

DRAFT MINUTES

City of Flagstaff PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Thursday, September 12, 2019 | 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:

Brandon Cruickshank, chair
Matt McGrath
Jodi Norris
Jack Welch
Shay Zimmer

Members absent:

Zach Schwartz

One vacancy

The following City and agency staff were present:

Martin Ince, multimodal planner

Public present:

Jim Gibson
Elson Miles

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Announcements

Mr. McGrath introduced himself as a new member of the Committee. He said that he and his wife are avid walkers.

2. Public Comment

Mr. Miles said that he was disappointed in maintenance of the shared lane markings along San Francisco, and that none of the Southside crosswalks have been repainted.

He said that Amsterdam has an elaborate signal system for pedestrians and bicyclists, which allow them to go before cars through the intersection. The Committee asked about a pedestrian scramble phase and lead pedestrian intervals.

3. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Norris made, and Mr. Welch seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 8, 2019. The motion was approved unanimously (5-0).

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Active transportation master plan/FUTS master plan

Mr. Ince provided a brief summary of capital planning efforts for missing sidewalks, bike lanes, FUTS trails, and crossings. He explained that the Committee was asked to help review priorities.

2. E-bike and e-scooter amendments to City Code

Mr. Ince reviewed votes taken previously by the Pedestrian Advisory Committee, as well as the Bicycle Advisory Committee and the Transportation Commission, regarding allowing or prohibiting electric bicycles on FUTS trails.

Mr. Gibson thanked the Committee for their vote. He said that he has logged significant miles on an e-bike, and that his e-bike is an encouragement to ride more often. He said that we should be doing everything we can to encourage people to get out of their cars.

There was a discussion about Class 3 e-bikes, and whether there is a reason to treat them differently.

The Committee then discussed ideas to promote trail etiquette:

- Simple messages seem to resonate best. Refer to Boulder and Portland as examples.
- The tortoise and hare sign is a good example of a sign that effectively conveys the message.
- Messaging should promote being nice and courteous; "courtesy is contagious."

- Changing sign copy every few years would help keep the message fresh.

3. Flagstaff Walks!

Mr. Welch provided the Committee with a draft schedule of events. The progressive breakfast will be on October 10, beginning at 8:00 am at Kickstand.

International Walk to School Day is scheduled for October 2. The PAC is invited to help with Sechrist School, whose route travels the FUTS along Fort Valley Road between the Peaks Senior Living Community and the school.

The 15-minute makeover is scheduled for October 15 at 10:15 am, and will start at the Route 66 FUTS Trail at Ponderosa Parkway.

4. PAC-adopted segment of FUTS

This item was not discussed.

III. NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Reports

There was no discussion on the Reports.

2. Announcements

There were no Announcements.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.