



MINUTES

City of Flagstaff PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, February 9, 2017 | 4:30 pm

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

Kim Austin, chair
Brandon Cruickshank
Jack Welch
Amy Young

Members absent:

Zach Schwartz
Denise Wynne

One vacancy

The following City and agency staff were present:

Martin Ince, multimodal planner

Public present:

Mikayla Shoup

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Announcements

Ms. Austin announced that this will be her last PAC meeting; she has been appointed to the Bicycle Advisory Committee. The Committee presented her with a signed old FUTS sign.

Ms. Norris introduced herself as a new member of the Committee. She had previously served on the City's Bicycle Advisory Committee and Sustainability Commission.

2. Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

3. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Young made, and Mr. Cruickshank seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 12, 2017. The motion was approved unanimously (4-0).

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Active Transportation Master Plan

Mr. Ince presented information on proposed crossings, both at-grade and grade-separated, and reviewed optimal spacing between crossings, existing spacing at major roads, the BNSF tracks, and the interstates, and future spacing following implementation of planning crossings.

The Committee had several comments and questions:

- The existing FUTS crossing at Woodlands Village Boulevard is not effective. Additional enhancements are needed, and it could be considered as a grade-separated crossing in the future.
- An additional crossing is needed on Woodlands Village Boulevard between Beulah and McConnell.
- An additional crossing is needed on Fourth Street between the existing crossing and Seventh Street. Businesses may be supportive another crossing, because it will help to calm traffic.
- It is difficult to pull out on Fourth Street from the east side of the street, and more difficult for pedestrians to walk along the east side because there are more driveways and traffic. Another crossing would make it easier for pedestrians to cross to the west side.
- It would help to align Sixth and Seventh Streets.
- How far is the proposed BNSF crossing from Arrowhead and First? Mr. Ince thought it was about midway between the two streets, but that it could potentially be moved depending on grades.

2. Flagstaff Walks!

The Committee reviewed events from last year's Flagstaff Walks!:

Festival of Science

- The deadline for registering is April 29
- A decision to participate can be made at either the March or April PAC meeting
- The Committee will have to determine an appropriate theme
- Table placement in the park has been a hindrance in past years
- There is a question about how worthwhile and productive the event is

Park(ing) Day

- Check with the City's Sustainability Section to see if they are planning or are able to host an event

International Walk to School Day

- Ms. Austin will continue to organize
- Knoles School will not participate next year

Arizona Trail Day

- Scheduled for September 9
- The City (FUTS program) will have a table

PAC Booth at Community Market

- Mr. Welch will contact Art Babbitt about reserving a space
- September 10-17-24 are the tentative dates

Theme walks

- The mural and art walks can be repeated
- Marie Jackson lives out-of-state and may not be able to lead the geology walk
- Other potential walks include a southside walk with Steve Hirst and Jane Jackson, or a history walk with Karen Malis-Clark

Picture Canyon Walk

- May be repeated by Friends of the Rio
- Typically well-attended

Progressive Breakfast

- Ms. Austin offered to help organize

Crossing Guard Appreciation Day

- Has not seemed to get off the ground, schools have been spotty in their participation
- Teachers are busy and have a hard time fitting this in
- May be more effective to do in May
- Organize through PTSA, similar to teacher appreciation
- Ms. Austin has a crossing guard training video, but has had difficulty in the past getting school crossing guards to watch
- Is there other training that crossings guards must take, and can this be piggy-backed?

15-Minute Makeover

- October 15 lands on a Sunday
- Not well-attended last year on a Saturday
- Is the City planning to hold the event on Sunday or move to another date

Scavenger Hunt

- May be an app available
- Potential to combine with NAU instruction on bike/pedway through campus

Try Transit Day

- Talk to NAIPTA about events in which they may be willing to participate

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Election of officers

This item was held over to the next meeting

2. Flagstaff Regional Transportation Plan Blueprint 2040

Mr. Ince said that a draft RTP has been made available to the public. Discussion of the draft plan will be scheduled as an agenda item on the next meeting.

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Reports

There were no Reports

2. Announcements

There were no Announcements

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:08 pm.