



MINUTES

City of Flagstaff PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

4:30 pm Thursday, August 14, 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
Sharon Grasso
Heather Taylor
Jim Tuck
Cynthia White

One vacancy

Members absent:

None

The following City staff was present:

Martin Ince, Multi-Modal Planner

Others present:

Darrell Boomgaarden
Doug Thomas
Diana Ulrey
Jack Welch
Barbara Wells
Carol Zazubek

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Announcements

Jim Tuck said that Mountain Line is working with the County to install a sidewalk connection between the County health building on King Street and Fourth Street to create a more convenient route to planned bus stops along Fourth Street.

Cynthia White announced that she will be moving to Mountainaire and will be no longer able to serve on the committee. She said other members of Friends of Flagstaff's Future, including Diana Ulrey, may be interested in serving. She also brought copies of the latest newsletter.

2. Public Comment

Darrell Boomgaarden related a report that the original site of the Flagstaff flag pole was closer to Bonito and Elm. He suggested a bridge on the Rio North FUTS Trail west of Bonito, because there is frequently standing water on the trail. Martin Ince said he would look into the plans for the Rio de Flag flood control project to see if the project would fix the issue.

3. Approval Of Minutes

Heather Taylor made, and Mr. Tuck seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 10, 2008. The motion was approved unanimously.

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Pedestrian Awareness Week

Jack Welch provided a summary for the Mayor's kick-off walk, which will be on Wednesday, October 1. The walk will start in front of City Hall at 7:00 am with an address from the Mayor, and then proceed to the Adult Center for a continental breakfast. The Adult Center will provide coffee, and Ms. Taylor is looking into whether their Safe Routes grant can pay for food.

A Safe Routes to School training workshop is scheduled from 9 am to 4 pm on Thursday, October 2 in the Ponderosa Room at the Coconino County Health Department. There was a brief discussion about the agenda and intended audience. Mr. Ince, Ms. Taylor, and Kim Austin are working on getting the word out.

Mr. Welch described the process of conducting a walking audit, which is scheduled for Friday morning in the La Plaza Vieja neighborhood as part of their neighborhood planning process.

Mr. Welch said he would contact Willow Bend Environmental Education Center to plan a children's treasure hunt walk at Willow Bend on Saturday morning. He said he would also bring a list of possible bus/walk combination routes for Sunday morning to the next meeting.

Regarding Mountain Line's Try Transit Day on Monday, October 6, Mr. Tuck announced that all transit rides would be free for the day. He said that Mountain

Line would like to have the opening of the Downtown Transfer Center on October 13 promoted as part of Pedestrian Awareness Week.

The accessibility audit on Tuesday, October 7 would be planned in conjunction with the City's Disability Awareness Commission.

Ms. Austin and Ms. Taylor gave an update for International Walk to School Day on Wednesday, October 8. This year 4 elementary schools will be participating: Kinsey, Thomas, Killip, and Marshall. Ms. Austin will serve as the overall coordinator, and each school will have its own coordinator. Each school needs a minimum of 10 volunteers, whose duties are to guide children on the walk to the school. The PAC was encouraged to volunteer and to help find volunteers.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Mountain Line Service Improvements

Mr. Tuck provided a short presentation on planned improvements to Mountain Line service as a result of the dedicated sales tax that was recently approved by the voters. He said there will be a time delay as money accumulates, but they would like to implement service changes as soon as possible. Mountain Line has not settled upon an exact program, although the new downtown transfer center will be opening shortly to replace the current center at Malpais, and there will be some minor route changes.

There was some discussion about the transit spine on the NAU campus that is being studied as part of the campus master planning process. It may be several years before it is implemented.

2. Transportation Enhancements Grant Applications

Mr. Ince described two grant applications that the City intends to submit to the Arizona Department of Transportation for Transportation Enhancement funding. One project will complete the FUTS trail along the east side of Country Club Drive over the I-40 overpass, and the second will install landscape improvements to Woodlands Village Boulevard, including an enhanced crossing for the Sinclair Wash Trail near Wal-Mart.

After a brief discussion, Sharon Grasso made, and Ms. Taylor seconded, a motion in support of the two grant applications. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. Pedestrian Facilities Inventory and Prioritization

The Committee identified several problem areas for pedestrians, including:

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- Fourth Street and Cedar Avenue
- Milton Road corridor
- Forest Avenue and Fort Valley Road
- West Street
- Schultz/Fremont and Fort Valley Road

The Committee agreed to discuss this issue further at the September meeting.

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Reports

There was no discussion on the reports.

2. Concluding Announcements

There were no concluding announcements.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 pm.