

DRAFT MINUTES

City of Flagstaff PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Thursday, November 14, 2019 | 4:30 pm

City Hall, Council Chambers
211 West Aspen Avenue, Flagstaff, Arizona

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:34 pm. On roll call, the following Committee members were present:

Brandon Cruickshank, chair
Jodi Norris
Jack Welch
Zach Schwartz

Members absent:

Matt McGrath
Shay Zimmer

One vacancy

The following City and agency staff were present:

Martin Ince, multimodal planner

Public present:

Joe Koenig

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Announcements

Ms. Norris said she was interested discussing a speed limit of 20 mph in residential areas. She said she was willing to do background research, if the item could be discussed and considered at a future meeting. She said the concept is popular in other cities.

Chair Cruickshank announced a neighborhood meeting in Coconino Estates from 5 to 7 that evening to discuss sidewalks along Beal and Navajo. He said at the previous meeting the neighbors were split on the plan to add sidewalks.

2. Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

3. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Schwartz made, and Mr. Welch seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 9, 2019. The motion was approved unanimously (5-0).

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Active transportation master plan/FUTS master plan

Mr. Ince displayed a series of maps of the 20-year capital plan for sidewalks, bike lanes, FUTS trails, enhanced crossings, and grade-separated crossings. The 20-year time frame is divided into the first 5 years, years 6 through 10, and years 11 through 20.

He asked the Committee to consider whether the projects planned for the first five years reflected the highest priority needs. He also reviewed the projects that fell just beyond the 20-year timeframe and asked the Committee to consider if any of them should be moved up in priority. If projects were moved up, other projects would have to be moved down.

The Committee provided a number of comments:

- It is a good idea to consider sidewalks along the streets that serve as entrances to neighborhoods that do not have sidewalks.
- A lot of people walk along Turquoise Drive north of Forest Avenue, because they park there and work at the medical centers in the area.
- There was a discussion about the missing sidewalk segments along Switzer Canyon Drive and the function of roundabouts for pedestrians. A question was raised about driver awareness of pedestrians at roundabouts.
- The Committee thought that sidewalks seemed to be somewhat underfunded, especially in the near term. If the timing of the first underpass projects is uncertain, can some of the funding for bridges and tunnels in the first five years be reallocated to sidewalks?

- The Committee asked if right-of-way and encroachments and the general constructability of sidewalks was considered in the analysis. Mr. Ince said that at this stage those items were not considered, but would be as planning and project development move forward. He said that if significant difficulties were encountered, it might be necessary to skip that project and move to the next one.
- Consideration for maintenance and snow removal must be part of the planning process.
- The Committee asked about the status of the Mill Town development, and whether the underpass was still planned.
- There was a discussion about trailing left arrows and whether there were benefits to pedestrians.
- The Committee reached consensus that additional short-term funding should be moved to sidewalks, from either bike lanes or bridges and tunnels.

III. NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Reports

There was no discussion on the Reports.

2. Announcements

Mr. Ince said that future agenda items would include presentations on the Southside Neighborhood Plan, Mountain Line's bus rapid transit plan, and the Flagstaff Trails Initiative.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:48 pm.