



MINUTES

City of Flagstaff BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, November 7, 2013
4:30 pm

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:40 pm. On roll call, the following Committee members were present:

Ken Lane, Chair
Richard Hall
Jodi Norris
Jeff Stevenson

Members absent:

Dave Blanchard
Melanie Street

One vacancy

The following City staff was present:

Martin Ince, Multi-Modal Planner

Public present:

Mark Aasmundstad
Paul Brinkman
Jim McCarthy

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Announcements

Ms. Norris said that she has changed her route to work in response to some of the bicycle improvements made at NAU, and that she changed her route from work to

use the ramp at Sitgreaves. She also said she likes the new green bike lane signs on Beaver.

2. Public Comment

Paul Brinkman told the BAC he has observed an increased level of road rage directed at cyclists, and related an incident on Lone Tree Road about a year ago. He said there is a disconnect between law enforcement regarding the rights and responsibilities of motorists and cyclists, and as a result when there are incidents they tend to get brushed aside. He suggested a future agenda item regarding education of motorists and law enforcement regarding cyclists' rights and responsibilities and the basics of cycling law. He thought it might be beneficial to have the formal support of a group like the BAC, and that City, County, and NAU law enforcement representatives should be invited.

Mark Aasmundstad reported that he was pulled over, but not cited by sheriff's deputies the week following an incident on Lake Mary Road. He said there should be a city ordinance protecting cyclists from harassment.

He also said that he had read the draft Regional Plan and was encouraged to see policies in support of cycling and walking. But he is concerned that aggressive driving is an impediment to walking and bicycling, to the point where it feels like there is a bias or form of discrimination against bicyclists. When we build the infrastructure bicyclists are encouraged and validated, but there are still too many deterrents.

3. Approval Of Minutes

Ms. Norris made, and Mr. Stevenson seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 3, 2013. The motion was approved unanimously (4-0).

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Bicycle parking inventory and strategies

Mr. Ince presented a rough draft of a bicycle parking plan. The committee discussed the plan, raised several questions and offered the following comments:

- Incentives for businesses would make the requirements more palatable. Incentives might include tax incentives and reduced costs based on use
- Include a strategy to make sure the development community knows it can reduce required vehicle parking spaces by providing bike parking

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- Are businesses motivated to reduce parking to save money, or to provide the appearance of having more parking than is necessary
- How much administrative time and cost will the program require
- Making businesses pay for even a portion of the cost of a rack will be a disincentive. Some businesses will be able to afford the cost, some will not
- Rack locations must be planned well so they are used
- Appropriate rack locations cannot be left to the property or business owners
- Something that you get for free does not have value. On the other hand, is it necessary for the property or business owner to value the rack
- A small administrative fee could be charged to recover some costs and invest the property or business owner
- Who is responsible for maintenance and installation
- Does the rack need to be bolted down, and what if it is not located on a concrete or asphalt pad
- Racks should not be placed where snow will be plowed and stored in the winter

2. City property inventory – follow-up

This item was not discussed.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Green bike lanes through intersections on Beaver Street

This item was not discussed.

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Reports

There was no discussion on the Reports.

2. Concluding Announcements

There were no Concluding Announcements.

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V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 pm.