



MINUTES

City of Flagstaff PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, August 11, 2016 | 4:30 pm

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

Kim Austin, chair
Brandon Cruickshank
Zach Schwartz
Stephanie Stearns
Jack Welch
Denise Wynne
Amy Young

Members absent:

None

The following City and agency staff were present:

Blake Berner, Montoya fellow
Martin Ince, multimodal planner

Public present:

None

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Announcements

New members of the Committee – Zach Schwartz, Jack Welch, and Amy Young – introduced themselves.

2. Public Comment

There was no Public Comment

3. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Stearns made, and Mr. Cruickshank seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 9, 2016. The motion was approved unanimously (7-0).

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Pedestrian and bicycle master plan

Mr. Ince summarized the results of the pedestrian and bicycle projects survey. The Committee offered a number of comments and asked several questions:

- When are FUTS trails typically paved? Mr. Ince responded that trails which take the place of sidewalks are made of concrete. Trails that serve a primary commuting function may also be paved, although this has been done very infrequently.
- The Committee asked if there would be opportunities in the process for the public to suggest additional comments.
- There was a short discussion about the NAU pedway and planned improvements to it.
- Are engineering considerations included in the review of proposed new projects? Mr. Ince said that review does include some basic constructability considerations.
- How should cost be incorporated in the review and prioritization process? If a project is very costly, should it necessarily be a lower priority.
- The Committee discussed the role of visioning in the process to identify potential new pedestrian enhancements. For example, does Milton Road require a significant project to make it more pedestrian-friendly, or will a series of smaller fixes provide enough benefit? How is the public's vision for Milton solicited and reflected in the planning process.
- Aesthetic improvements to a corridor can make a significant difference to the pedestrian environment and encourage additional private investment.

2. Flagstaff Walks!

The Committee planned events for Flagstaff Walks!:

Arizona Trail Day

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- Scheduled for September 10
- Mr. Ince will have a table
- Mr. Welch will be there to represent Flagstaff Biking Organization
- No walks are planned
- Other representatives of the PAC are welcome to attend

Park(ing) Day

- Should have a more visible location, like Aspen Avenue
- Mr. Ince will discuss with the City's Sustainability Section to gauge their interest
- Mr. Berner will approach the NAU student planning group about their potential participation

Science in the Park

- Scheduled for September 24
- The PAC may not be registered

Community Market

- Mr. Welch will ask Art Babbitt permission to have a table
- May be possible to use parking along Aspen for Park(ing) Day during the event

Theme Walks

- Potential walks include the Geology Walk with Marie Jackson, Public Art Walk with Mark DiLucido, and a Southside History Walk with Stephen Hirst
- Dates to be coordinated with Community Market dates
- May be opportunity to cooperate with Willow Bend

Progressive Breakfast

- Scheduled for September 29
- Start at Toasted Owl
- Ms. Austin will plan the route
- Will have Southside theme

Geocaching

- Will not repeat this year
- Mr. Ince to provide PAC with a copy of the downtown scavenger hunt

International Walk to School Day

- Set for Wednesday, October 5
- Five schools are participating
- PAC will volunteer at Sechrist School

Crossing Guard Appreciation Day

- Include Killip School
- Obtain proclamations from the Mayor

Fifteen Minute Makeover

- Will cover the FUTS sections adopted by PAC and Safekids (intersection of Arizona Trail and Route 66 Trail)

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. City of Flagstaff residential traffic calming program

There was no discussion on this item

2. ADOT Pedestrian Safety Action Plan

There was no discussion on this item

3. Status of Walk Friendly Community Application

There was no discussion on this item

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Reports

There were no Reports

2. Announcements

Election of offices will be held at the next PAC meeting on September 8.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 pm.