



MINUTES

City of Flagstaff PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

4:30 pm Thursday, September 11, 2008

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 pm. On roll call, the following Committee members were present:

Georgia Duncan, Chair
Kim Austin
Heather Taylor
Jim Tuck

Two vacancies

Members absent:

Sharon Grasso

The following City staff was present:

Martin Ince, Multi-Modal Planner
Trevor Cooper, Flagstaff Police Department

Others present:

Kathie Oehme
Jack Welch

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Announcements

Mr. Tuck announced that Mountain was rolling out its new service, including the opening of the downtown transfer center, on the morning of October 13. New Route 7 will enhance coverage and allow existing routes to stay on time better. In the long term Route 7 will serve the Aquaplex.

Chair Duncan said that sidewalk maintenance and snow removal was the discussion topic for the September meeting, but the Committee was a little behind schedule. She indicated that Stephanie Smith should be invited to the next meeting.

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. Approval Of Minutes

Mr. Tuck said the correct name is the "Downtown Transfer Center" not "Downtown Transit Center." Mr. Tuck made, and Ms. Taylor seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 14, 2008 with the correction as noted. The motion was approved unanimously.

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Pedestrian Awareness Week

Mr. Welch provided an update on the schedule of events for the week.

Kick-off walk. Mr. Welch said food will probably be provided by the Safe Kids Coalition. The Mayor may do a proclamation – he will look into it. Mr. Tuck suggested contacting the NAU station for publicity.

Safe Routes to School training. ADOT was coordinating this event, which will be in the Ponderosa Room of the Coconino County Health Department on King Street.

Walkability audit. The event will start at Canyon Explorations on Clay Avenue.

Fall color hikes. Mr. Welch said there will be two walks on both days – a hike to the summit of Mt. Humphreys, and a hike on the Aspen Nature Trail and the new section of Arizona Trail. Both will start at the Mt. Humphreys trailhead near Snowbowl at 8:00 am.

Ms. Austin said that Kinsey School will be having an open house to celebrate its 50th anniversary, and suggested an opportunity to tie-in with a walk to the school. Mr. Welch indicated he would rather lead a walk to the school than a scavenger hunt. Ms. Austin said she will check with the school.

Accessibility audit. Mr. Ince is looking into having wheelchairs available for participants to try.

International Walk to School Day. Ms. Taylor reminded the PAC that they were responsible for leading the walking school bus at Kinsey School. The walk will start at Mark Grace Field. Volunteers should be available from 6:30 to 8:30 am.

To publicize the event, they are printing postcards that include photos of walking issues taken by children. They are also having large banners made, and would like

to have one posted in the front lawn of City Hall. It was suggested that another banner be placed on the bulletin boards in the City Hall lobby. They have also ordered give-aways for participating kids. Ms. Taylor announced that there were fairs planned at Killip and Thomas Schools to highlight nutrition, pedestrian safety, and the benefits of walking, and there would be an assembly at Killip.

1. Pedestrian Facilities Inventory and Prioritization

Mr. Ince started the conversation by showing two maps. The first showed the locations of pedestrian crashes, and the second indicated major streets where sidewalks were missing or incomplete.

There was a discussion about snowplowing, and a suggestion to invite Erik Solberg to the next meeting. The PAC suggested offering to address snow plow drivers during their training session.

There was a brief discussion on the process for continuing to identify and prioritize pedestrian facility improvements.

III. NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Reports

There was no discussion on the reports.

2. Concluding Announcements

There were no concluding announcements.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Tuck made, and Ms. Taylor seconded, a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.