

DRAFT MINUTES

City of Flagstaff PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Thursday, December 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 4:34 pm. On roll call, the following Committee members were present:

Matt McGrath, acting chair
Jodi Norris
Jack Welch
Shay Zimmer

Members absent:

Brandon Cruickshank, chair
Zach Schwartz

One vacancy

The following City and agency staff were present:

Sara Dechter, comprehensive planning manager
Martin Ince, multimodal planner
Carlton Johnson, comprehensive planner

Public present:

None

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Announcements

Ms. Norris reported that many sidewalks were impassable after the last snowstorm.

2. Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

3. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Welch made, and Ms. Zimmer seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 14, 2019. The motion was approved unanimously (4-0).

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Active transportation master plan/FUTS master plan

Mr. Ince described proposed changes to the capital plan for missing sidewalks and bike lanes. He said the amount of funding dedicated for sidewalks has been increased. The analysis of missing bike lanes is being expanded to include buffered and protected bike lanes.

The Committee said that buffers may not always be enough, and that in some cases protection would be necessary, depending on the characteristics of the street. Shared lane markings are not appealing to the average cyclist.

The Committee discussed the problems with the crossing at Forest and Fort Valley and suggested possible solutions.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Southside Community Plan

Carlton Johnson presented a summary of the draft Southside Community Plan.

He explained how this specific plan fits into the planning hierarchy, and described the process for developing the plan. He further described the role of the stakeholders group and the public outreach process. He said that Council review of the plan is anticipated next summer, and that they are asking for comments by February 4, 2020.

Mr. Johnson summarized a series of pedestrian considerations in the draft plan:

- Several locations are identified for new public spaces and parks.
- Future plans for the "Little Rio" through the Southside call for park space and short pathway connections.
- Missing sidewalks and bicycle lanes have been identified.
- A pedestrian and bicycle crossing of Butler at O'Leary is proposed in the plan.

- Traffic calming measures in the plan include narrowing streets and adding traffic circles.
- A FUTS connection to Lone Tree along the alignment of the Little Rio is planned.

Ms. Norris asked if adding sidewalks will reduce driveway length, resulting in parked vehicles blocking the sidewalk. There was a discussion about parking patterns in the Southside.

2. Flagstaff Trails Initiative – draft regional trails strategy

Mr. Ince made a short presentation in support of the draft trails strategy, and demonstrated the online map and document comment form.

Mr. McGrath shared his perspective on how trails are managed and maintained. The Committee discussed the role of volunteer groups, and how to balance trail demands with the natural environment. A question was raised about the status of the Flagstaff Loop Trail.

3. PAC meeting dates for 2020

Mr. Ince presented the schedule of meetings for 2020. The first meeting will be on January 9, 2020.

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 6:12 pm.