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MINUTES

City of Flagstaff BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 3, 2016 | 4:30 pm

Flagstaff City Hall, Council Chambers
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:

Dave Blanchard, acting chair
Richard Hall
Jodi Norris
Steven Richard
Jack Welch

Members absent:

Joseph McGhee
Jeff Stevenson

The following City and agency staff was present:

Andrew Hoffman, Flagstaff Police Department
Martin Ince, multimodal transportation planner
Dylan Monke, Montoya Fellow

Public present:

Mark Haughwout
Susan Hueftle
Ken Lane
Ted Melis
Matt Mitchell
Anja Wendel
Denise Wynne

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Announcements

Mr. Hall said that he nearly rode through a 6-inch deep pile of cinders left from the street sweeper.

Mr. Richard reported that he has been dodging cinder piles and the last remaining patches of ice.

2. Public Comment

Mr. Haughwout indicated that there are ice patches remaining on a number of sidewalks. He was directed to the appropriate City division to file a complaint for specific locations where there are problems.

3. Approval Of Minutes

Mr. Welch made, and Mr. Richard seconded, a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of February 4, 2016. The motion was approved unanimously (5-0).

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Pedestrian and bicycle master plan

Mr. Ince presented a brief outline of the information that would be presented. Mr. Monke described a series of bicycle facilities that could be used as part of the bicycle network in Flagstaff. The Committee had several comments and questions:

- The Committee asked if staff had examined the feasibility of using these facilities at specific locations. Mr. Ince responded that this has not been done, but was a logical next step in the process.
- There was a short discussion regarding the benefits to bicyclists of right turn on red restrictions.
- There was a question about the use of green bike lanes at locations where there is vehicular incursion into the bike lane.
- The Committee discussed the potential use of contra-flow lanes on one-way streets where there is already an issue with wrong-way cyclists, for example South Beaver Street.
- Green bike lanes require additional maintenance to keep them clean and refreshed.

- The Committee asked about the enforcement of vehicles parking in bike lanes, and in particular delivery vehicles. Officer Hoffman said that the police will respond, but it is typically enforced on a complaint basis. He said that delivery trucks would probably not remain in the bike lane long enough to enforce.
- The Committee asked about other communities where protected bike lanes are used. Maintenance could be a concern although it may not be different that the current maintenance practices for FUTS trails.
- There was a question about how bicyclists got to bike boxes, and if they were required to weave through traffic to get to the front of the line. Mr. Ince responded that they work best in conjunction with a bike lane.

Mr. Ince presented a preliminary list of problem areas for bicyclists, as derived from the background information collected from the bicycle crash analysis, the pedestrian and bike survey, and the bicycle comfort index analysis.

- The Committee asked about the potential impact of student housing.
- The entirety of Woodlands Village Boulevard should be added to the list of problem areas, from Beulah to Route 66. Additional student housing in the area will exacerbate the problem.
- Fourth Street could also be considered for the list. There is a particular problem just south of the I-40 overpass with vehicles encroaching into the bike lane to swerve around left-turning vehicles. The bike lane is also very narrow in this section.
- Beaver and Route 66 is a difficult section, especially the last block of Beaver leading to Route 66.
- It is difficult for bicyclists to get across Country Club Drive.
- The FUTS crossing at Woodlands Village Boulevard is an on-going problem.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Election of officers

Mr. Richard made a motion to nominate himself to serve as Chair. Mr. Blanchard seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously (5-0).

Mr. Blanchard made a motion to nominate Mr. Hall to serve as Vice-chair. Ms. Norris seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously (5-0).

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Reports

The Committee asked about the status of bike parking in Heritage Square.

The Committee asked if additional information about the three planned FUTS projects could be brought to the next meeting.

2. Concluding Announcements

Mr. Monke announced that the City would be hosting a Smart Cycling course on April 15 and 16, and a League Cycling Instructor course on May 13, 14, and 15.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:04 pm