



MINUTES

City of Flagstaff BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 6, 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 4:30 pm. On roll call, the following Committee members were present:

Ken Lane, Chair
Dave Blanchard
Richard Hall
Jodi Norris
Kevin Parkes

Members absent:

Jan Blackman

One vacancy

The following City staff was present:

Nick Boulanger, FMPO Intern
Kevin Burke, City Manager
Martin Ince, Multi-Modal Planner
Dave Needham, Police Department

Public present:

JoAnn Fite
David Kooiker
Kent Sherman
Logan White

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I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Announcements

Mr. Parkes reported that Grand Canyon National Park has entered into a contract with a vendor for bicycle rentals.

2. Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

3. Approval Of Minutes

Mr. Blanchard made, and Mr. Hall seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 1, 2010. The motion was approved unanimously.

II. NEW BUSINESS

1. City Sales Tax Renewal, Bed Board & Beverage Tax Renewal, and APS Franchise Agreement

Mr. Burke, Flagstaff's city manager, provided information on Propositions 400, 401, and 402, which will be on the ballot on the general election on May 18.

III. OLD BUSINESS

1. Bike to Work Week

Mr. Ince provided a copy of the survey that will be available on-line through the week following Bike to Work Week. He also invited the BAC to participate in the events and to help staff a table at the Bike Bazaar on Sunday morning.

2. City Code Revisions Regarding Bicycles

Mr. Ince handed out a copy of the latest proposed revisions to the City Code regarding bicycles and provided a brief history on the process to revise the codes. The latest proposed revisions remove the sections that address bicycles in crosswalks.

The Committee expressed its concern over the Police Department's proposal to require bicyclists to dismount and walk through crosswalks. The Committee is concerned that a prudent bicyclist in a crosswalk could be struck by an imprudent driver, and still be legally at fault. A discussion ensued.

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The Committee suggested inviting Lieutenant Walt Miller to the next Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting to discuss the issue, and requested information about how the bicycles in crosswalks are addressed in other communities and states.

3. Bicycle Friendly Community - Renewal

Mr. Ince announced that Flagstaff's Bicycle Friendly Community status has been upgraded to "Silver" level. There are only 38 communities nationwide with Silver or higher designation.

4. 50 Miles of FUTS

Mr. Ince provided a brief update and introduced Nick Boulanger, who will be working as an intern on planning events for the 50 Miles of FUTS celebration.

5. FUTS Planning

This item was tabled to the next meeting.

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Reports

There were no Reports.

2. Concluding Announcements

There were no Concluding Announcements.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Blanchard made, and Mr. Parkes seconded, a motion to adjourn. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 pm.