

DRAFT MINUTES

City of Flagstaff BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Thursday, April 4, 2019 | 4:30 pm

Flagstaff City Hall, Council Chambers
211 West Aspen Avenue, Flagstaff, Arizona

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:31 pm. On roll call, the following Committee members were present:

Kim Austin
Daniel Crim
Jeff Goulden
Estella Hollander
Susan Hueftle, vice chair
Matthew Mitchell

Members absent:

Mark Haughwout

The following City and agency staff was present:

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

Public present:

Fran Alvarado
David Blanchard
Joey Bono
Lauren Chavez-Pardini
Mark DiLucido
Jack Hallin
Steve Kugler
Tyler Linner
Steve Reedberry
Owen Sexton

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Announcements

Ms. Austin reported that she attended a Lifesavers conference and watched a video taken from a bicyclist's perspective. She said she collected some useful bicycle safety information.

Mr. Goulden announced that Saturday, April 6 is National Lands Day. He invited the BAC to a clean-up at the Peakview Wayside on Highway 180, from 8 to 10 am.

Mr. Crim said that the above-average snowfall for the winter has left an above-average amount of cinders in bike lanes.

Mr. Mitchell said he takes photos of cinder piles in bike lanes and sends them to the city's Public Works Division. He also said that he has seen food delivery robots on the NAU campus. They moved slow, and were mindful of pedestrians. The Committee reviewed the ARS provisions regarding these devices.

2. Public Comment

Mr. Linner reported that he is working on a system to recycle discarded plastic sleds into climbing holds. He said broken sled parts can be taken to SMR to be recycled.

3. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Goulden made, and Mr. Mitchell seconded, a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of March 7, 2019. The motion was approved unanimously (6-0).

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. E-bike and e-scooter amendments to City Code

Mr. Ince presented results from voting at the last BAC and Pedestrian Advisory Committee meetings, and summarized changes to the draft ordinance amending City Code. The Committee continued its discussion of the Code revisions:

- The results of the BAC, PAC, and Transportation Commission discussion should be presented in a side-by-side format to the City Council, along with the results of the community survey.
- Bird scooters require users to take a photo after their ride to demonstrate that the scooter was left in a proper location. Scooter companies are getting better at monitoring users. The Committee said that requirements for where scooters are left should be made the responsibility of the companies that rent them. This

could include having the companies financially penalize users who leave scooters in improper locations.

- Trash cans left in bike lanes are a continuing problem.
- The City should work to provide additional bicycle parking. Incentives for bike racks and incentives for bike share patrons who use bike racks should be explored.
- The Committee had some concerns about expanding the bike helmet requirements to additional devices. The current helmet law is not followed or enforced.

Officer Blair reported that based on his discussions within the Police Department, the under-the-influence section is intended to protect the City from liability. He said that the City Attorney's office will recommend that the under-the-influence provisions apply to all bicycles, not just electric bicycle and scooters. He said there is liability to the City if the City contemplates that there could be a problem, but then does nothing to prevent it. He said there is additional concern that because electric devices can be operated with minimal human effort, a person who is severely intoxicated would be able to use them.

Mr. Crim asked if there are existing problems with bicycling and alcohol. The Committee asked Mr. Ince to provide information about alcohol involvement in bicycle crashes.

Ms. Hueftle asked if pedestrians were being considered in the under-the-influence laws. She is very uncomfortable with the DUI and truthful names provisions. She said a burden will fall more heavily on poor people and people of color.

Officer Blair said the vehicle drivers are required to provide a drivers license. There is no way to take enforcement action if an individual is not required to provide some form of identification.

Ms. Hollander said that the City's needs to promote better infrastructure.

Mr. Mitchel said as a taxpayer he wants the City to protect itself from liability. As a cyclist his first concern is safety. He said that too many regulations make it cumbersome to ride a bicycle. He reported that he is also hearing the same concern from his bicycling friends.

The Committee expressed a concern that they have already provided comments on the issues with the proposed code changes, but they have been ignored. Mr. Crim referenced the minutes from the last meeting, and said they provide a good summary of the Committee's position. The Committee asked when the City Council will discuss this issue, and how the Committee's comments will be made available to the Council. Mr. Ince said a work session is planned for the end of April. He will

provide additional information about how the Committee comments will be transmitted.

2. Active transportation master plan/FUTS master plan

Mr. Ince handed out some information regarding the planned bikeways network. The information included descriptions of bikeway and intersection facilities, a hierarchy of bikeways, and a proposed bikeway network. He explained that the bikeways network is a comprehensive, complete system of on-street bicycle facilities.

Mr. Goulden asked about the status of the PedBikeWays plan and how it relates to the bikeways network. The Committee discussed the plan for PedBikeWays and what it will take to implement it. Bikeshare stations could be located along the primary routes.

Ms. Hollander said she would like to see more specifics regarding potential bikeway facilities, including why they are used, when they are best applied, what are the challenges, and what are the warrants for their use. She said the list is somewhat overwhelming, and it is not clear why one is used over another. She suggested including threshold numbers for the three levels of bicycle facilities, rather than more generic terms like high-speed or high-volume.

Ms. Austin said the list could be used to generate ideas for pilot programs.

Ms. Heftle said that two components should be immediately implemented: the Milton bypass and bike lanes along Butler from Little America to Sinagua. She asked how the BAC can move these projects forward.

Ms. Chavez-Pardini reported that she attended the Milton Corridor Master Plan open houses, and that the bike by-pass was discussed.

III. NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Reports

Mr. Bono said that he took a survey about Milton Road, and wondered when the results of the survey would be released. After some discussion, it was thought that the survey was conducted by ADOT for the US180 study with NAIPTA. Ms. Hollander offered to find out the status.

2. Concluding Announcements

The Committee would like to include Bike to Work Week on the next agenda.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm