

DRAFT MINUTES

City of Flagstaff PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Thursday, February 8, 2018 | 4:30 pm

City Hall, Staff Conference Room
211 West Aspen Avenue, Flagstaff, Arizona

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:32 pm. On roll call, the following Committee members were present:

Denise Wynne, vice chair
Tracy McMillan
Jodi Norris
Zach Schwartz

Members absent:

Brandon Cruickshank
Jack Welch
Amy Young

The following City and agency staff were present:

Martin Ince, multimodal planner

Public present:

Sean Cadigan
Allyson Wittekind

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Announcements

Ms. Norris reported that there is still snow and ice on the sidewalks on Milton Road several days following a storm. She asked about the City's policies for snow removal.

Ms. Wynne said she watched snow removal equipment operate at a Mountain Line bus stop on Butler. She asked if the issue of sidewalk snow removal could be revisited.

2. Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

3. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Wynne made, and Mr. Schwartz seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 11, 2018. The motion was approved unanimously (4-0).

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Active Transportation Master Plan

Mr. Ince presented some preliminary results from the PedBikeWays survey, which will be open for another week.

The Committee discussed potential sources of funding for PedBikeWays. How important are enhanced walking and biking facilities to policy makers, and is there political will to make them happen. There was a brief discussion about what it meant and what it would take to be more pedestrian and bicycle friendly, and a concern that we were falling behind other communities. Given concerns about the growth of NAU, water issues, and environmental impacts, how does the community and policy makers view additional growth.

Mr. Ince provided updated information regarding the FUTS prioritization exercise. Community support seems important and would be beneficial to include. Park access is important, and should have its weighting restored to 1.5. There was a discussion about potential biases in the process, even though is it ostensibly data-driven.

The Committee made several observations during review of individual planned FUTS trails:

- The Lowell Trail should be a medium-term project.
- The connector between the ball field and Frances Short Pond should be a lower priority.
- The Lake Mary Trail should be a medium-term project.
- The trail connecting through Bushmaster Park is a needed project, and should be included on the short-term list.

Mr. Ince observed that it may be difficult to discuss individual trails without knowing their background and what function they would serve. He suggested preparing more detailed descriptions for all the trails before the next discussion.

III. NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Reports

Mr. Ince provided a brief update on the Citizen's Transportation Tax Commission.

2. Announcements

There were no Announcements.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm.