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MINUTES

City of Flagstaff PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, July 13, 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 4:31 pm. On roll call, the following Committee members were present:

Denise Wynne, vice-chair
Jodi Norris
Zach Schwartz
Jack Welch
Amy Young

Members absent:

Brandon Cruickshank

One vacancy

The following City and agency staff were present:

Martin Ince, multimodal planner
Emily Melhorn, intern

Public present:

Monique Adakai
Keith Becker

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Announcements

Mr. Welch reported that the FUTS cleanup along Route 66 went well and that the trail was fairly clean. He wondered how often it is cleaned by City crews.

Mr. Ince introduced Emily Melhorn as an intern working on the Active Transportation Master Plan.

2. Public Comment

Mr. Becker reported that he witnessed a near-collision on West Street that resulted from a vehicle parked on a sidewalk. He said that he was livid over the lack of response by the Police Department to vehicles parked on sidewalks, and described his experience with PD following his report of a violation. He said that trash crews could also be reporting violations when bulky items are blocking the sidewalk. He wondered what could be done to make it easier to report violations to the City.

Mr. Norris offered to do some research on enforcement in other communities, and would report back at the October meeting.

3. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Welch made, and Ms. Young seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 8, 2017. The motion was approved unanimously (5-0).

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Active Transportation Master Plan

Mr. Ince described the benefits of a landscaped median as a crossing aid, and suggested that a landscape median may be a solution where crossings are scattered and less frequent. In some cases the median would take the place of formal crossing enhancements, although landscaping and other features must be planned carefully to avoid inhibiting use of the median as a crossing refuge.

The Committee thought that Switzer Canyon Drive would make a good location for a median island.

2. FUTS Trail Users Survey

Mr. Ince reported that 375 people have submitted responses to the FUTS trail users survey. He said that staff is compiling the responses and would provide a complete report at the next meeting. He showed a map of all the responses to the mapping exercise.

3. Flagstaff Walks!

Ms. Melhorn presented an idea for a walking calendar that would compile walks and hikes from a variety of organizations and serve as a central clearinghouse for walking and biking events in Flagstaff.

- The "Meet Me Downtown" event, which just began this summer, will be included.
- All of Jack's walk will be included on the list.

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- The list could include links from other sites, including CVB, City of Flagstaff, and Flagstaff 365.
- May be events listed on other websites such as Peach Jar and Meetup.
- The main calendars for the community are Flagstaff 365 and the Arizona Daily Sun.
- Is there are national clearinghouse or database for fun family events.
- Some parameters need to be established, including public versus private events and a radius distance from Flagstaff.
- Information on whether events are kid and dog-friendly would also be useful.

The Committee also continued planning for other events for Flagstaff Walks!:

Science in the Park

- Our participation has been confirmed
- Denise and Zach will organize
- Martin will check with SafeKids for giveaways

PAC table at the Community Market

- Options are to request space in the parking lot from Art, use a parking spot on Aspen, use a parking spot at the library, or set up in the City Hall loading dock.

Theme walks

- Public Art: Mark DiLucido is confirmed
- Geology: Jack will check with Marie Jackson
- Rio de Flag: have reached out to Friends of the Rio de Flag
- Southside: Jack will check with Jane Jackson
- Route 66: difficult to do in a short walk
- Southside Mural: Jack is willing to lead

Progressive breakfast

- Kim Austin will help organize

Sidewalk clean-up

- Start at downtown transit facility
- Work towards Colton Park
- Martin will check with Sustainability for date

4. Flagstaff Open Space Parks and Recreation bond

The Committee reviewed several websites for ideas and inspiration.

Mr. Welch reported that a community meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 26 at 6:00 pm at the Aquaplex to discuss ideas. The meeting will be hosted by Charles Hammersley.

III. NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Reports

The Committee asked who is responsible for organizing the next trail clean-up.

2. Announcements

There were no Announcements

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:16 pm