

DRAFT MINUTES

City of Flagstaff PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Thursday, March 8, 2018 | 4:30 pm

City Hall, Council Chambers
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
Jack Welch
Amy Young

Members absent:

Brandon Cruickshank
Zach Schwartz

The following City and agency staff were present:

Martin Ince, multimodal planner

Public present:

None

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Announcements

Mr. Welch reported that the Citizens Transportation Tax Commission completed their work and forwarded a recommendation to the City Council. He said that it was an interesting and well-run process.

2. Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

3. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Welch made, and Ms. McMillan seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 8, 2018. The motion was approved unanimously (5-0).

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Active Transportation Master Plan

Mr. Ince provided information regarding the recommendation of the Citizens Transportation Tax Commission (CTTC), including proposed sales tax funding for pedestrian and bicycle projects. The Committee expressed an interest in forwarding a letter to the City Council convey its thoughts and concerns about the recommendation, and discussed a number of items that should be in the letter:

- It is important to recognize and acknowledge the work of the CTTC.
- It is important that any tax measure include funding for walking and biking.
- The ballot measure should include language that dedicates and reserves funding specifically for pedestrian and bicycle projects.
- The City cannot anticipate state or federal funding for pedestrian and bicycle projects.
- The letter should include strong wording in support of funding for pedestrian and bicycle projects.
- Previous surveys should be referenced to demonstrate strong community support for walking and biking facilities.
- Information regarding pedestrian and bicycle safety should be referenced. Arizona is a focus state for pedestrian fatalities due to high rates of pedestrian crashes and fatalities.
- Both the current and previous regional plans include goals, language, and policies that are supportive of walking and biking.
- Information from Flagstaff's peer communities will demonstrate the potential for walking and biking in Flagstaff.
- If we want to increase walking and biking mode share, it is important to make our transportation system safer for all modes.

- Funding for walking and biking infrastructure is increasingly important to help mitigate the traffic impacts of new development, especially high-density student housing. It would be a mistake to assume that new development will pay for all of the needed pedestrian and bicycle facilities.
- Flagstaff is a compact community, which provides an opportunity to shift trips to walking and biking.
- Walking and biking are equitably distributed, in that they are spread around the community and benefit all neighborhoods.
- Flagstaff has been designated as a walk-friendly community, but only at the bronze level. One of the items that has prevented us from advancing to silver is the lack of funding for infill sidewalk projects.

The Committee discussed how priorities would be determined for future projects if the tax is passed and implemented. Mr. Ince responded that the Active Transportation Master Plan would identify and prioritize pedestrian and bicycle projects.

Ms. Norris made, and Mr. Welch seconded, a motion to forward a letter to the City Council in support of funding for pedestrian and bicycle projects in the transportation tax renewal. The motion was approved unanimously (5-0). Ms. McMillan offered to draft a letter that includes the consideration discussed by the Committee.

Mr. Ince summarized the results of the PedBikeWays survey, which were generally very supportive of the idea. It would be beneficial to highlight some of the quotes from the survey in support of the concept of PedBikeWays.

The Committee discussed funding option for PedBikeWays, including a potential TIGER grant. A partnership with NAU is a possibility, similar to the partnership between ASU and Tempe for the light rail line.

Mr. Ince demonstrated a series of interactive maps depicting existing and missing pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure. The Committee discussed ways to inform the public of these maps and this information. The maps provide an opportunity to provide detail about specific projects to residents who are interested in that level of detail.

It will be important to include information about potential timing for projects, since most of the projects will be beyond a 20-year timeframe. The maps otherwise may give the public false hopes about future potential walking and biking projects.

The Committee discussed how to direct the public to the maps, what feedback we want to get from the public, and how the maps might be used for public engagement. It might be helpful to show projects built in the past 20 years with the current transportation tax.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Milton / US 180 Corridor Master Plans

Mr. Ince provided a brief summary of the planning process, and said that public open houses would be planned in the near future.

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Reports

Mr. Ince Reported that Spin was planning to commence its bike share program before the end of the month.

2. Announcements

There were no Announcements.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 pm.