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MINUTES

City of Flagstaff BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 4, 2017 | 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:

Mark Haughwout, chair
Susan Hueftle
Matthew Mitchell
Margaret Penado

Members absent:

Kim Austin
Melanie Street

One vacancy

The following City and agency staff was present:

Andrew Hoffman, Flagstaff Police Department
Martin Ince, multimodal transportation planner

Public present:

Jeff Goulden
Chuck Hammersley
Tyler Linner
Jack Welch

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Announcements

Chair Haughwout said it would be nice to have shared lane markings on the downhill side of Cherry Street.

2. Public Comment

Chuck Hammersley provided information to the BAC regarding a potential Flagstaff Open Space Parks and Recreation program, which would be a 1/8 cent sales tax to help fund a variety of trails, open space, parks, and recreation projects. The tax would replace the County parks and open space (CPOS) program, which expired 3 years ago, but raised \$33 million for 18 different projects. He said he has been meeting with elected officials and making presentations to various City commissions, and would like to come back to the Bicycle Advisory Committee as an agenda item and asking for a potential letter of support. A list of projects does not exist at this time, but he is asking various groups to develop their own lists along with cost estimates.

3. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Hueftle made, and Mr. Mitchell seconded, a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of April 6, 2017. The motion was approved unanimously (4-0).

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Active transportation master plan

Mr. Ince presented information regarding the plan for at-grade and grade-separated crossings, as well as the draft bikeways network plan. The Committee had several comments and questions:

- Beacon crossings seem to be confusing for drivers; additional education may be needed.
- Should the crossing at Sechrist be considered for enhancement, including a potential beacon.
- There is some concern about the potential crossings along Soliere, given the speed of traffic.
- Is it possible to conduct a survey regarding the bikeways network plan during bike-to-work week?
- The Committee discussed the function and enhancements for bicycle boulevards. The main bicycle boulevard shown through Sunnyside would require traffic diverters, since the stop signs alternate at every intersection.
- A single bikeways map would be useful and less confusing than a series of maps.
- Descriptions and illustrations for each of the bikeway facilities are needed.

2. SB1273 Electric Bicycles

Pending legislation at the state level will be settled prior to the Committee's next meeting. The Committee discussed a potential public survey to gauge attitudes and opinions about electric bikes on FUTS trails. Even if the legislation does not proceed, it would be useful to continue to collect background information and research, including legal research on the part of the City Attorney. The Committee also mentioned "Idaho stop" laws, and expressed a desire to discuss them at an upcoming meeting.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Bike to Work Week

Mr. Ince reviewed planned events for upcoming Bike-to-Work Week.

2. Barrier options on Fourth Street bridges

This item was not discussed.

3. Safety improvements for the Route 66 Trail

Tyler Linner presented information from a recent graduate school project on protected intersections and their potential use on the Route 66 FUTS trail. Design elements for this type of intersection include corner refuges, a bicycle signal with an optional lead interval, and a forward stop bar for bikes. They are often used in conjunction with protected bike lanes. Left turns for bikes can be made in two stages.

Mr. Linner also highlighted a number of perceived issues with signing along the Route 66 and Country Club FUTS trails.

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Reports

There was no discussion on the Reports.

2. Concluding Announcements

Mr. Ince indicated that he will be out of the office for the regular June 1, 2017 BAC meeting, and invited the Committee to find a replacement date. After a short discussion, the Committee settled on Tuesday, June 13 as a replacement date.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 pm