



MINUTES

City of Flagstaff PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

4:30 pm Thursday, November 13, 2008

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:36 pm. On roll call, the following Committee members were present:

Georgia Duncan, Chair
Kim Austin
Sharon Grasso
Heather Taylor

Three vacancies

Members absent:

None

The following City staff was present:

Martin Ince, Multi-Modal Planner

Others present:

Darrell Boomgaarden
Jack Welch

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Announcements

Ms. Taylor provided the Committee with information about the Safe Routes to School grant the County is planning to submit before the end of the year. She said the requested grant amount will be about \$120,000 and will cover a three-year period. They are adding Sechrist to the participating schools, and have enlisted the help of students through a class at NAU.

Ms. Taylor also reported that they completed an informal survey of school signs and found that only two of 13 had "double fines" plaques in place. She is working with Jeff Bauman to update the remainder of the signs, and may be applying to International Walk to School for a grant.

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Ms. Grasso described a meeting that she and Ms. Taylor attended regarding the "Building a Quality Arizona" planning process hosted by the Arizona Department of Transportation.

Ms. Austin informed the PAC of a public meeting to discuss making Bushmaster Park safer. The meeting was scheduled for Thursday, November 20, 2008 at 5:30 pm at Thomas School.

2. Public Comment

Mr. Boomgaarden expressed concern about the renewal of the BBB tax and future sources of revenue for trails. He also asked about the status of plans for the Rio de Flag and how they would affect the existing drainage problems on the FUTS trail just west of the intersection of Elm and Bonito.

3. Approval Of Minutes

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

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Pedestrian Awareness Week

The PAC congratulated Mr. Welch for a very successful Pedestrian Awareness Week.

A total of 1,800 kids participated in International Walk to School Day; another school would be added next year.

Mr. Welch reported that the bus/hike combination went well. There were a total of 32 participants over the two days.

The PAC discussed starting earlier to publicize the event.

A suggestion was made to include special needs teachers and students in the Accessibility Audit.

For next year's Pedestrian Awareness Week, the PAC agreed to have Safe Routes to School training at Thomas School and a walkability audit the following day in a nearby neighborhood.

2. Pedestrian Facilities Inventory and Prioritization

The Committee agreed to continue this item to a future agenda.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. FUTS Trail Priority Rankings for 2009

Mr. Ince provided an overview of the FUTS trail priority rankings and described the affected trails using a map of the overall FUTS master plan.

After some discussion about the status of individual trails, the Committee indicated that it agreed that the highest priority trails include the Santa Fe West Trail, the Switzer Canyon Trail, and the completion of trails on McMillan Mesa.

2. Review of PAC Meeting Schedule

For the December meeting, the PAC asked to discuss snow removal with Stephanie Smith (or her replacement) and Erik Solberg. The Committee wants to hear about and discuss snow removal, chemical de-icer, and the sidewalk weed and snow removal ordinances.

For the January meeting, the PAC will continue discussion of an inventory and prioritization of pedestrian improvements, and planning for a walking map.

In February the Committee will review pedestrian crash statistics.

Coconino County's Safe Routes to School grant application

Ms. Taylor and Ms. Austin provided information on the County's planned Safe Routes to School grant application. The Committee expressed its support for the application and authorized the chair to write and sign a letter of support.

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Reports

Mr. Ince provided information on several on-going projects, including current FUTS projects, the City's application for transportation enhancement grants for the Country Club overpass and Woodlands Village Boulevard streetscape, and vacancies on the PAC.

2. Concluding Announcements

There were no concluding announcements.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:01 pm.