



MINUTES

City of Flagstaff BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 4, 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 4:37 pm. On roll call, the following Committee members were present:

Ken Lane, Chair
Jan Blackman
Richard Hall
Kevin Parkes

Members absent:

Dave Blanchard
Jodi Norris

One vacancy

The following City staff was present:

Martin Ince, Multi-Modal Planner
Dave Needham, Police Department
Roger Eastman, Community Code Administrator
Brittani Oatis, FMPO Intern

Public present:

Jamie Constantopolous
Brad Gardner
Walt Howard
Susan Hueftle
Randy Mason
Justin Pryzby
Steve Sanchez
Doug Thomas
Jack Welch
Carol Zazubek

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I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

1. **Announcements**

There were no announcements.

2. **Public Comment**

Randy Mason provided handouts and recounted his incident with the Mountain Line bus. He also requested that the item be placed on the next BAC agenda.

Justin Pryzby showed a video of the incident involving Mr. Mason and the bus.

Roger Eastman, community code administrator, provided a brief update on the zoning code rewrite project. Ms. Blackman expressed concern about the width of new roads that include medians.

Doug Thomas reported that there are still a number of streets that are clear on the sunny side of the street, but have snow banks on the shady side. He said some bike lanes remain blocked.

Brad Gardner said he noticed the BAC vacancy at the last meeting. He wondered what it would take to foster a better environment for bicycling, and how we get the City more on board. He said Flagstaff should strive to go beyond a bronze designation to gold.

Steve Sanchez expressed concerns about the police response to the bicyclist/bus incident, and suggested education for the police and drivers.

3. **Approval Of Minutes**

Kevin Parkes made, and Jan Blackman seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 4, 2010. The motion was approved unanimously.

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. **50 Miles of FUTS**

Brittani Oatis gave a short presentation on planning for a summer-long series of events to celebrate having surpassed 50 miles in length for the FUTS system.

2. **Bike to Work Week**

Jack Welch provided the most-recent schedule of events for this year's Bike to Work Week.

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Martin Ince provided copies of last year's commuter survey. The BAC and the audience discussed the survey and offered a number of comments:

- The survey should remain open longer than just Bike-to-Work Week
- The survey is fairly long and could be shortened
- A question could be included about education for all transportation modes
- Printed surveys need to be made available, in addition to on-line surveys

The Committee also discussed ways to incorporate various aspects of education during Bike to Work Week:

- Public service announcements to highlight awareness of bicyclists
- Emphasize the rights of cyclists and the rules of the road
- Education needs to be for motorists, not just cyclists
- Other media should be considered, including Biopic, Cityscape, and local bike shops

3. City Code Revisions Regarding Bicycles

Mr. Ince, and others who were present at the meeting, provided a summary of the discussion and vote from the Traffic Commission meeting of March 3, 2010. The Traffic Commission recommended approval of all of the revisions suggested by the BAC. However, on the recommendation of the Police Department, the Traffic Commission included a provision to require bicyclists to dismount and walk their bikes through crosswalks.

Mr. Parkes stressed the importance of the BAC's attendance and participation when the item goes before the City Council.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. FUTS Planning

This item was held over to a future BAC meeting.

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Reports

There were no Reports.

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2. Concluding Announcements

There were no Concluding Announcements.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Blackman made, and Mr. Parkes seconded, a motion to adjourn. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:01 pm.