

CITY OF MERCED
BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMISSION
MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
678 W 18TH STREET
MERCED, CALIFORNIA

TUESDAY
June 23, 2015

Acting Chairperson HOTHEM called the meeting of the Bicycle Advisory Commission to order at 3:09 p.m.

(B) ROLL CALL

Present: Jules Comeyne
Tom Hothem (Vice Chairperson/Acting Chairperson)
Lisa Kayser-Grant
Isai Palma

Absent: Robert Tyler (Chairperson) (unexcused)
Justin Hicks (excused)
(three vacancies)

Staff Present: David B. Gonzalves, Director of Development Services
Francisco Mendoza-Gonzalez, Planner
Andre Matthews, Police Lieutenant
Vance Walker, Police Officer

(C) APPROVE MINUTES OF APRIL 28, 2015

Commissioner KAYSER-GRANT advised that the minutes may contain an error. She questioned whether Item (K) should be in regards to the re-painting the sharrows on Main Street and not in regards to re-painting the sharrows on M Street. She would like staff to confirm the location of the sharrows at the next Bicycle Advisory Commission meeting.

ON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KAYSER-GRANT, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COMEYNE, DULY CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE (ONE VACANCY), TO HAVE STAFF REVIEW AND REPORT THE ACTION TAKEN ON ITEM (K) PRIOR TO ACTING ON THE BAC MINUTES OF APRIL 28, 2015.

(D) ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

There were no oral communications from the public.

(E) BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMISSION REQUESTS AND INFORMATION

Commissioner KAYSER-GRANT distributed a survey regarding smart growth from the Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG).

Vice-Chairperson HOTHEM noted that various bike safety signs have recently been installed throughout the community. He would like staff to provide a presentation justifying the locations of the signs and the language used for those signs.

Commissioner KAYSER-GRANT asked Director of Development Services GONZALVES if the BAC could make specific recommendations for Capital Improvement Projects.

Director of Development Services GONZALVES replied that the Capital Improvement Projects for this year were discussed and budgeted for in January. The BAC still has the opportunity to make recommendations for future Capital Improvement Projects.

IMPROVEMENT PROJECT RELATED ITEMS (Engineering Department)

(F) No items presented.

POLICY & BIKE PROMOTION RELATED ITEMS (Planning Department)

(G) TRAFFIC SAFETY AWARENESS AND EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

Director of Development Services GONZALVES presented the accident report used to apply for the Caltrans ATP Grant. He thanked Intern GUSTAVO CRUZ for creating City-wide maps and graphs showing bicycle/pedestrian-related accidents over the past five years.

Lieutenant MATTHEWS and Officer WALKER discussed various aspects of the accident report. They defined the accident types shown on the report and identified locations that exhibit high rates of accidents.

Director of Development Services GONZALVES explained that many accident types could have been prevented with community outreach on bike safety.

Commissioner PALMA noted that many accidents occurred at night, so visibility of bikers may be an issue (which could be addressed with reflective vests or flashing

lights). In addition, he suggested providing extensive outreach prior to the months when most accidents occur.

Commissioner COMEYNE asked about accidents involving intoxication, and Lieutenant MATTHEWS replied that he may be able to provide that information to Principal Planner KING.

(H) PLANNING FOR THE 2ND ANNUAL DIRECTOR'S RIDE

Director of Development Services GONZALVES introduced this item and discussed areas where the inaugural Director's Ride succeeded and areas where improvement is needed. Commissioner PALMA suggested improving outreach by collaborating with other non-profit organizations. Commissioner KAYSER-GRANT suggested moving the event from May to April.

OTHER

(I) ADJOURN TO THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2015, AT 3:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

ON MOTION FROM COMMISSIONER COMEYNE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PALMA, DULY CARRIED, ACTING CHAIRPERSON HOTHEM ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 4:25 P.M. TO THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2015, AT 3:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 678 W. 18TH STREET, MERCED, CALIFORNIA.

BY:



BILL KING
COMMISSION SECRETARY

APPROVED:



TOM HOTHEM, ACTING CHAIRPERSON
BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMISSION