



MINUTES

City of Flagstaff PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, September 8, 2016 | 4:30 pm

City Hall, Council Chambers
211 West Aspen Avenue, Flagstaff, Arizona

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:39 pm. On roll call, the following Committee members were present:

Kim Austin, chair
Brandon Cruickshank (arrived late)
Stephanie Stearns
Jack Welch
Denise Wynne
Amy Young

Members absent:

Zach Schwartz

The following City and agency staff were present:

Jeff Bonar, Flagstaff Police Department
Martin Ince, multimodal planner
Greg Mace, NAU Facilities
Maggie Twomey, Sustainability Section

Public present:

None

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Announcements

There were no Announcements.

2. Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

3. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Welch made, and Ms. Wynne seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 11, 2016. The motion was approved unanimously (5-0).

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Pedestrian and bicycle master plan

Mr. Ince described several minor changes to the sidewalk inventory and prioritization working paper; some of the more detailed technical analysis has been moved to the end of the document as appendices, a new section has been added to address constructability concerns, and descriptions of the recommended short term projects have been completed and included as an appendix.

Mr. Ince reported that the next phase of work addresses at-grade crossings and grade separations. He also provided a draft outline for the public participation plan. The committee asked if the public participation outline could be provided electronically.

2. Flagstaff Walks!

The Committee finalized the schedule for Flagstaff Walks! events.

Arizona Trail Days

- Mr. Welch and Mr. Ince will have a table
- Mr. Welch will lead a walk on the FUTS in the morning
- There is a planned tribute to Dale Shewalter at 10:30 at the memorial site

PAC booth at the community market

- Final arrangements for a space at the market have not been made, so there is still some uncertainty
- Mr. Ince will be present for all 3 Sundays
- Ms. Wynne will be there on September 11
- Ms. Austin will be there on September 18
- Ms. Young will be there on September 25
- There was discussion about what visitors to the booth like to discuss
- Would it be possible to showcase events and incentive programs from other communities

Theme walks

- Three walks have been organized
- Public art walk with Mark DiLucido on September 11

- Geology walk with Marie Jackson on September 18
- Picture Canyon walk on September 25
- Southside tour with Jack Welch on October 2

Progressive breakfast

- Start at downtown transit center on Phoenix
- First stop will be Late for the Train
- Second stop will be Toasted Owl
- Ms. Austin will contact Toasted Owl in advance

International walk to school day

- PAC will volunteer at Sechrist School, starting at 7:30 am at the Peaks Senior Living Center
- Ms. Austin is still recruiting volunteers for the other schools
- Knoles School should be removed from the list of participating schools

Crossing guard appreciation

- Ms. Austin will arrange something for the Sechrist School crossing guards
- Would be ideal for teachers to have their kids make something, like a card, to give to the crossing guard

15-minute makeover

- Will start at corner of Ponderosa Parkway and Route 66 at the FUTS intersection
- Arrangements have been made for litter grabbers and trash bags

3. In street pedestrian crossing signs

Mr. Ince passed out maps showing potential locations downtown and in the southside. Ideal locations for these signs are at marked crosswalks on low-speed streets where there is significant pedestrian activity but not a traffic signal or stop signs. Several questions about the signs were brought up:

- Are the signs one-sided or two-sided.
- Is there an advantage to installing them on one-way streets versus two-way streets.
- Will the signs cause damage to the undercarriage of cars if they are run over.
- Are any pedestrian improvements planned for the Butler-Milton-Mikes Pike intersection as a result of the Hub development.

After a discussion, the committee recommended the following locations as priorities:

- Beaver at Cottage
- Birch at Leroux
- Beaver at Cherry
- San Francisco at Cherry
- San Francisco at Phoenix
- Phoenix at Mikes Pike

Other potential locations include:

- Cherry at Leroux
- Beaver at Phoenix
- Beaver at Benton
- San Francisco at Cottage
- San Francisco at Benton
- Birch at Agassiz
- Aspen at Agassiz

Mr. Welch made, and Mr. Cruickshank seconded, a motion to forward the list of recommended locations for in-street pedestrian signs to the Transportation Commission. The motion was approved unanimously (6-0).

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Election of officers

Mr. Cruickshank made, and Ms. Stearns seconded, a motion to elect Kim Austin as chair and Denise Wynne as vice-chair of the Pedestrian Advisory Committee. The motion was approved unanimously (6-0).

2. ADOT Pedestrian Safety Action Plan

Mr. Ince made a brief presentation on ADOT's project to update its Pedestrian Safety Action Plan, which was originally adopted in 2009. The plan applies only to streets that are managed by ADOT, which includes Milton Road, Route 66, Humphreys Street, Fort Valley Road, and the north end of Country Club Drive. Mr. Ince reviewed the objectives for the plan and briefly described the process and schedule.

3. Status of Walk Friendly Communities application

Mr. Ince reported that Flagstaff has been renewed as a Walk Friendly Community at the bronze level. Flagstaff is one of 58 walk friendly communities nation-wide, and the only one in Arizona (Tempe has received an honorable mention).

Mr. Ince summarized results from the City's 2011 report card. The most significant suggestions from the report card include reducing the pedestrian crash rate, expanding the sidewalk network, and promoting infill development. He said he hoped a similar report card would be forthcoming from the City's 2016 application renewal.

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Reports

There were no Reports.

2. Announcements

There were no concluding Announcements.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:09 pm.