



APPROVED MINUTES

City of Flagstaff TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

4:00 PM, Wednesday August 1st , 2018

City Hall – City Council Chambers
211 W. Aspen Avenue

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CALL TO ORDER

COMMISSION MEMBERS, voting:

Bob Kuhn, Flagstaff Unified School District - Present
Julie Leid - Present
Erika Mazza, NAIPTA – Ann Dunno representing NAIPTA in Commissioner
Mazza's absence
Bob Mullen - Present
Vacant
Gary Robbins, Chair - Present
Derik Spice, Vice-Chair - Present

COMMISSION MEMBERS, non-voting:

Lt. Frank Higgins, Flagstaff Police Department
Jeff Bauman, Traffic Engineer

CITY STAFF:

Rita Severson, Recording Secretary

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time any member of the public may address the Commission on any subject within the Commission's jurisdiction that is not on this meeting's agenda. The Arizona Open Meeting Law prohibits the Commission from discussing or taking action on an item that is not listed on the prepared agenda. Commissioners may, however, respond to criticism made by those addressing the Commission, ask staff to review a matter, or ask that a matter be placed on a future agenda.

To address the Commission on an item that is on the agenda, please wait for the Chair to call for Public Comment at the time the item is heard.

No public comment

ROTATION OF OFFICERS

Jeff Bauman told the Commission that he includes this item annually allowing the Commission to discuss the current positions and if they had a desire to rotate some or any of the position for the next year. All the Commissioners present agreed that they were satisfied with the current structure.

Vice-Chair Spice made the motion to keep the current status for another year, motion seconded by Commissioner Leid, all in favor motion carries.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Regular Meeting of April 4, 2018

Commissioner Leid made the motion to accept the minutes of April 4, 2018 as submitted, Commissioner Kuhn seconded the motion, all in favor minutes approved.

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. Street Lighting to Enhance Dark Skies (SLEDS)

The SLEDS main project objective is to find a replacement lighting strategy for our existing soon to be obsolete Low Pressure Sodium (LPS) street lights.

The project has recently installed almost 200 test fixtures around Flagstaff and is seeking public input.

A project website and test fixture survey has been created at the following address: <http://www.flagstaff.az.gov/3818/Street-Lighting-Dark-Skies>

Jeff Bauman updated the Commission on this project. He informed the Commission that the City was having problems with the low-pressure box style lighting and did some replacements of this lighting along N. 89 with white LED lighting, which wasn't the best choice for dark skies. After realizing a new fixture was needed to enhance the dark skies a group which included Lowell Observatory, the U.S. Naval Observatory along and the City was assembled to investigate a better alternative. The SLEDs group identified the following needs which entails:

- A cost effective solution to long-term street lighting needs that achieves municipal objectives for safety and cost effectiveness and astronomical objectives for maintaining dark skies.

- Innovation that advances the industry or best practices for technology transfer that advances the purpose of preserving dark skies.”

Project Direction

- Maintain or approximate current lighting levels

- Do not adversely impact the City’s dark sky natural resource or the missions of the Lowell Observatory and the U.S. Naval Observatory

- Utilize existing light pole infrastructure

Measures of Effectiveness

- Light Uniformity

- Brightness and Spectrum Analysis from several perspectives

- Color rendition

- Wind loading (Effective Projected Area)

- Public commentary on lighting levels and color rendition

- Life cycle costs including, but not limited to, initial capital expense, energy use, and maintenance.

Jeff also updated the Commission on how the project was coming along to include completed tasks, testing of new fixtures and their locations and items that are in progress, after the final steps and testing the City staff will develop recommended standards to present to Council for adoption into the Engineering Standards.

Staff Recommendation: Informational Project Update – No Formal Action Requested

B. Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Appointments

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committees both have appointments to be made this month.

The Pedestrian Advisory Committee has one appointment Megan Hosterman and three reappointments Jack Welch, Zach Swartz and Jodi Norris.

The Bicycle Advisory Committee has three reappointments for Mark Haughwout, Jeff Goulden and Estella Hollander.

Staff Recommendation: Review Staff Report from Martin Ince and make appointments for the PAC and BAC.

Commissioner Leid made a motion to approve the appointment of Megan Hosterman and the three reappointments of Jack Welch, Zach Swartz and Jodi Norris to the Pedestrian Advisory Committee, motion seconded by Vice-Chair Spice, all approved motion passed.

Commissioner Leid made a motion to approve the three reappointments of Mark Haghwout, Jeff Goulden and Estella Hollander to the Bicycle Advisory Committee, motion seconded by Vice-Chair Spice, all approved, motion passed.

C. McMillan Mesa Major Plan Amendment

The City of Flagstaff is currently processing an application for a Major Plan Amendment for a portion of McMillan Mesa as a result of Proposition 413, a Citizen led initiative passed by voters in November 2016.

The proposed Major Plan Amendment modifies Regional Plan land use categories and removes a proposed roadway from McMillan Mesa.

Staff Recommendation: Informational Project Update – No Formal Action Requested

Sara Dechter, the City's Comprehensive Planning Manager presented to the Commission the plan amendments that will modify the Regional Plan land use categories. She also shared the process and timeline to complete the needed outreach to the public and City Commissions, which will clarify what the amendments are and how they would affect the City in the future. Sara told the Commission that within this amendment there will be a discontinuance of a future planned connection of the Ponderosa Parkway to Pine Cliff.

The approved Proposition 413 positive impacts;

- Will increase passive recreation opportunities, preservation of a montane meadow, high quality connectivity for bicycles and pedestrians and good ground water recharge in part of the open space.

The negative impacts

- Will see 800 fewer jobs at build out, 300 fewer dwellings at build out, the growth in traffic volume is 10 times more in the future on Pine Cliff without connections and fore going opportunities for efficient water and sewer infrastructure.

Sara closed her presentation with information regarding planned public outreach and City Council meetings.

Jeff added to the discussion by informing the Commission that with the elimination of the future Ponderosa Parkway connection that was planned to help relieve the traffic off Pine Cliff the Commission will mostly like see in the future the Citizens asking for traffic calming efforts on Pine Cliff. Currently there are about 2,000 vehicles a day on Pine Cliff and with future build out that number of vehicles on Pine Cliff could possibly more than double.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Citizens Transportation Tax Commission => November Election

The City of Flagstaff City Council created a Commission – the Citizens Transportation Tax Commission. The purpose of this Commission is to create the project list and ballot language for the proposed renewal of the City's Transportation Tax in November 2018. The current Transportation Tax (Transportation Tax 2000) sunsets on June 30, 2020.

The Commission has 15 members, 14 at-large and 1 as an appointee from the Transportation Commission. The Commission started meeting in September 2017 and will continue through March 2018.

At the August 2017 Transportation Commission meeting, voting members of the commission chose Julie Leid as their representative to the newly formed Citizens Transportation Tax Commission, and Gary Robbins as alternate representative.

The CTTC finalized their recommendations to City Council and the City Council has now had discussions and finalized their recommendations for moving to the creation of November 2018 ballot language.

Staff Recommendation: Informational Update

Jeff Bauman updated the Commission on the process of the CTTC and the outcome of their recommendation to the City Council.

The CTTC recommendation to City Council consisted of two proposals. Proposal A was broken down to three different categories which included transit, Lone Tree Bridge and Congestion Relief and Proposal B which was broken into two categories, Transit and Congestion Relief. In the Council Work session of April 10th, 2018, the Council discussed both proposals. The City Council decided on Proposal A for the November ballot. Even though there are three options with in the proposal they recommended that staff breaks each option out as individual propositions. This would allow the citizens to vote for one or all three propositions. The transportation propositions are;

Prop – 419, Connecting our Community which was referred to as Congestion Relief option on the original proposal.

- This prop will improve traffic flow, improve bicycle and pedestrian pathways and increase safety. This will include more miles of sidewalk, bike lanes, FUTS, at grade crossings, bridges and tunnels.

Prop – 420, Bridging The Tracks which was referred to as the Lone Tree Bridge option on the original proposal.

- This prop will build the Lone Tree Railroad Overpass from Butler Ave to Route 66.

Prop – 421, More Buses, More Often which was referred to as the Transit option on the original proposal.

- This Prop will extend bus service to Wood Mountain Rd, help add infrastructure, increase bus frequency on most routes and offer longer service hours on all routes.

Jeff also added that the City has been involved in over sixty public outreach presentations for different groups and Committees throughout the City and have planned five open houses in different areas of the City.

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Reports

1. Report from the Bicycle Advisory Committee:
<http://www.flagstaff.az.gov/index.aspx?nid=1822>
2. Report from the Pedestrian Advisory Committee:
<http://www.flagstaff.az.gov/index.aspx?nid=1824>

B. Informational Items to/from Commissioners and Staff

1. City Capital Improvement Program Project Map
2. Commissioner Discussion
3. Membership Vacancies

<http://www.flagstaff.az.gov/index.aspx?NID=1886>

C. Next Meeting

1. **Regular Meeting: October 3, 2018**

Tentative Agenda Items:

1. ADOT Corridor Master Plans – Milton and US 180
2. John Wesley Powell Study

V. ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chair made a motion to adjourn the meeting, motion seconded by Commissioner Mullen, all in favor, meeting was adjourned.