

DRAFT MINUTES

City of Flagstaff BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Thursday, December 5, 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 4:32 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
Daniel Crim

The following City and agency staff was present:

Jason Blair, Flagstaff Police Department
Martin Ince, multimodal transportation planner
Jacob Wang, Montoya Fellow

Public present:

Joe Koenig

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Announcements

Mr. Mitchell reported that the candlesticks on the Fourth Street bridge were taken out by snowplows following the last snow event.

Mr. Haughwout said he just returned from San Diego, and reported that their use of shared lane markings and green bike lanes was intuitive. He said they were not perfect, but there was much to learn from them.

Ms. Hueftle asked about the PedBikeWay parallel to Milton Road.

2. Public Comment

Mr. Koenig said that many residents did not shovel their sidewalks after the last storm, and he asked about the enforcement process.

3. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Mitchell made, and Ms. Hueftle seconded, a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of October 3, 2019. The motion was approved unanimously (5-0).

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Active transportation master plan/FUTS master plan

Mr. Ince provided some preliminary information about the planning process for protected bike lanes. The Committee has several comments and questions:

- Mr. Haughwout reported that he felt much more comfortable on the buffered bike lanes in San Diego.
- Is it possible to narrow travel lanes to create more space for buffers or protection?
- There was discussion about which streets have enough space for buffers or physical barriers.
- The Committee believes that protection will make more people feel comfortable on a bicycle.
- Maintenance is a concern, even for striping.
- In place of painting bike lanes green is it possible for new construction to use green asphalt?
- There was a discussion about various types of barriers, and which would work better.
- Based on recent experience, candlestick delineators will not work.
- What are maintenance and snow-clearing practices in other cold-weather cities?
- Soliere Drive would be a prime candidate for a protected bike lane.
- We need to identify a demonstration project to test the idea.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Flagstaff Trails Initiative

Mr. Ince presented the draft regional trails strategy that was produced as part of the Flagstaff Trails Initiative process. He said that a public open house was scheduled for January, and that the public comment period would be open until early February. He provided a demonstration of the online interactive map and engagement tool.

The Committee offered a number of comments:

- The plan does a good job of creating loops.
- Bike racks at trailheads are sometimes useful.
- How will the non-profit board be organized?
- There was a discussion about funding.
- One idea for funding is Trail Care, which encourages users to pledge donations based on which trails they use and how much they use them.
- Suggestions were made for volunteer trail crews and mountain bike patrols.
- There was a question about the City Council's reaction to the plan.
- The Committee offered to provide a letter of support.

2. BAC meeting dates for 2020

Mr. Ince provided the schedule of meetings for 2020. The January 2 meeting should be rescheduled because of its closeness to the holidays. A combined meeting with the Pedestrian Advisory Committee was suggested. The July 2 meeting might also be a problem, because it will compete with the Fourth of July holiday. The Committee will decide about the meeting at the May or June meeting.

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Reports

There was no discussion on the Reports.

2. Concluding Announcements

There were no Concluding Announcements.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 pm