



MINUTES

City of Flagstaff

BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, September 5, 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 4:32 pm. On roll call, the following Committee members were present:

Ken Lane, Chair
Dave Blanchard
Richard Hall
Jodi Norris
Jeff Stevenson

Members absent:

Katie Sheridan
Melanie Street

The following City staff was present:

Martin Ince, Multi-Modal Planner

Public present:

Mark Aasmundstad
George Bain
Chambo Chambers
Mark Haughwort
Erika Mazza, NAIPTA planning manager
Mai Wakisaka

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Announcements

Ms. Norris said she likes the newly-constructed ramp at Sitgreaves and Route 66, and asked about the status of the underpass at Florence and Walnut.

2. Public Comment

Chambo Chambers mentioned the prevalence of cracks on City streets and how difficult it made it for bicycle riders. He questioned the City's maintenance priorities.

Mark Aasmundstad related an incident where a group of cyclists on Lake Mary Road were assaulted by a driver who swerved into the bike lane in front of them, then stopped and proceeded to harass them. He said a complaint was filed with the Sheriff's office, but no arrests were made and no citations were issued. He is interested in knowing if there are any resources to help them with follow-up. A suggestion was made to include a discussion on a future meeting agenda about training for law enforcement regarding bicycle law. It would be beneficial to have someone present from the Police Department or Sheriff's Office.

3. Approval Of Minutes

Ms. Norris made, and Mr. Hall seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 6, 2013. The motion was approved unanimously (5-0).

II. NEW BUSINESS

1. NAIPTA Health Impact Assessment

Erika Mazza, planning manager at NAIPTA, provided an overview of a health impact assessment (HIA) that NAIPTA is conducting in conjunction with planning for an extension of its high-capacity transit line (Mountain Link) to the east side of town. High capacity means 10-15 minute frequencies. She explained that the work was being done through a grant NAIPTA has obtained.

The HIA will examine various health determinants, and how they would be affected by extension of the route. Some potential health impacts might include relieving traffic congestion around schools, or an increase in walking and biking to the bus.

She said the process was just starting, and that the BAC and PAC would be used as a "sounding board" to review interim reports and findings.

Walkability audits are also being planned as part of the process.

III. OLD BUSINESS

1. Bicycle parking inventory and strategies

Mr. Ince presented a rough draft of a bicycle parking plan that includes the results of the bicycle parking inventory. The Committee discussed the results and had several comments and questions:

- It would be useful to have a breakdown of racks that are classified as functionally "poor" by whether they are public or privately owned.
- There was general agreement that wave-style racks are not very functional.
- There was a question about whether informal objects, like fencing or railing, could be considered as legitimate bicycle parking, included in the inventory, and addressed in the strategies.
- The Committee asked whether poor location included racks that are outside of public view in remote corners of a site.
- There was a discussion about large employers and whether their bike parking should be included in the inventory, since it is not technically open to the public but important to consider.
- The strategies should address the difference between short and long-term bicycle parking.
- There was discussion about how to educate, encourage or require business and property owners to add bike parking where it is missing.
- The Committee asked about thresholds for bike parking requirements when existing parcels redevelop, change use, or are expanded, and if the thresholds could be lowered so that bike parking is added more often as a result of redevelopment.

Mr. Ince indicated that further information on a bicycle parking plan would be brought to the next meeting.

2. Bicycle and FUTS master planning

This item was not discussed.

3. Flagstaff Trip Diary Survey of Community Travel Patterns

This item was not discussed.

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4. Flagstaff Walks!

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.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 pm.