

CITY OF MERCED
BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMISSION

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
678 W 18TH STREET
MERCED, CALIFORNIA

TUESDAY
April 28, 2015

Chairperson TYLER called the meeting of the Bicycle Advisory Commission to order at 3:02 p.m.

(B) ROLL CALL

Present: Robert Tyler (Chairperson)
Jules Comeyne
Justin Hicks
Tom Hothem (Vice Chairperson)
Lisa Kayser-Grant
Patrick Bauer (Ex-Officio member)

Absent: Isai Palma (excused)
(two vacancies)

Staff Present: Bill King, Principal Planner
John Sagin, Jr. AIA, Principal Architect
Maira Meza (Intern: Bike-Merced Website Coordinator)

(C) APPROVE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 24, 2014

ON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HOTHEM, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COMEYNE, DULY CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE (ONE VACANCY), TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 24, 2015, MINUTES WITH A CORRECTION TO READ: "ALL MERCED ROAD RIDE" AND NOT "MERCED ALL ROAD RIDE" IN ITEM "H".

(D) ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

There were no oral communications from the public.

(E) BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMISSION REQUESTS AND INFORMATION

Ex-Officio Commissioner BAUER informed the Commission that he was resigning that day, thanked all who worked with him, and then left the meeting. Commissioner HOTHEM commented about the Merced Sun-Star article on the upcoming Bike Month events.

(F) COMMISSION ATTENDANCE REPORT

Principal Planner KING presented a report providing an overview of the attendance report. The Commission accepted the report.

IMPROVEMENT PROJECT RELATED ITEMS (Engineering Department)

(G) “BIKE-ROUTE – USE SIDEWALK” SIGNS

Principal Architect SAGIN presented a report about actions of the Traffic Committee (TC), informing the Commission that the City Attorney’s Office is advising that the new signs should include the word “recommend” or “recommended.” The Commissioners expressed their concern about the use of these words and asked about the status of the project and when the next TC would take place. After a short break on the item, Mr. SAGIN returned with the meeting schedule for the TC and form to request that an item be placed on the TC agenda. Director of Development Services offered comments about the item and answered questions of the Commissioners. No action was taken by the Commission.

POLICY PROJECT RELATED ITEMS (Planning Department)

(H) DRAFT “BIKE MERCED” WEBPAGE

Intern MEZA presented a report about the draft “Bike-Merced” webpage, giving the Commission an overview of its form and content. The Commission offered several comments and ideas to improve its readability and utility.

(I) BIKE MONTH PROCLAMATION

The Commission accepted the report and attached proclamation. Chairperson TYLER volunteered to present this proclamation with the Mayor of the City of Merced at the May 4, 2015 City Council meeting.

(J) DRAFT ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING GRANT

Principal Planner KING presented a report about the draft grant application to prepare an Active Transportation/Safe Routes to School Plan. The Commission commented and had questions about the extent of the planning effort, its effect on future bikeway improvement projects, and the role of the public to implement it.

(K) USE OF SHARROWS ON M STREET

Principal Planner KING presented a report about the use of sharrows on M Street, which included a recommendation to form a temporary subcommittee to identify and secure grant funding for the City to hire a consultant to develop a public education program together with installation of sharrows. The Commission discussed the topic, resulting in the following actions:

ON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER HOTHEM, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HICKS, AND CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE, TO REQUEST THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TO REMARK THE SHARROWS ON MAIN STREET.

BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: COMMISSIONERS KAYSER-GRANT, COMEYNE, HICKS,
HOTHEM AND CHAIRPERSON TYLER
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: COMMISSIONER PALMA (ONE VACANCY)
ABSTAIN: NONE

ON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER KAYSER-GRANT, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HICKS, AND CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE, TO FORM A SUBCOMMITTEE WHOSE MEMBERS INCLUDE COMMISSIONER KAYSER-GRANT AND COMMISSIONER COMEYNE, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH STAFF, THE DOWNTOWN BUSINESSES AND NEWLY FORMED DOWNTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION TO DEVELOP A PUBLIC EDUCATION APPROACH SO THAT CYCLISTS USE THE STREET AND NOT THE SIDEWALK, AND LET THAT PROGRESS SO THAT SHARROWS CAN BE INSTALLED ON M STREET WHERE CYCLISTS ARE PROHIBITED ON THE SIDEWALK.

BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: COMMISSIONERS KAYSER-GRANT, COMEYN, HICKS,
HOTHEM AND CHAIRPERSON TYLER.
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: COMMISSIONER PALMA (ONE VACANCY)
ABSTAIN: NONE

OTHER

(L) ADJOURN TO THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF
TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2015, AT 3:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

ON MOTION FROM COMMISSIONER KAYSER-GRANT, SECONDED BY
COMMISSIONER HOTHEM, DULY CARRIED, CHAIRPERSON TYLER
ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 5:06 P.M. TO THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED
BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING ON TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2015,
AT 3:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 678 W. 18TH STREET,
MERCED, CALIFORNIA.

BY:



BILL KING
COMMISSION SECRETARY

APPROVED:



ROBERT TYLER, CHAIRPERSON
BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMISSION