



MINUTES

City of Flagstaff PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, January 14, 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:

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

Members absent:

None

One vacancy

The following City and agency staff were present:

Martin Ince, multimodal planner

Others present:

Keith Becker
Jack Welch

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Announcements

Mr. Tuck wondered if the Police Department would be represented at future Pedestrian Advisory Committee meetings. He said that he was not satisfied with PD's response at the last meeting regarding what the PAC can do to assist with the pedestrian safety campaign.

Mr. Tuck also expressed concern about additional traffic on McMillan Mesa as a result of the new development proposal. Mr. Ince clarified that the development was seeking a change from commercial to residential development, which could reduce the amount of future traffic.

Mr. Cruickshank reported that Basis will be adding a third grade class beginning next year.

Chair Williams said that SafeKids is interested in working with Basis, if there is funding available.

2. Public Comment

Mr. Becker said he lives in Sunnyside and that snow removal is bad in Sunnyside and horrendous in the rest of the community. Bike lanes have not been cleared.

The process of reporting violations and issuing citations is ineffective. There are only two code enforcement staff to follow-up on reports.

He said that he has a plan to fix the problem, but it will take years to implement.

Commercial plows push snow onto sidewalks. Bike lanes on West Street are full of snow, and in the summer vehicles park in them. He reported that he sees police cars drive by vehicles parked on sidewalks.

He said the police need to be more involved, and that garbage trucks should be reporting violations. He is willing to come back to the next meeting to explain his plan, and suggested inviting Tom Boughner.

3. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Tuck made, and Ms. Browning seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 10, 2015. The motion was approved unanimously (6-0).

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Pedestrian and bicycle master plan

Mr. Ince presented the results from the walking and biking survey conducted in the summer of 2014. The Committee had several comments and questions:

- The high number of responses is indication that these issues are important to the community.

- There likely would have been more comments regarding snow removal if the survey had been conducted in summer.
- The Committee wondered about potential solutions for a pedestrian crossing at the intersection of Fort Valley Road and Forest Avenue. At one time there was consideration of a traffic signal; other potential solutions include a HAWK crossing, pedestrian beacon, or pedestrian bridge. Pedestrian and bicycle traffic will likely be increased as a result of the new FUTS connection.
- Locations where traffic is an issue should be pulled from the data and included as a table.
- Some of the streets included in the data are very long – like Route 66 – so it would be helpful in some cases to report more specific locations for problems.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Review of FUTS trail priorities

Mr. Ince provided information on FUTS trail projects that are in the works, as well as the 5 to 10-year plan for construction of FUTS. The Committee indicated that the Marshall Trail, Sheep Crossing Trail, Florence-Walnut underpass, and downtown underpass were all important projects.

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Reports

The Committee asked if a report from NAIPTA regarding ridership number for the school diversion routes could be included on next month's agenda.

2. Announcements

Mr. Tuck said he was not happy with the room arrangement (Council chambers). It is not intimate and hard to communicate.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 pm.