



MINUTES

City of Flagstaff BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, November 5, 2015 | 4:30 pm

Flagstaff 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
Dave Blanchard
Richard Hall
Jodi Norris
Jack Welch

Members absent:

Jeff Stevenson

One vacancy

The following City and agency staff was present:

Martin Ince, multimodal transportation planner

Public present:

Mark Haughwout

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Announcements

Mr. Blanchard reported that he saw a number of power-assisted bicycles in use in Switzerland, and that they are being sold locally at REI. He wondered if the BAC was planning to address the issue of motorized bicycles on FUTS trails at some point. He would like to have background information presented at the next BAC meeting.

He also wondered about the operation of the flashing yellow left turn signals on Beulah Boulevard. It does not seem that they are very friendly for bicyclists.

Mr. Hall said it was nice to see the new asphalt surface on the FUTS trail along Pulliam Drive. He prefers the new culverts to the old dips.

Ms. Norris said she used bike share extensively during a recent trip to Omaha.

2. Public Comment

Mr. Haughwout wondered about the safety and legality of "lane splitting," which is the practice of riding between lines of stopped vehicles. He agreed with Mr. Blanchard regarding the flashing yellow left turn signals, and asked about the lane striping on the south leg of the intersection of Beulah and Lake Mary Road. A bike lane should have been striped leading up to the intersection but was not.

3. Approval Of Minutes

Mr. Welch made, and Ms. Norris seconded, a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of October 1, 2015. The motion was approved unanimously (5-0).

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Pedestrian and bicycle master plan

Mr. Ince presented information from Working Paper No 4, Pedestrian and Bicyclist Crash Data. The Committee offered a number of comments:

- It would be useful to include additional crash information from BNSF and FMC.
- Alcohol as an influence should be isolated in fatal pedestrian and bicycle crashes.
- The locations of prominent crash types should be mapped – specifically nighttime pedestrian crashes and right-turn bicycle crashes.
- The Committee advocated for use of the Road Safety Assessment process for high-crash locations.
- Data on bike theft should be kept in the report, although it would be useful to compare Flagstaff's numbers to other communities.
- The Committee wondered if it possible to display bicycle theft by geographic area, to determine if it is more frequent in some parts of the city than others.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Bicycle Advisory Committee terms and vacancies

Mr. Ince presented a summary of existing terms and expirations for the BAC. Four current members have served since 2007, and have "termed out" and are no longer eligible for reappointment.

He reported that two new applications were on file and would likely be appointed at the December Transportation Commission meeting. One of the appointments would fill the current vacancy, and the other would replace Chair Lane, whose term has expired and is not eligible for reappointment.

Mr. Ince said he was planning to recruit for new members, but wanted to make sure the Committee included a diverse membership.

The Committee discussed inviting the new appointees to attend the December meeting.

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Reports

The Committee asked about the extension of the Switzer Canyon Spur FUTS trail to DeMiguel School. The trail was recently extended as part of a new subdivision, but currently ends at a fence just short of the school grounds. Mr. Ince reported that work would begin on acquisition of easements to extend the trail, but construction of the trail is not in the five-year capital plan.

2. Concluding Announcements

There were no Concluding Announcements

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:04 pm