



MINUTES

City of Flagstaff BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, February 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 4:36 pm. On roll call, the following Committee members were present:

Ken Lane, Chair
Dave Blanchard
Richard Hall
Kevin Parkes

Members absent:

Jan Blackman
Jodi Norris

One vacancy

The following City staff was present:

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

Public present:

Tim Clark
Gerry Craig
Jack Johnson
Randy Mason
Kent Sherman
Jack Welch

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Announcements

There were no Announcements.

2. Public Comment

There were no Public Comments.

3. Approval Of Minutes

Mr. Parkes made, and Mr. Blanchard seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 7, 2010, with one correction. The motion was approved unanimously.

II. NEW BUSINESS

1. Operation Lifesaver Presentation

Mr. Ince made a presentation on behalf of Operation Lifesaver, an international, non-profit education program established to end crashes, injuries and deaths at railroad crossings and on railroad right-of-way. The presentation was made in anticipation of the start of quiet zones at the City's five at-grade rail crossings. Quiet zones will go into effect on March 1, 2010.

2. Bike to Work Week

A schedule of events for this year's Bike to Work Week was presented. Mr. Welch requested BAC representation at the planned Sunday morning Bike Bazaar. There was discussion about the elimination of the Community Bicycle Forum. A draft of the commuter survey will be brought to the next BAC meeting for review and discussion.

3. Mountain Line Downtown Transit Center – Letter of Support

Mr. Ince provided a brief description of NAIPTA's plans for a transfer station located on the west side of Beaver Street, between Aspen and Route 66. The transfer station will be located on the ground floor, with a parking garage on several floors above. The ground floor would also include space for a bike station.

Mr. Hall expressed concern about the amount and shielding of lighting proposed for the facility.

Mr. Blanchard made, and Mr. Parkes seconded, a motion to send a letter in support of the NAIPTA's grant application for a downtown Mountain Line transfer center. The motion was approved by a 3 to 1 vote.

4. Bicycle Friendly Community Application Renewal

Mr. Ince reported that an application to renew Flagstaff's status as a Bicycle Friendly Community was due on February 19, 2010. This time the renewal will be good for four years. Mr. Ince asked for the Committee's help in completing the application, and offered to provide a copy of the blank application to the BAC, with those questions highlighted where assistance is needed.

5. 50 Miles of FUTS

Mr. Ince provided a brief outline of planning for a summer-long series of events to celebrate 50 miles of FUTS trails. The Committee offered several suggestions:

- Leg bands with a logo are very useful as giveaways
- The events might include a long FUTS ride – 50 miles or a half-century – along the FUTS
- A FUTS-a-thon, with pledges, was suggested as a fundraiser
- There should be newspaper coverage for the dedication ceremony
- Publicity would ideally start in advance of the vote to renew the BBB tax in May
- Earth Day is April 17, and may provide an opportunity to promote the events

III. OLD BUSINESS

1. FUTS Program Priorities

The Committee asked about the mileage of incomplete primary trails and missing segments of other trails.

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Reports

Mr. Ince provided a brief update on the Report items.

2. Concluding Announcements

There were no Concluding Announcements.

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V. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Blanchard made, and Mr. Hall seconded, a motion to adjourn. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:03 pm.