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City of Flagstaff BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, August 6, 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 4:32 pm. On roll call, the following Committee members were present:

Ken Lane, Chair
Dave Blanchard
Richard Hall
Jodi Norris
Paul Owen

Members absent:

Jeff Stevenson
Jack Welch

The following City and agency staff was present:

Tiffany Antol, development case manager
Martin Ince, multimodal transportation planner
Jeff James, Flagstaff Police Department
David Needham, Flagstaff Police Department

Public present:

Sagemaya Dandi

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Announcements

There were no Announcements

2. Public Comment

Mr. Dandi introduced himself as a bicycle activist. He said that he has not owned a car in 37 years, and has logged more than 150,000 miles by bicycle in that time. He wants to make sure that we promote the utilitarian aspects of bicycling. The goal is to make things safer for bicyclists, and to make sure we are educating cyclists properly.

3. Approval Of Minutes

Minutes from the June 4, 2015 regular meeting were not available.

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Pedestrian and bicycle master plan

Mr. Ince went through the draft working paper regarding mode share trends and peer cities comparison.

2. High capacity bike parking in Heritage Square

Mr. Ince reported there was no additional information from the last meeting, and suggested further discussion when Mr. Welch was present.

3. Route 66 FUTS Trail

Mr. Ince provided a map that showed phasing for future segments of the realigned trail. He said the City was working with developers to prevent the trail from being closed in the future during construction of new buildings.

The Committee had several questions and comments:

- Is it possible to build the entire western leg at once, in advance of development
- The trail needs to serve a commuting function
- The trail should be landscaped and not adjacent to dumpsters and loading areas

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Bicycle safety/enforcement program

Officers James and Needham provided information on the Police Department's bicycle safety and enforcement campaign, which began on August 1.

Officer Needham explained that the idea for a diversionary class came up several years ago, shortly after he completed training as a League Cycling Instructor (LCI). The diversionary classes will be held on the first and third Monday of every month, in conjunction with a stepped-up enforcement effort by the Police Department. Anyone who receives a bicycle citation is eligible to take the class as an alternative to paying a fine. He showed the Committee the Power Point presentation that comprises the curriculum for the class.

Officer James reported that this program was one a series of targeted enforcement programs that in the past have included seat belt use and red light running. There will be additional programs in the future. He said that he does not want to create an "us vs. them" situation.

The diversionary class is an opportunity for education and dialogue with cyclists about safe practices. A cyclist who was cited as part of a crash is not eligible for the diversionary program, and the option is only available once every 365 days. As the program grows there will be a need for additional instructors.

Over time, PD will track citations and crashes to gauge the effectiveness of the program.

Mr. Dandi suggested an incentive program for cyclists who are behaving in a safe manner.

2. Bicycle accommodation in new student housing developments

Mr. Ince provided information on two committees – internal and external to City government – that are meeting to consider a variety of issues related to student and high-density housing in Flagstaff. Bicycle and pedestrian issues are included in the list of issues to be discussed. The two committees will be making recommendations at a City Council work session in late September.

The Committee discussed requirements for bike parking in student developments.

3. Planned bicycle facilities and FUTS trails on McMillan Mesa

Ms. Antol provided information on existing and planned development on McMillan Mesa. She reported that there are two new projects in the review pipeline; a residential development to the south of the Senior Meadows project, and a short-term rehab facility to the north.

For the remainder of the vacant privately-owned land on McMillan Mesa, the owner is seeking a regional plan amendment, rezoning, and specific plan amendment to allow medium-density residential development on parcels that are currently approved for commercial and business park development. She said that the proposal would allow additional parcels to be developed for residential use, but the density would be shifted from other residential parcels so the overall number of new

residential dwellings would not increase. There would also be a decrease in commercial and business park square footage.

She said that only concept plans are required at this stage of development approval, so there are not specific site plans to review. As part of the process the developer will be required to submit a traffic impact analysis.

Mr. Ince displayed a map that shows planned and existing bike lanes and FUTS in the area.

The Committee had several questions:

- What is planned for the extension of Ponderosa Parkway to Route 66
- Are parks and playground equipment planned as part of the development
- What is planned for the large tracts of City-owned land on the Mesa
- What is planned for the City-owned land on the north side of Forest Avenue

Ms. Antol informed the Committee that the process requires a series of public meetings and public hearings, and there will be several opportunities for individuals to review plans and provide comments.

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Reports

There was no discussion on the Reports.

2. Concluding Announcements

Mr. Hall and Mr. Blanchard will not be at the September meeting.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:09 pm