.

Mr. Ince described pedestrian improvements at the intersection of Sixth and West, the need for sidewalks in the area and the relationship to the Sunnyside improvements project.

Mr. Ince said there is still one vacancy on the committee, but no applications have been received.

##### **2. Concluding Announcements**

There were no concluding announcements.

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**V. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 pm.