



MINUTES

City of Flagstaff

BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, September 6, 2012
4:30 pm

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:32 pm. On roll call, the following Committee members were present:

Ken Lane, Chair
Richard Hall
Jodi Norris
Katie Sheridan

Members absent:

Dave Blanchard
Melanie Street

One vacancy

The following City staff was present:

Martin Ince, multi-modal planner

Public present:

Alicia Becker, NAIPTA
Nicole Wassell

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Announcements

There were no Announcements.

2. Public Comment

There were no Public Comments.

3. Approval Of Minutes

Ms. Norris made, and Mr. Hall seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 2, 2012. The motion was approved unanimously (4-0).

II. NEW BUSINESS

1. NAIPTA Five-Year Transit Plan Update

Alicia Becker of NAIPTA gave a presentation on the process to update Flagstaff's five-year and long-range transit plan. She reported that they are just starting the public engagement process, and provided a demonstration of the Metroquest survey website. She said the website will be open on September 10.

The BAC had several questions for Ms. Becker:

- Are there any plans for service to Sedona
- What is the demographic profile for the typical rider
- Is there a flier that can be passed along
- Will the GPS tracking service be available on more buses
- Are there any plans to expand the Mountain Link line
- What is the age limit for young riders

III. OLD BUSINESS

1. Regional Plan update – review of Circulation Element

Mr. Ince provided a memo from Kim Sharp, the City's long range planner, and asked the group how they wanted to proceed to provide comments on the draft plan. There was a short discussion, and a consensus to develop group comments from the BAC, starting with the bicycle policies. The BAC expressed its wish to have one of the planners make a presentation to the BAC.

There was a question about expectations for a bikeway map to include in the Regional Plan.

The Committee discussed a number of issues related to regional planning:

- It is difficult to plan for future transportation needs in light of technological advancements.
- There was a question about how the region is defined.

- There was a brief discussion about whether joggers and runners constitute another transportation mode, and if for planning purposes there is a difference between joggers and pedestrians. The Committee also asked if other mode – like skateboards and segways – were addressed.
- The Committee discussed signal detection and the shortcomings in detecting bicycles.
- Mr. Ince described the concept of context sensitive solutions.
- The Committee discussed the conflict between being bicycle and pedestrian friendly and moving vehicles.

2. Electric and motorized bicycles in bike lanes and on FUTS

Mr. Ince provided a copy of a draft ordinance that would define electric bicycles, allow them in bike lanes, and restrict them from all FUTS trails with the exception of the Route 66 FUTS. The BAC thoughts regarding the proposed ordinance:

- Although the maximum size of an electric motor is 750 watts, normal human output on a bicycle is about one-tenth of that.
- There was a discussion about speed limits, and whether gas-powered motors should be allowed on FUTS trails.
- The Committee wondered whether electric skateboards should be included.
- The Committee concluded that the potential for problems depends mainly on operator behavior and courtesy.

Mr. Ince outlined a proposed public participation plan, with which the Committee agreed.

3. Bicycle parking inventory and program

Mr. Ince provided a summary of the bicycle parking inventory to date.

The Committee wondered what kind of bicycle parking is available in NAU's new parking garage.

Mr. Ince reported that a Google map of bicycle parking was available on-line, and asked if the Committee thought this would be useful as a smart phone application. The BAC determined that it would be most useful if the app included other relevant information for cyclists, like bike lanes and FUTS trails.

Mr. Ince reported that a system of prioritization was still being developed, but hoped to have something for the BAC at an upcoming meeting.

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Reports

Mr. Ince made note of the Reports in the agenda, and asked for any questions on specific projects.

2. Concluding Announcements

There were no Concluding Announcements.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:59 pm.