



CITY OF MERCED

Merced Civic Center
678 W. 18th Street
Merced, CA 95340

Minutes Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission

Tuesday, June 22, 2021

4:00 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson FRIEDMAN called the regular meeting to order at 4:03 PM

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairperson FRIEDMAN led the Commission in saying the Pledge

C. ROLL CALL

Clerk's Note: The Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission has one vacancy among its voting members at this time.

Present: 6 - Vice Chair Thomas Hothem, Chairperson Lisa Kayser-Grant, Member Ann Thurston, Member Dwight Ewing, Member Michael Meloy, and Member Greg Friedman

Absent: 0

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

E. CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Member Meloy, seconded by Member Kayser-Grant, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

SUBJECT: Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission Minutes of April 27, 2021

ACTION

Approving and filing the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission Minutes of April 27, 2021

This Consent Item was approved.

SUBJECT: Approval of Annual Attendance Report

REPORT IN BRIEF

The Annual Board/Commission Attendance Summary is provided to the City Council.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve, as recommended by staff.

This Consent Item was approved.

F. REPORTS

SUBJECT: Engineering Report

REPORT IN BRIEF

Staff will provide informational items to the Commission regarding Engineering, current projects, or other items not requiring action by the Commission at this meeting.

City Engineer BELTRAN provided the Engineering Report. He discussed City Standards, green sharrow markings, the state of V Street, an emergency water main repair on G Street, upcoming changes to N Street, and the Main Street One Way Pilot Program.

Director of Development Services MCBRIDE discussed the process by which public comments are received by the City. He also discussed the context of the Pilot Program as it relates to downtown Merced, traffic circulation, and parking. He also discussed the Downtown Subcommittee of the City Council and other changes to the downtown area including recent modifications to the downtown zoning districts to allow breweries, wineries, and food trucks.

Commissioner HOTHEM noted that this was the first time that the Pilot Project had been brought before the Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission in any capacity. The Commission discussed the Main Street One Way Pilot Program.

SUBJECT: Information Items

REPORT IN BRIEF

Staff will provide informational items to the Commission regarding future meetings or other items not requiring action by the Commission at this meeting.

Principal Planner HREN noted that staff had met with Chairperson FRIEDMAN and Vice-Chair HOTHEM to discuss the Main Street Pilot Project and the role of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission in making such decisions.

Mr. HREN also discussed the term lengths of Commissioners, noting that the first terms of Members MELOY, EWING, and FRIEDMAN were ending, and the second term of Member HOTHEM was ending as well. Members MELOY and EWING are applying for reappointment, Chair FRIEDMAN will continue to serve on the Commission until a replacement for his seat is appointed, and Member HOTHEM will not be continuing to serve on the Commission. Mr. HREN thanked Members FRIEDMAN and HOTHEM for their years of service and dedication to the Commission.

Mr. HREN also noted that he would be reaching out to have another ride-along between members of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission and staff sometime in the fall. Member MELOY suggested that staff also consider traveling the community on foot with mobility impairment in mind in addition to bicycling.

SUBJECT: Commissioner Comments

REPORT IN BRIEF

Provides Commissioners an opportunity to make a brief announcement on any activities they have attended on behalf of the City and/or on future community events/activities that relate to active transportation. The Brown Act does not allow discussion or action by the legislative body under this section.

No members wished to give comments at this time.

G. BUSINESS

SUBJECT: Request to Add Item to Future Agenda

REPORT IN BRIEF

Provides Commissioners an opportunity to request that an item be placed on a future Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission agenda for initial consideration.

No requests were made.

H. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 PM.

A motion was made by Member Kayser-Grant, seconded by Vice Chair Hothem, that the meeting adjourn. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

BY:



MICHAEL HREN, SECRETARY BICYCLE
AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY
COMMISSION

APPROVED:

Greg Friedman

GREG FRIEDMAN, CHAIRPERSON
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY
COMMISSION