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# MINUTES

## City of Flagstaff

### PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, February 11, 2016 | 4:30 pm

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

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#### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 4:33 pm. On roll call, the following Committee members were present:

Heather Williams, chair  
Joyce Browning  
Brandon Cruickshank  
Cecile LeBlanc  
Jim Tuck

Members absent:

Kim Austin

One vacancy

The following City and agency staff were present:

Alicia Becker, NAIPTA  
Jeff Bonar, Flagstaff Police Department  
Martin Ince, multimodal planner  
Dylan Monke, Montoya Fellow

Public present:

Keith Becker  
Jack Welch

#### **I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS**

##### **1. Announcements**

Chair Williams said that due to pending funding cuts, she may be laid off from the County Public Health Services District as of July 1.

**2. Public Comment**

There was no Public Comment

**3. Approval of Minutes**

Ms. LeBlanc made, and Mr. Tuck seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 14, 2016. The motion was approved unanimously (5-0).

**II. OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Pedestrian and bicycle master plan**

Mr. Ince presented a bullet-point summary of the walking and biking survey, and explained the next steps in the planning process for the walking and biking master plans.

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. NAIPTA service changes – route diversions**

Mr. Monke made a brief presentation on Mountain Line ridership numbers in conjunction with the route deviations to Basis School on Route 2 and Northland Prep on Route 3 and the service change to FALA on Route 5. Buses on Route 5 are frequently full with FALA students. He also reported that the sale of student passes has increased since 2014.

Chair Williams suggested another observation at Basis School to see if the bus deviations have improved the situation for pick-up and drop-off. The observation should be done during the same time of year as the last observation, for consistency and comparable circumstances.

Mr. Cruickshank said that he has observed, as a parent of a Basis student, that drop-off is significantly faster. There was a discussion about the reasons why; Basis is doing a better job making sure that vehicles form two lines around the parking lot.

**IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS**

**1. Reports**

The Committee asked Officer Bonar for an update regarding the pedestrian enforcement campaign. Officer Bonar said the PD's emphasis is citing pedestrian violations, including the most common violations of jaywalking, and crossing against the light. Intoxication is a frequent contributing factor. Education is frequently a

part of stops, even when citations are not issued. He said that they have to go to locations like the Sunshine Rescue Mission to educate the residents on how to be safer pedestrians. Obstructions, debris, and snow on sidewalk is not part of the campaign, as this is code compliance issue and not a traffic offense. The program was implemented as a result of a high number of pedestrian fatalities last fall.

Mr. Becker asked if the Police Department was targeting vehicles parked on sidewalks and in bike lanes, which endangers pedestrians and bicyclists. Officer Bonar said he would report this to his colleagues.

Chair Williams wondered if the new crosswalks on Fourth Street have reduced the incidence of jaywalking on Fourth Street. The Committee asked if the island included automatic detection of pedestrians, or if they were required to push the crossing button again.

Mr. Welch asked if there were crash statistics for pedestrians using cell phones. He said that right turns on red are particularly hazardous for pedestrians.

Mr. Ince provided an update on three FUTS trails that are in the planning phase – Lone Tree, Switzer Canyon, and Sheep Crossing. There was a question about the status of the trail across the Little America property.

The Committee would like to schedule an observation at Basis. There was a question about whether the new FUTS crossing is blocked by vehicles. Mr. Cruickshank said he would watch for it.

## **2. Announcements**

The Committee asked to include crosswalk enforcement and use of in-street warning signs at key downtown and southside intersections at the next meeting.

## **V. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 pm.