



MINUTES

City of Flagstaff

BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, August 5, 2010
4:30 pm

City Hall, Staff Conference Room
211 West Aspen Avenue, Flagstaff, Arizona

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:36 pm. On roll call, the following Committee members were present:

Ken Lane, Chair
Jan Blackman
Dave Blanchard
Richard Hall

Members absent:

Jodi Norris
Kevin Parkes

One vacancy

The following City staff was present:

Martin Ince, Multi-Modal Planner

Public present:

Walt Howard

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Announcements

There were no Announcements.

2. Public Comment

There were no Public Comments.

3. Approval Of Minutes

Ms. Blackman made, and Mr. Blanchard seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of June 3, 2010. The motion was approved unanimously.

II. NEW BUSINESS

1. BAC Support for Two Transportation Enhancement Grants

Mr. Ince provided information on two pending grant applications for two planned FUTS trails, the Fourth Street Trail and the Country Club Trail. He also displayed maps that showed the locations of the two trails.

Ms. Blackman made, and Mr. Blanchard seconded, a motion to send a letter from the BAC in support of applications to the Arizona Department of Transportation for Transportation Enhancement grants for construction of two FUTS trails; the Fourth Street Trail from Route 66 to Butler Avenue and the Country Club Trail over the I-40 interchange. The motion was approved unanimously.

2. FUTS Planning Discussion

Mr. Ince presented a series of definitions for classifying FUTS trails by function – primary, secondary, tertiary, and connector. He also showed a draft map of existing and proposed urban trails displayed according to the functional classification system.

The Committee thought that the name and function of tertiary and connector trails were reversed. The name "Access" trail was suggested as more descriptive and accurate for connector trails.

The map reveals that both the Sunnyside and Continental neighborhoods are deficient of trails. Mr. Ince responded that there were few opportunities for trail corridors in both neighborhoods, and that the master plan for FUTS attempts to address the deficiency by providing trail connections around the periphery.

There was a brief discussion about the benefits and disadvantages of paving primary trails that are currently aggregate-surfaced. A number of considerations were mentioned:

- High cost of paving relative to aggregate surfacing
- Community acceptance of aggregate trails
- Snow removal and maintenance to make trails functional for more of the year
- Standards for concrete sections to make them longer-lasting
- The priority of paving existing trails versus completing missing segments

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The Committee thought that community acceptance would be higher if trails were paved at the time of their construction, as opposed to paving a trail that has existed for some time as an aggregate trail.

There was a discussion of trail signing to direct users to the trail system from nearby streets and bikeways.

III. OLD BUSINESS

1. Bicycle Parking Standards

Mr. Ince provided an update of the bicycle parking standards that are included in the City's draft revised zoning code. He said that the draft includes the Committee's recommendations for bicycle parking as discussed over the past several years.

2. Bicycle Commuter Survey

Mr. Ince handed out a number of tables compiled from the bicycle commuter survey which mention specific geographic locations for various bicycle improvements. There was a discussion about Milton Road, which was mentioned a number of times as needing improvements to accommodate bicyclists. The Committee discussed whether it would be safe or comfortable to ride along Milton even if bike lanes were provided, given the number and frequency of right turn lanes. Another option may be to create a system of parallel bikeways to guide bicyclists through the area.

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Reports

Mr. Ince reported that revisions to the Bicycle Code had been approved by the Traffic Commission, and would be scheduled for review by the City Council in September.

2. Concluding Announcements

There were no Concluding Announcements.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:53 pm.