

DRAFT MINUTES

City of Flagstaff PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Thursday, June 8, 2017 | 4:30 pm

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:37 pm. On roll call, the following Committee members were present:

Denise Wynne, vice-chair
Jodi Norris (via telephone)
Zach Schwartz
Jack Welch

Members absent:

Brandon Cruickshank
Amy Young

One vacancy

The following City and agency staff were present:

Martin Ince, multimodal planner

Public present:

None

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Announcements

Mr. Welch said he had taken a tour of the new County trail at Picture Canyon, and reported that they had done a nice job. There are still three sections remaining to complete the trail out to Picture Canyon.

2. Public Comment

There were no Public Comments

3. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Schwartz made, and Mr. Welch seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 11, 2017. The motion was approved unanimously (4-0).

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Active Transportation Master Plan

The Committee discussed Working Paper 9.1 and 9.2 regarding at-grade and grade-separated crossings, and had a number of comments and questions:

- The Committee agrees with the need for a crossing on Butler Avenue near Little America.
- There were concerns about sight visibility issues for some of the Humphreys crossings, and the potential impact on winter congestion.
- The Committee discussed the role of developer contributions when future crossings have been identified in a planning document.
- The crossing along east Butler may be needed if the area to the east is developed and traffic increases along Butler. The Committee's consensus is to move the crossings to long-term.
- A crossing at marketplace near Safeway may need a beacon given the level of traffic.
- There was a question about whether additional crossings on Fourth Street should be recommended in the long term, or if they are more urgent.
- The crossings along Pulliam could also be moved to the long-term.
- The Committee asked about the BNSF crossing at Florence and Walnut, and what was needed from the railroad to move it forward.
- The Committee discussed grade-separated crossings on Milton. The crossings will be expensive, is there a way to have ADOT participate in the funding. There is some concern about the aesthetics of a bridge over the road.
- The crossing on West Route 66 along the Santa Fe Trail will be needed when the Timber Sky development is built, but there may also be a more immediate need because it is part of the Flagstaff Loop Trail. This is another situation where a developer contribution is an opportunity.

- There have been previous discussion about using the existing culvert to cross Lone Tree Road along the Sinclair Wash Trail.

2. Flagstaff Walks!

The Committee asked if we have been accepted for Science in the Park. Walk themes and leaders need to be determined.

Committee will host a clean-up on July 1, 2017 at 9:00 am beginning at the corner of Route 66 and Ponderosa Parkway. Mr. Welch will contact Maggie Twomey for supplies.

3. Flagstaff Open Space Parks and Recreation bond

The Committee brainstormed ideas for projects:

- Purchase the ASLD land at Picture Canyon
- Improve the Y parking area and other trail hubs
- Improve the Buffalo Park parking lot
- A second bridge over Cedar for McMillan Mesa
- Anything that encourages walking and is whimsical, low-cost, colorful, or artsy, such as games, art, stretching stations, distance markers, maps, etc. Mark DeLucido in Economic Vitality may have ideas
- Additional signing to encourage walking, including historic, interpretive, wayfinding, and directional signs
- Public art along the FUTS, including trolls on FUTS bridges like the troll in the Fremont neighborhood in Seattle

The Committee asked when the list of projects is due, and how much detail needs to be provided.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Letter of support for Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program grant for preparation of a regional trails plan

Mr. Ince presented information on the program and a potential multi-agency grant application for a regional trails plan.

Mr. Schwartz made, and Ms. Norris seconded, a motion to send a letter from the Pedestrian Advisory Committee in support of a Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program grant application for a regional trails plan. The motion was approved unanimously (4-0).

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Reports

There were no Reports

2. Announcements

There were no Announcements

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:29 pm