

AGENDA

City of Flagstaff

PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Thursday, February 8, 2018 | 4:30 pm

City Hall, Staff Conference Room
211 West Aspen Avenue, Flagstaff, Arizona

Members of the public are always welcome to attend and encouraged to participate in Pedestrian Advisory Committee meetings. In the interest of conducting an efficient and orderly meeting, and to be fair and respectful to all of its guests, the Pedestrian Advisory Committee asks the public to observe the following rules:

- Committee members and staff are seated at the main table; members of the public sit in the audience.
- The public may comment on subjects not on the current agenda during Public Comment (Item I.2. below). Comments are limited to three minutes per person.
- To address the Committee regarding items on the formal agenda, members of the public should wait for the Chair to call for public comments when the item is heard.
- At all times, members of the public should wait to be recognized by the Chair before addressing the Committee.



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CALL TO ORDER

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Brandon Cruickshank, chair
Denise Wynne, vice-chair
Tracy McMillan
Jodi Norris
Zach Schwartz
Jack Welch
Amy Young

CITY STAFF:

Kevin Hoople, Flagstaff PD
Martin Ince, Multi-Modal Planner

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Announcements

Members of the PAC and staff will be allowed three minutes to make announcements, suggest future agenda items, or comment on items not on the agenda. The Arizona Open Meeting Law prohibits the Committee from discussing or taking action on an item that is not listed on the prepared agenda. PAC members may, however, respond to criticism made by those addressing the Committee, ask staff to review a matter, or ask that a matter be placed on a future agenda.

2. Public comment

At this time, any member of the public is allowed three minutes to address the PAC on any subject that is not scheduled before the Committee on that day. The Arizona Open Meeting Law prohibits the Committee from discussing or taking action on an item that is not listed on the prepared agenda. PAC members may, however, respond to criticism made by those addressing the Committee, ask staff to review a matter, or ask that a matter be placed on a future agenda. To address the Committee on an item that is on the agenda, please wait for the Chair to call for Public Comment at the time the item is heard.

3. Approval of minutes

[Regular meeting of January 11, 2018](#)

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Active transportation master plan

Continued discussion of the active transportation master plan. Discussion at this meeting will focus on:

- [PedBikeWays interactive map](#): a series of interactive maps and accompanying survey to solicit comments on the concept of Pedestrian Bicycle Superhighways (PedBikeWays)
- [FUTS priority evaluation](#): review of draft evaluation criteria, maps, and recommendations to prioritize future FUTS trails

For more information regarding the active transportation masterplan, go to: <http://www.flagstaff.az.gov/atmp>

Requested action: Information, discussion, and direction

III. NEW BUSINESS

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Reports

- A. NAU Multimodal Transportation Plan
- B. Citizens Transportation Tax Commission
- C. National Parks – Rivers Trails and Conservation Assistance grant
- D. High Occupancy Housing Plan
- E. PAC vacancy
- F. FUTS project status

2. Announcements

- A. Agenda items for next meeting: March 8, 2018

IV. ADJOURNMENT

CERTIFICATION OF POSTING OF NOTICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing notice was duly posted at Flagstaff City Hall in accordance with the statement filed by the Recording Secretary with the City Clerk.

Posted at _____ on the _____ day of _____, 2018.

Martin Ince, Multi-Modal Planner

DRAFT MINUTES

City of Flagstaff PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE



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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:36 pm. On roll call, the following Committee members were present:

Brandon Cruickshank
Tracy McMillan
Jack Welch
Denise Wynne
Amy Young
Zach Schwartz

Members absent:

Jodi Norris

The following City and agency staff were present:

Martin Ince, multimodal planner
Jenny Niemann, Sustainability Section

Public present:

None

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Announcements

Ms. McMillan introduced herself as the newest member of the Pedestrian Advisory Committee.

2. Public Comment

There were no Public Comments.

3. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Young made, and Mr. Welch seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meetings of November 9, 2017 and December 14, 2017. The motion was approved unanimously (5-0),

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Active Transportation Master Plan

Mr. Ince presented a draft version of criteria to help determine priorities for construction of future FUTS trails. There are a total of 15 factors. The information presented reflects comments made the previous week by the City's Bicycle Advisory Committee.

- The Committee discussed the role of FUTS for recreation versus transportation, and whether the evaluation criteria favored one or the other. Mr. Ince suggested that users are readily able to use the FUTS for recreation, but that more work must be done to make them more of a viable transportation facility.
- There was a discussion about how connectivity should be measured. The Committee suggested modifying this factor to reflect the extent to which FUTS trails help to close gaps and enhance pedestrian and bicycle networks. This definition does not overlap with completeness, because it includes sidewalks and bike lanes in the analysis, and because the completeness factor favors short gaps in the FUTS, while connectivity can address long gaps.
- There was a question about whether NAU proximity should be removed or devalued as a factor, since it overlaps to some extent with other factors. The Committee recommended changing the weighting from 2.0 to 1.0.
- Employment density may deserve a higher weighting factor. There was a question about why the NAU campus does not have a higher score in employment density.
- It would be beneficial to include current and future locations for high occupancy housing projects. It is not clear how much guidance will be provided by the high occupancy housing plan, or how this could be incorporated into the process.
- A constant sum-paired comparison exercise may help bring more objectivity to the process of assigning weighting factors. All of the factors should be described in terms of how they promote the purpose of FUTS trails.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Flagstaff Climate Action and Adaptation Plan

Ms. Niemann made a presentation regarding the Flagstaff Climate Action and Adaptation Plan. She said the plan implements one of the Council's goals to address climate change. The City has engaged a consultant to help prepare the plan, which will take about 10 months and should conclude by October. The plan will address how the City should respond to a changing climate.

Ms. Niemann explained that the process will include significant public engagement. The first open house is planned for January 24, and others are planned in March and July. A survey is available for those who are unable to attend the open house. Coffee shop meetings have been scheduled for informal drop-in conversations. The City has convened a steering committee to assist with preparation of the plan. A citizen-initiated climate action group has also been formed.

According to the City's data, transportation accounts for half of emissions in Flagstaff, and has surpassed buildings as the biggest user of energy. Potential solutions could be transportation-related, although specific recommendations for addressing climate change will not be determined until later in the planning process.

The Committee asked a number of questions and made several comments:

- Does the transportation-related emissions data include tourism? Ms. Niemann said the measurements are somewhat broad at this point, although they hope to gather more detailed data.
- Will the plan address implementation? The plan will include an implementation section, and responsibility for implementation will include community partners.
- How will the consultant address the plan – are there universal principles and solutions for adapting to climate change, or will the approach reflect local context and conditions? The consultant helps create a structure that allows the public to help determine which solutions are most appropriate and effective for Flagstaff. The steering committee consists of local residents.
- Will there be funding identified for infrastructure, including walking and biking infrastructure? Not directly, although the plan could identify needs. The plan will be adopted too late to be used in the Citizen's Transportation Tax Commission's deliberations.
- What is NAU's participation in the planning process? City staff has been working with NAU staff, but has not yet engaged university administration.

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Reports

There were no Reports.

2. Announcements

There were no Announcements.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm