



# MINUTES

## City of Flagstaff PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, January 12, 2017 | 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 4:32 pm. On roll call, the following Committee members were present:

Amy Young, chair  
Brandon Cruickshank  
Zach Schwartz  
Jack Welch  
Denise Wynne

Members absent:

Kim Austin

One vacancy

The following City and agency staff were present:

Blake Berner, Montoya Fellow  
Martin Ince, multimodal planner  
Maggie Twomey, volunteer and event coordinator

Public present:

Joy Sabin

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

#### **1. Announcements**

Ms. Young announced that she has accepted a job with the County Manager's office. She intends to remain on the PAC, provided it is okay with her supervisors.

Ms. Wynne said that in numerous locations mounds of snow are left on corners, making access to the public sidewalk impossible. She said it seems to be private contractors.

**2. Public Comment**

Ms. Sabin said she attended the Mural Walk in September and has been meaning to attend a PAC meeting since.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Welch made, and Mr. Schwartz seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 8, 2016. The motion was approved unanimously (5-0).

**II. OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Active Transportation Master Plan**

Mr. Ince presented information on at-grade and grade-separated crossings, including an inventory of existing crossings and an analysis of potential locations for new crossings. The Committee had a number of questions and comments:

- Feedback from the City's Walk and Bike Friendly Community applications could offer productive information to move forward.
- What grant programs are available to support walking and biking?
- Does our crash information include BNSF railroad crashes?
- If new satellite parking areas are added for downtown employees after parking restrictions are enacted, will it create a need for additional crossings?
- The additional push button in the middle of beacon crossings does not work.
- With the school closing, is the crossing at Humphreys and Cherry still necessary? This is a difficult place to cross, and vehicles do not typically yield to pedestrians waiting to cross.
- What is the status of in-street pedestrian signs?
- The grade-separated crossing of the BNSF tracks at Arrowhead is heavily used and should be moved to a short-term recommendation. Can we collect data that supports the crossing? What are the locations where the police department enforces illegal crossings?

- A second bridge at the west end of Cedar-Forest would serve a recreational use. Would its priority change if other groups came out in support of it?

The Committee then reviewed existing and potential neighborhood connections. There is an existing well-used connection between the northwest corner of University Heights and the Equestrian Estates neighborhood. Although not official, it is used to walk and bike to the Gore facilities on Kiltie Lane.

Mr. Ince provided additional details regarding the Milton Bike-Pedway. The Committee offered several thoughts:

- Can necessary FUTS easements be identified in advance?
- Where a FUTS is used for the bike-pedway, facilities should be wider than a typical 10-foot FUTS to separate and better accommodate both pedestrians and bicycles.
- It would seem to work to pave the around the line of trees to create a new sidewalk on the south side of Dupont Avenue.
- Can the space along Humphreys Street behind the conference center be improved for pedestrian and bicycle use? Currently there is a long crosswalk across the loading docks that is not very pedestrian-friendly.

The Committee asked if there were dates and a preliminary schedule for adoption of the plan.

## **2. Flagstaff Walks!**

This item was not discussed.

## **III. NEW BUSINESS**

There was no New Business.

## **IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **1. Reports**

There were no Reports.

### **2. Announcements**

Ms. Twomey reported that REI was hosting an "All-Out" event at their store on January 28, which encourages people to recreate outside through the winter.

Several City programs will be present, including open space, community stewards, pedestrian and bicycle, and FUTS, as well and Flagstaff Biking Organization.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 pm.