



MINUTES

City of Flagstaff BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, February 4, 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 4:35 pm. On roll call, the following Committee members were present:

Dave Blanchard, acting chair
Richard Hall
Joseph McGhee
Steven Richard
Jeff Stevenson
Jack Welch

Members absent:

Jodi Norris

The following City and agency staff was present:

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

Public present:

None

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Announcements

Mr. Blanchard asked to have election of officers placed at the beginning of next month's agenda.

2. Public Comment

There was no Public Comment

3. Approval Of Minutes

Mr. Welch made, and Mr. Richard seconded, a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of December 3, 2015. The motion was approved unanimously (6-0).

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Pedestrian and bicycle master plan

Mr. Ince and Mr. Monke presented the results of the walking and biking survey, which was conducted in 2014. During the presentation, the Committee raised a number of questions and made several comments:

- The intersection at Lake Mary Road and Beulah Boulevard may receive more complaints now due to the changes in signal operation. There was a brief discussion about the signal and its effects on bicyclists.
- Responses that call for wider bike lanes may be indicative of a desire for buffered or protected bike lanes.
- Two-way cycletrack bike lanes may be a potential solution to prohibited crossings along Route 66.
- The FUTS along Route 66 was mentioned prominently on both the list of good places to ride and the list of places where bicycling is uncomfortable or difficult.
- Shared lane markings have been helpful where they are used, but more could be done to increase their visibility. This could include more signing and additional pavement markings.
- The Committee asked about the status of bicycle safety instruction in local schools.
- There was a question and brief discussion about the status of the bicycle diversionary class. Attendance has gone down since the summer, and the police department has switched their focus to pedestrian crashes.
- There is value in having a formal education program for elementary, middle, high school, and college students; to reduce the high number of crashes in the 17 to 24 age group.
- The Committee suggested including a very brief summary of the findings, similar to the one Mr. Ince made available during the meeting, to stress the high points and significant findings from the survey.

- The Committee also suggested a follow-up survey to corroborate the findings of the survey and collect the next level of data as suggested by the survey. The next survey could specifically target cyclists.

Mr. Ince asked the Committee if they had any thoughts or explanation for the extremely high number of survey respondents that listed Milton Road as a difficult or uncomfortable place to bicycle. The Committee opined that the results were an expression of how many cyclists would like to use Milton Road if it were more bicycle-friendly, because it is in a central location and serves a valuable function for purposeful transportation.

III. NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Reports

Mr. Ince reported that the City would begin work on a specific plan for high-occupancy or student housing, which would include an examination of walking and biking issues and opportunities.

Mr. Monke reported that the City would be hosting a Traffic Skills 101 bicycle education course in April, and a League Cycling Instructor course in May in conjunction with the League of American Bicyclists.

2. Concluding Announcements

There were no Concluding Announcements

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 pm