

DRAFT MINUTES

City of Flagstaff PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Thursday, October 14, 2021 | 4:30 pm

Virtual meeting via Microsoft Teams

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 pm. On roll call, the following Committee members were present:

Whitney Holeva-Eklund
Jodi Norris
Ron Norton
Zach Schwartz

Members absent:

Brandon Cruickshank, chair
Tahany Huerta
Matt McGrath

The following City and agency staff were present:

Charles Hernandez, Police Department
Martin Ince, multimodal planner
Jim McCarthy, City Council liaison

Public present:

None

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Announcements

Ms. Holeva-Eklund said that the crosswalk markings across Humphreys at Cherry have faded, and she wondered if they will be refreshed. Mr. Ince said that Humphreys is managed by ADOT, and the markings were probably for the school, so it is unlikely that they will be refreshed. Ms. Holeva-Eklund said she sees students crossing at Hunt to get to Flag High.

2. Public Comment

There were no Public Comments.

3. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Norton made, and Mr. Schwartz seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meetings of May 13, July 8, and September 9, 2021. The motion was approved unanimously (4-0).

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Active transportation master plan

Mr. Ince reviewed the interim results of the online survey, which will be open until November 19, 2021. The committee indicated support for the questions that asked respondents about how much they would like to walk or ride, as it indicates that there is some pent-up demand. Mr. Ince reviewed the upcoming schedule for review and approval.

2. Buffalo Park/Nate Avery Trail accessibility grant

The committee reviewed a draft letter in support of the grant. There was a question about obliteration of the social trails, and whether this would eliminate some options for shorter loops. Are the social trails causing damage, and can some be made official?

Providing information at the trailhead on loop options would be helpful. Signage on the trail to direct people to shorter or longer loops would also be helpful. The committee discussed placement of benches along the loop to providing resting places. Mr. Ince reported that the City was already in the process of installing benches.

The committee asked that the word “gesture” in the third paragraph be replaced with “step” because the improvements are more than just a gesture.

III. NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Reports

Roadway project status. Mr. Ince provided a brief update on several current roadway projects. There was a discussion about the distance between the roundabout exit and the

crosswalk at Beulah and University. The right turn slip lane at the Switzer Canyon roundabout does not require vehicles to slow, and drivers are not expecting to yield as they exit. The goal seems to be to move cars through the roundabout as fast as possible. Drivers are looking for other vehicles, not pedestrians and bicycles. Moving crossings further from the roundabout adds to the distance that pedestrians have to walk. Single-lane roundabouts are easy to navigate, but double lanes are more confusing.

Urban Trails and Bikeways Map reprint. The new maps have been printed and are available.

Separated bike lane pilot project. The project should be installed by the end of the year.

City Hall reopening. Virtual meetings will likely continue through the end of the year.

2. Announcements

The next regular meeting is scheduled for November 11, 2021, which is Veterans Day. The PAC meeting will be rescheduled to November 18.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm.