



# MINUTES

## City of Flagstaff BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, April 1, 2010  
4:30 pm

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

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 4:32 pm. On roll call, the following Committee members were present:

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

Members absent:

None

One vacancy

The following City staff was present:

Martin Ince, Multi-Modal Planner  
Dave Needham, Police Department

Public present:

Jack Johnson  
Nick Koressel  
Jeff Mielbeck, NAIPTA  
Becca Priddy  
Jack Welch

### **I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS**

#### **1. Announcements**

There were no Announcements.

**2. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**3. Approval Of Minutes**

Mr. Parkes made, and Ms. Blackman seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 4, 2010 with one correction. The motion was approved unanimously.

**II. OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Buses and Bicycles**

Jeff Meilbeck, general manager of the Northern Arizona Intergovernmental Public Transit Authority, provided an update on training for bus drivers to help make them more aware of cyclists. He added that NAIPTA would like to have an operator serve on the BAC.

Ms. Blackman asked how often drivers receive training, and wondered if there is an opportunity to provide refresher courses after the initial training. Mr. Meilbeck responded that retraining is done twice per year, and there are also monthly driver meetings and safety updates.

Mr. Welch reported that a friend was recently hired as a driver, and had good things to say about the training.

The group watched a short training video from the Chicago Transit Authority on safe practices for bicyclists and bus drivers. There was consensus that the information was valuable for bicyclists, bus drivers, and other motorists as well. The BAC requested that Mr. Ince provide a link to the video on the City's website.

**2. Bike to Work Week**

Mr. Welch provided the latest schedule for Bike to Work Week.

The Committee was also provided with a draft of the Bicycle Commuter Survey which will be available during Bike to Work Week. The Committee reviewed the draft survey and offered several comments:

- The survey should ask why people ride and why they don't
- Questions 12, 13, and 14, which ask respondents to rate FUTS trails, on-street bicycle facilities, and bicycle parking, should be kept

- There was a discussion about the need for questions regarding helmet use. In past commuter surveys, respondents have reported significantly higher rates of helmet use than is typically observed
- The survey should include questions about riding in bad weather and through the winter. Two separate questions may be necessary
- Responses to the question "why do you ride" should include environmental concerns, exercise and health, enjoyment, no drivers license/cannot drive, takes less time, lack of parking
- The focus of the survey should be purposeful transportation rather than recreational rides.

### **III. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **1. Bicycle Education Program**

Becca Priddy and Nick Koressel from Northern Arizona University described their efforts to begin a bicycle education program for students at the university. They reported that they were identifying easy items to implement, that they want to measure the effectiveness of the program, and that they are working with NAU and City of Flagstaff police. Some planned projects include:

- A safety card that lists some basic safety tips
- Education classes, more enforcement, and improved signing
- A public service announcement to air during the bike-in-movie on Earth Day
- An NAU-sponsored breakfast stop during Bike to Work Week

Ms. Blackman suggested using freshman orientation to provide bicycle safety information. Mr. Koressel said that some classes were provided during freshman orientation; one could be a bike safety or a bus/alternative transportation class. Ms. Priddy cautioned that orientation can be a difficult time to get your message across due to the number of other programs. They want to do what is most effective.

Other ideas include an on-campus bike committee, lower fines for bicycle offenses, diversionary classes for bicycle offenses, and bicycle maps.

There was a concern raised regarding the continuity of a program that is run by students who won't always be there, and getting professors and school administrators involved.

**2. 3-Foot Passing Law Sign**

Mr. Ince showed a photo of a prototype 3-foot passing law sign that the City installed along Lake Mary Road, and described the City's efforts to have it approved for experimentation by the FHWA.

**3. 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**

Ms. Blackman made, and Mr. Blanchard seconded, a motion to adjourn. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 pm.