



MINUTES

City of Flagstaff

BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 6, 2014
4:30 pm

City Hall, Finance 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
Dave Blanchard
Richard Hall
Jodi Norris
Jeff Stevenson

Members absent:

None

Two vacancies

The following City staff was present:

Sara Dechter, comprehensive planning manager
Martin Ince, multi-modal planner
Jennifer Mikelson, associate planner

Public present:

Leonard Peshlakai
Nick Sheehan
Jessica Randolph

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Announcements

There were no Announcements.

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2. Public Comment

Nick Sheehan, Leonard Peshlakaj, and Jessica Randolph introduced themselves as NAU students who are working on an outline for a bicycle education program as part of a class project.

3. Approval Of Minutes

Mr. Stevenson made, and Mr. Hall seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 6, 2014. The motion was approved unanimously (5-0).

II. NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

III. OLD BUSINESS

1. Regional Plan 2030

Sara Dechter and Jennifer Mikelson provided a status update on the Regional Plan process and the upcoming vote of approval. The draft plan was approved by the City Council on January 14, and the plan now has to be approved by the voters. Ballots will be mailed out on April 28, and the election date is May 20. The Regional Plan is the only item on the ballot, and the election will be mail-in only.

Goals and policies regarding bicycling were for the most part written by the BAC in 2009. The original BAC policies have been simplified but are still intact, and one additional policy was added.

Members of the Committee asked two questions:

- Does the plan anticipate that the City will grow out further than the last plan
- What is the plan for future roads, especially along the corridor between J.W. Powell Boulevard and Fourth Street

2. Bicycle parking inventory and strategies

Mr. Ince provided a preliminary list of locations for new bike racks, and briefly explained the process for identifying and prioritizing the locations. The Committee asked about administrative costs, and if downtown locations were identified.

3. Bikeways planning

Mr. Ince provided an update on the bikeways planning process, and showed the power point presentation that was shown to the citizen's review committee that is considering options for financing street maintenance. The Committee asked several questions and made several comments:

- ADOT recently announced a project to widen Highway 89A between Fort Tuthill and the switchbacks; and the Committee asked if the shoulders will be reserved as bike lanes or used as a breakdown lane. There is a concern that the shoulder will be used heavily for vehicle parking.
- The Committee asked about the status of the list of "corrections."
- The Committee suggested building Butler Avenue, from Little America to Fourth Street, with a landscaped median similar to Highway 179 in Sedona.
- The speed of traffic on many streets is a real issue and a discouragement to many cyclists.

4. Urban Trails and Bikeway Map – electronic version for smartphones and tablets

This item was not discussed.

5. Review of meeting procedures

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 6:01 pm.