



MINUTES

City of Flagstaff PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 11, 2017 | 4:30 pm

City Hall, Staff Conference Room
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:

Brandon Cruickshank, chair
Zach Schwartz
Jack Welch
Denise Wynne

Members absent:

Jodi Norris
Amy Young

One vacancy

The following City and agency staff were present:

Martin Ince, multimodal planner

Public present:

Chuck Hammersley

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Announcements

There were no Announcements.

2. Public Comment

There were no Public Comments.

3. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Welch made, and Ms. Wynne seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 13, 2017. The motion was approved unanimously (4-0).

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Active Transportation Master Plan

Mr. Ince indicated that the working paper report on at-grade crossings was complete, and the working paper on grade-separated crossings was near-complete. He said he would send out drafts to the Committee when they were ready.

Staff is working on a FUTS trail users survey, which would update the survey that was conducted in 2011.

2. Flagstaff Walks!

An application has been submitted for Science in the Park. The Committee discussed potential locations for a table outside of the Community Market, and wondered if a few of the parking spaces at the library would work.

3. SB1273 Electric Bicycles

Mr. Ince reported that the state legislature did not pass the bill regarding electric bikes before the end of the legislative session. The legislation would not be picked up again before the next session begins, if it is picked up at all.

The Committee wondered what would be gained by asking about electric bikes on the anticipated FUTS survey.

Mr. Ince encouraged the Committee to review the information provided by People for Bikes.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Fourth Street bridges replacement

Mr. Ince informed the Committee that the City was exploring various ways to fund reconstruction of the Fourth Street bridges over Interstate 40. The reconstructed bridges would include a FUTS along the west edge, a sidewalk along the east, bike lanes on both sides, two travel lanes in each direction, and a two-way center turn lane. The section would match that Fourth Street railroad bridge a little further north. Mr. Ince explained that it would be helpful to have a letter of support from the Committee.

Mr. Schwartz made, and Mr. Welch seconded, a motion to send a letter of support for the bridge replacement from the Pedestrian Advisory Committee. The motion was approved unanimously (4-0).

2. Flagstaff Open Space Parks and Recreation bond

Chuck Hammersley presented information about a potential open space, parks, and recreation tax initiative.

He said the new initiative would be a replacement for the County parks and open space tax (CPOS), which was originally approved by 63 percent of the voters. The CPOS tax, which amounted to 1/8 of a cent, raised \$33 million and funded 18 different projects, mostly in the County. The tax ended in 2014.

He reported that he has met with the Mayor and members of the City Council, who have been interested and generally supportive. He is making presentations like this one to various City commissions and collecting letters of support. He is inviting the commissions, as well as a variety of groups outside of city hall, to submit potential project lists. He would prefer the lists to be as specific as possible, and to include estimated costs.

A steering committee will be formed to review the project lists and make recommendations to the Council.

The Commission had several comments and questions:

- Can Mr. Hammersley provide a list of the 18 projects that were funded through CPOS?
- In response to a question about the duration of the tax, Mr. Hammersley said that it will depend on the number of projects and the total cost.
- The Committee had several questions about how specific the final list is, and whether approved projects could be dropped and new projects added. Mr. Hammersley responded that the language of the ballot measure would determine how flexible the project list is.
- In response to a question about maintenance, Mr. Hammersley said they intend to identify funding for maintenance as part of the tax.

The Committee asked if it were appropriate or within their purview to provide a letter of support. Mr. Ince responded that a general letter of support for the idea would be fine.

The Committee discussed a number of ideas for potential projects:

- Funding could be used for “add-on” pedestrian improvements to other park projects. For example, new FUTS trails, sidewalks, crossings, bridges or tunnels constructed in conjunction with another park project.
- Fun and educational facilities that promote walking, like kiosks, walking trackers exercise stations, pavements markings, etc. There seem to be a number of facilities like this to promote bicycling, but the Committee wondered if there were examples for walking. The PAC indicated that it would be willing to do some research for ideas. The public health field may provide some good examples.

Ms. Wynne made, and Mr. Welch seconded, a motion to draft a letter of support from the Pedestrian Advisory Committee. The motion was approved unanimously (4-0).

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Reports

The Committee asked about the status of in-street pedestrian warning signs.

2. Announcements

The Committee requested that agendas for the meetings be printed with space for note-taking after each agenda item.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 pm