

CITY OF MERCED  
BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMISSION

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
678 W 18<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
MERCED, CALIFORNIA

TUESDAY  
December 8, 2015

Chairperson TYLER called the meeting of the Bicycle Advisory Commission to order at 3:00 p.m.

(B) ROLL CALL

Present: Robert Tyler (Chairperson)  
Justin Hicks  
Lisa Kayser-Grant  
Isai Palma  
Jules Comeyne  
Tom Hothem (Vice Chairperson)

Absent: (Three vacancies, one voting member and two Ex-Officio)

Staff Present: Bill King, Principal Planner  
John Sagin, Principal Architect

(C) APPROVE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 27, 2015

ON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER COMEYNE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HICKS, DULY CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE (ONE VACANCY), TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 27, 2015, MINUTES, AS SUBMITTED.

(D) ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

There was no oral communication.

(E) BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMISSION REQUESTS, INFORMATION ITEMS AND SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner KAYSER-GRANT shared her findings with the other commissioners about a records request review she made concerning the Bear Creek Pathway project. She also asked questions about a possible transportation sales tax she said is being considered by

the Merced County Association of Governments. The Commissioners discussed both topics and took action to share the Bear Creek Bike Path findings with the City Council.

ON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER HICKS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOTHEM, DULY CARRIED BY A 5-0-1-1 VOICE VOTE (ONE VACANCY, COMMISSIONER KAYSER-GRANT ABSTAINING), TO FORM A TEMPORARY “BEAR CREEK PATHWAY INFORMATION SHARING SUB-COMMITTEE” TO GATHER AND SHARE INFORMATION WITH THE CITY COUNCIL AT THEIR DECEMBER 21, 2015 MEETING AND WHOSE FINAL ACTION IS TO REPORT BACK TO THE BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMISSION ON FEBRUARY 23, 2016.

Principal Architect SAGIN came into the meeting chambers after this action, and provided an update to the Commissioners concerning the City Council interest to pursue completion of the entire “Bear Creek Pathway” project.

#### **CAPITAL PROJECT RELATED ITEMS (Engineering Department)**

(F) NO ITEMS

#### **POLICY/BIKE PROMOTION/DEVELOPMENT RELATED ITEMS (Planning Department)**

(G) ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN/SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PLANNING PROCESS

Principal Planner KING presented a report about the planning project and invited the Commission to comment. The Commissioners discussed the schedule and activities. Commissioner KAYSER-GRANT, who had left the meeting, provided her comments through an email to Principal Planner KING.

(H) DEVELOPMENT PROJECT: THE MERCED GATEWAY PROJECT

Principal Planner KING presented a report about the proposed development project, notably about the inclusion of bikeway-related features, and invited the Commission to comment. Commissioner KAYSER-GRANT, who had left the meeting, provided her comments through an email to Principal Planner KING. The Commissioners expressed interest for staff to consult with Caltrans about design and operation-related features on the Mission Avenue Interchange that may present a barrier to the planned Class I bikeway that

extends west from Campus Parkway into South Merced. Mr. KING affirmed the need for such consultation.

(I) HIGHWAY 59 & OLIVE AVENUE/SANTA FE AVENUE CALTRANS  
ROUNDBOUT

Principal Planner KING presented a report about Caltrans plans for an improvement at this intersection, and invited the Commission to comment. The Commissioners expressed their opposition to Alternative 1, the roundabout.

ON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER HOTHEM AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COMEYNE, DULY CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE (ONE VOTING MEMBER ABSENT, ONE VACANCY), TO RECOMMEND THAT ALTERNATIVE 2 (OTHER VIABLE STRATEGIES) BE UTILIZED IN THE REDESIGN OF THE INTERSECTION.

**OTHER**

(J) ADJOURN TO THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2016, AT 3:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL  
CHAMBERS

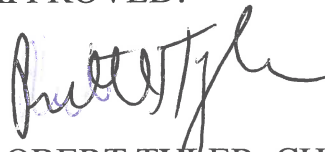
ON MOTION FROM COMMISSIONER HOTHEM, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COMEYNE, DULY CARRIED, CHAIRPERSON TYLER ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 5:00 P.M. TO THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2016, AT 3:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 678 W. 18<sup>TH</sup> STREET, MERCED, CALIFORNIA.

BY:



BILL KING  
COMMISSION SECRETARY

APPROVED:



ROBERT TYLER, CHAIRPERSON  
BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMISSION