

DRAFT MINUTES

City of Flagstaff PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Thursday, May 13, 2021 | 5:00 pm

Virtual meeting via Microsoft Teams

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 pm. On roll call, the following Committee members were present:

Brandon Cruickshank, chair
Matt McGrath
Jodi Norris
Ron Norton

Members absent:

Whitney Holeva-Eklund
Tahany Huerta
Zach Schwartz

The following City and agency staff were present:

Jeff Bauman, transportation section manager
Charles Hernandez, Police Department
Martin Ince, multimodal planner
Jim McCarthy, City Council liaison

Public present:

Justin Inglis
Kevin Parkes

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Announcements

There were no Announcements.

2. Public Comment

There were no Public Comments.

3. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Norton made, and Mr. McGrath seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 8, 2021. The motion was approved unanimously (4-0).

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Active transportation master plan

Mr. Ince provided a detailed outline of the planning considerations and design guidelines sections of the draft Active Transportation Master Plan. At the conclusion of the presentation, the Committee has several comments and questions:

- Does the City intend to adopt a Complete Streets policy as recommended in the draft plan? The Committee briefly discussed what it would take to adopt such a policy.
- Closures and detours are often frustrating for pedestrians.
- How we can be more transformational that incremental should be a theme that runs throughout the plan.
- The section on equity regarding “framing the issue” should reflect an awareness of what it means to be a novice and an effort on our part to be welcoming and inclusive. We need to make sure that facilities benefit all neighborhoods and communities.
- Parking can be divided into long-term, which is provided in structures, and short-term, which is the function of on-street parking.
- Streets in rural areas within the city should include sidewalks.
- There was a discussion about the list of Great Streets in the Regional Plan and how it was generated. Milton is not a great street, but San Francisco is.
- The committee asked how Flagstaff transforms into a community where drivers yield to pedestrians; how do we make that part of the culture. Examples of other communities include Portland, Seattle, and Vancouver. It is something that happens over time, but takes a concerted effort in the areas of engineering, enforcement, and education.
- In-crosswalk yield signs were briefly discussed, including their effectiveness and potential locations.

- There may be opportunities or pedestrian wayfinding signage that provides information on nearby available services and amenities. QR codes could also be used. Wayfinding information at bus stops could be used to help direct pedestrians to nearby destinations.
- Walk-friendly and bicycle-friendly community signs should be posted at entryways to the community.

III. NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Reports

Buffalo Park/Nate Avery Trail accessibility grant. Mr. Ince provided an update on the grant application. The Forest Service and Flagstaff Trails Initiative could both provide letters of support.

2. Announcements

There was consensus to return the meeting start time to 4:30 pm for the June meeting. The committee indicated its preference for hybrid meetings to promote public accessibility.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 pm.