



MINUTES

City of Flagstaff BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, June 3, 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 4:33 pm. On roll call, the following Committee members were present:

Ken Lane, Chair
Jan Blackman
Dave Blanchard
Richard Hall
Kevin Parkes

Members absent:

Jodi Norris

One vacancy

The following City staff was present:

Nick Boulanger, FMPO Intern
Christine Cameron, Capital Improvements
Martin Ince, Multi-Modal Planner
Dave Needham, Police Department

Public present:

Walt Howard
Kent Sherman
Susan Williams, Friends of Flagstaff's Future
Jack Welch

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Announcements

Mr. Parkes said that he had the opportunity to fly over Flagstaff recently in an historic aircraft, and from the air saw lots of people using the FUTS trails.

Mr. Blanchard brought photos of signing for trail crossings in Boulder.

2. Public Comment

Mr. Howard reported that he had seen a group of about 100 kids using the FUTS trail. He also expressed a concern that the street cuts for utilities at the Walmart project on Huntington were already beginning to subside, and could create a hazard in the bike lane.

3. Approval Of Minutes

Mr. Parkes made, and Ms. Blackman seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 6, 2010. The motion was approved unanimously.

II. NEW BUSINESS

1. World Carfree Day / Carfree Flagstaff

Ms. Williams, representing Friend of Flagstaff's Future, provided an overview of their planning efforts for a World Carfree Day event in Flagstaff. She said that individuals would pledge not to drive on September 22, 2010, and the total mileage not driven would be recorded. There is interest in having NAU do a study on the impacts of reduced vehicular travel for the day. A "healthy lifestyle" fair is also planned for Heritage Square in the evening. She said there are a number of community partners on board, and they are looking for financial sponsors. Mountain Line will offer free bus service for the day.

2. Beaver Street Modifications

Ms. Cameron reported on the progress of the Southside project, which was adding various streetscape elements to Beaver and San Francisco Streets, from Butler to Phoenix Avenue. She said that San Francisco would be completed first, then Beaver Street later in the summer. During construction on Beaver Street, only one lane of traffic will be open and bicyclists will be required to share the lane with vehicles.

The Committee considered a possible alternate route for bicyclists on Humphreys Street, and discussed ways to get the word out to the bicycling community.

III. OLD BUSINESS

1. 50 Miles of FUTS

Mr. Boulanger provided an update for the Committee on on-going events held in conjunction with the 50 Miles of FUTS celebration.

2. City Code Revisions Regarding Bicycles

Mr. Ince presented the latest draft of the revisions, which delete all references to rights and obligations of bicycles in crosswalks.

Officer Needham reported that the Police Department is satisfied with the proposed changes. He said that prudent bicyclists will be able to cross in a safe manner.

Mr. Parkes asked about the fine structure included in the codes, and wondered if this created an inconsistency. The Committee discussed the 3-foot law and whether a fixed gear bike met the legal requirement for brakes.

There was a question about the Traffic Commission date, and the Committee asked Mr. Ince to inform them when a review date had been set.

Mr. Parkes made, and Ms. Blackman seconded, a motion to recommend approval of the revisions to City Code to the Traffic Commission. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. Bike to Work Week – Bicycle Commuter Survey

Mr. Ince provided a preliminary summary of the results of the Bicycle Commuter Survey from Bike to Work Week.

In response to a significant number of survey responses that singled-out Milton Road as needing improvement, Mr. Howard said that Riordan Ranch Road was a nice alternative, for as long as it lasted.

Mr. Welch expressed surprise that bicycle parking was not more prominent in the list of items that need improvement.

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Reports

There were no Reports.

2. Concluding Announcements

There were no Concluding Announcements.

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V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 pm.