

DRAFT MINUTES

City of Flagstaff BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Thursday, October 4, 2018 | 4:30 pm

Flagstaff City Hall, Council Chambers
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:

Mark Haughwout, chair
Jeff Goulden
Estella Hollander
Susan Hueftle
Matthew Mitchell

Members absent:

Kim Austin

One vacancy

The following City and agency staff was present:

Jason Blair, Flagstaff Police Department
Paige Hardman, Montoya Fellow Intern
Martin Ince, Multimodal Transportation Planner

Public present:

None

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Announcements

Mr. Mitchell reported that he has used the Citizen Tracker function on the City's website to report several sidewalk concerns.

Mr. Goulden said that October 20 is Make-a-Difference Day. This year's event is going to clean trash on the FUTS along the wash near the eastside Wal-Mart.

Ms. Hollander announced that public open houses were planned for the City's Climate Adaptation and Action Plan on October 4, 8, and 11. The open house on the 11th will be focused on transportation issues.

Chair Haughwout reported that he spoke with the City's Traffic Manager, and the bike lane closure ahead signs that were in the bike lane have been corrected.

2. Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

3. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Hueftle made, and Mr. Mitchell seconded, a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of September 6, 2018. The motion was approved unanimously (5-0).

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Active Transportation Master Plan

Mr. Ince presented revisions made to the FUTS priority evaluation analysis based on the discussion from the last meeting. The BAC discussed the priorities and several of the planned trails:

- The planned trail along the Switzer Wash between Route 66 and Huntington, which includes an underpass of the BNSF track, is included in the high priority category.
- There are still unresolved complications with the BNSF underpass at Florence-Walnut, although it remains a priority.
- There was a suggestion to keep the current Route 66 Trail, rather than realign it away from the street, and use the money for construction of another trail. Potential other trails that could be built with the funding include the Reservoir Trail, Rosie's Pass realignment, or the extension of the trail along Country Club.

There was a discussion about funding for FUTS, and what could be expected from renewal of the Transportation Tax.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Bicycle friendly community – benchmark self-assessment

Mr. Ince presented information from Flagstaff's report card from the 2014 bicycle friendly community application, and a comparison of Flagstaff to typical gold-level communities on a number of measures. The Committee discussed a number of aspects of the comparison:

- Officer Blair said that safety is PD's priority. He reported that Flagstaff is one of the few communities in Arizona that offers a diversionary class for bicyclists.
- Officer Blair also said that the department would like to have more officers on bike, but staffing levels are an on-going concern. He would like to see more officers become certified, through either the International Police Mountain Bike Association or the League of American Bicyclists. E-bikes would be useful for law enforcement.
- Flagstaff has no laws that are pro-cycling, for example an Idaho stop law or a cyclist protection law. The Governors Office of Highway Safety recommends a 5-foot passing distance, although state law required only 3 feet.
- E-bike legislation has passed at the state level. The Committee asked to be provided with a copy of the new law. The status of gas-powered bicycles is unclear.

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Reports

Spin bike share: Ms. Hardman provided usage information compiled so far for the Spin bike share program. She said the newspaper article was somewhat misleading about how the program was used. The BAC indicated it would like to see additional data, and would like a chance to weigh-in on the next iteration of bike share.

2. Concluding Announcements

Mr. Ince said he would be out of town for the November meeting, and asked the Committee if they wanted to reschedule the meeting, or cancel it and meet again in December. The Committee opted to cancel the November meeting and meet in December.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm