



MINUTES

City of Flagstaff BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, January 7, 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
Jan Blackman
Richard Hall
Jodi Norris
Kevin Parkes

Members absent:

Dave Blanchard

One vacancy

The following City staff was present:

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

Public present:

Randy Biles, NAIPTA
Gerry Craig
Walt Howard
Jeff Meilbeck, NAIPTA
Joe Pavlik
Justin Pryzby
Chuck Ruscher
Kent Sherman
Jack Welch

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Announcements

Ms. Blackman asked about the status of clearing sidewalk on the Country Club overpass.

Chair Lane offered his congratulations to Jack Welch for being named the "Male Citizen of the Year" by the Arizona Daily Sun.

2. Public Comment

Justin Pryzby reported that he was cited for obstructing traffic during last summer's construction on Butler Avenue. He said the case is going to appeal.

On behalf of Flagstaff Biking Organization, Jack Welch invited the BAC to participate in this year's Bike to Work Week in a more significant way. He suggested that the BAC be represented at one of the week's events, such as the Town Hall meeting, bike to breakfast, or the Sunday bike bazaar. He said the BAS has never gotten the recognition it deserves during Bike to Work Week.

3. Approval Of Minutes

Ms. Blackman made, and Mr. Parkes seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the special meeting of November 5, 2009. The motion was approved unanimously.

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Regional Plan 2012 Update – Policy Discussion for Bicycle Element

The Committee reviewed the draft policies from the last meeting. Two changes were made:

- The second policy, which begins "Develop a recognition of bicycling..." was moved to first position.
- The second half of the second policy, which reads "...to promote the health, economic, and sustainable benefits of bicycling for all ages and abilities" was deleted.

Ms. Blackman made, and Mr. Parkes seconded, a motion to recommend the draft Regional Plan policies for the Bicycle Element to the Citizen's Advisory Committee. The motion was approved unanimously.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Buses and Bikes**

Jeff Meilbeck and Randy Biles, of the Northern Arizona Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority, were on hand to address the recent incident between a bike and a Mountain Line bus. Mr. Meilbeck said there is a close tie between buses and bikes. Mountain Line provides racks for two or three bikes on all its buses, and parking is provided at many stops. He said that NAIPTA wants to be responsive to the community.

Mr. Ince said that it is important for the bicycle community to know that NAIPTA is responsive and has a process for addressing problems and issues.

Ms. Blackman suggested that Mountain Line host an open house for bicyclists and pedestrians.

2. **FUTS Program Priorities**

The BAC used a *Paired Comparison* technique to help determine priorities for the FUTS program from among several competing program elements. The results will be used to help establish future budget and work program priorities for FUTS.

BAC members and others present were asked compare each potential program element to each other, and select which is more important or higher priority. For six elements, there are a total of 15 comparisons. Program elements that receive the most "selections" are rated as highest priority.

The BAC ranked the potential program elements as follows:

<i>Program element</i>	<i>Score</i>
Complete the primary "backbone" trails	56
Complete missing segments of existing trails	52
Address on-going maintenance/other issues	47
Build new trails	22
Rebuild older trails	18
Enhance existing trails	9

The Committee concluded that the results indicate that the low scores for rebuilding older trails and enhancing existing trails indicates that there are still many missing trail segments, and completion should be a priority over enhancement projects.

3. Route 66/Sitgreaves Sidewalk Stairs Modification

Mr. Ince presented a concept plan for a "bypass" sidewalk past the stairs along the west side of the slip ramp at Route 66, Santa Fe, and Sitgreaves. The Committee had several comments and questions:

- A suggestion was made to sign the route to minimize conflicts between bikes and pedestrians
- There was a consensus to make the sidewalk as wide as possible
- A question was raised about how snow removal would be accomplished
- There was a question about whether the project would be wheelchair accessible, and a consensus that it should be as accessible as possible
- A concern was expressed about a blind spot at the bottom of the stairs, and a suggestion was made to include a convex mirror

The Committee expressed enthusiasm for the project.

4. FUTS Project Status Report

Mr. Ince provided copies of the latest FUTS Project Status Report. There was a discussion about the status of the Timberline Trail, and a question was raised about whether ADOT would allow a pedestrian crossing on the FUTS side of the intersection at Route 66.

5. 2010 Bicycle Advisory Committee Regular Meeting Schedule

A copy of the schedule was included in the Committee's packet.

6. BAC Vacancies and Appointments

This item was not discussed.

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Reports

Officer Needham summarized the guidelines for enforcement of the City's new bicycle helmet ordinance, which were prepared by the Police Department.

2. Concluding Announcements

There were no Concluding Announcements.

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V. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Norris made, and Mr. Hall seconded, a motion to adjourn. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:09 pm.