



MINUTES

City of Flagstaff

BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, October 3, 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 4:35 pm. On roll call, the following Committee members were present:

Ken Lane, Chair
Richard Hall
Jodi Norris
Jeff Stevenson

Members absent:

Dave Blanchard
Katie Sheridan
Melanie Street

The following City staff was present:

Martin Ince, Multi-Modal Planner
David McIntire, Assistant to the City Manager for Real Estate

Public present:

None

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Announcements

Ms. Norris reported that she has heard from a bicyclist who is now riding to work as a result of the new ramp at Sitgreaves.

Chair Lane asked about the bicycle group that is planning to address the City Council regarding bike facilities in the \$50 million street maintenance bond.

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2. Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

3. Approval Of Minutes

Ms. Norris made, and Mr. Stevenson seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 5, 2013. The motion was approved unanimously (4-0).

II. NEW BUSINESS

1. City property inventory

David McIntire, Assistant to the City Manager for Real Estate, presented an inventory of 17 large City-owned parcels that are not restricted and for which future use is in question. He said that as part of the Regional Plan, the City is engaged in a process to determine an appropriate future use for the parcels. He is presenting staff's recommendations for the parcels to a variety of commissions and boards, and plans to present staff's recommendations and results from the commissions to the City Council on October 28.

During the presentation, the Committee asked questions and made comments as follows regarding each parcel:

Cheshire – Blue Willow

- Will the Museum's land to the north be preserved as open space

Koch Field

- No comment

Venus FUTS

- Can this parcel be split, and is there room for more than one house
- Keeping an open space corridor is important to the FUTS experience, but it may be possible to sell space for a house in the southwest corner

Switzer – Ponderosa

- No comment

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Phoenix Building

- No comment

Schultz Trailhead

- Trailhead will have to be fairly large, as both the formal and informal trailheads are heavily used on summer weekends
- Is it possible to require construction of the trailhead as a condition of any future development
- It is assumed that development under existing County zoning will be 2-acre minimum residential lots

Herold Ranch Road

- The Committee asked what uses are included under "economic development"

McAllister Ranch

- The Committee asked about the plans for FUTS trails through the area, and about the timing for widening Route 66
- The BAC said it is frustrating to have development, like Railroad Springs, that is not accessible by either sidewalk or FUTS trails

O'Leary-Lone Tree

- No comment

Foxglenn Park

- The BAC asked about the recommendation for this parcel from the Open Space Commission
- The BAC also asked about the acreage of the corner that is being considered for development, and mentioned that it includes the area where prairie dog research was done

Rio behind Sawmill

- There was a question about where the developable land is located
- Additional development in that area will become a future transportation problem in an area that is already difficult to bicycle through

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Thorpe near Multi-use Field

- No comment

North San Francisco

- Areas shown in the concept plan for viewshed and housing seem to be reversed; the viewshed is only available to the Elks Lodge
- People have been observed taking photos of this parcel and view from Fir Street
- There were questions about the overall planned FUTS alignment through this area
- A concern was raised about building in the floodplain and future drainage problems

McMillan Mesa

- No comment

The Committee also raised two general questions:

- Did the process take into account when State Land is adjacent to City land?
- Is water use considered in the recommendations regarding future land use?

At the conclusion of the presentation, Mr. Stevenson made, and Ms. Norris seconded, a motion to reflect the BAC's agreement with staff recommendations as presented regarding the future use of City parcels, with the exception of the North San Francisco parcel, which should be preserved in its entirety rather than partially developed for residential use. The motion was approved unanimously (4-0).

2. Green bike lanes through intersections on Beaver Street

This item was not discussed.

III. OLD BUSINESS

1. Bicycle parking inventory and strategies

This item was not discussed.

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IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Reports

There was no discussion on the Reports.

2. Concluding Announcements

Mr. Ince announced that a group of citizens are planning to address the City Council on October 15, during the Public Participation portion of the agenda, to ask for separated bikeways on four corridors leading into downtown as part of the proposed \$50 million street maintenance bond project.

Mr. Stevenson commented that it may be more efficient to complete other bike lanes than to focus all of our resources on a few expensive bike facilities.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 pm.