

CITY OF MERCED
BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMISSION

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
678 W 18TH STREET
MERCED, CALIFORNIA

TUESDAY
October 25, 2016

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

(B) ROLL CALL

Present: Robert Tyler (Chairperson)
 Lisa Kayser-Grant
 Isai Palma
 Justin Hicks
 Jules Comeyne
 Ann Thurston

Absent: Tom Hothem (Vice Chairperson) (Excused)

 (Two vacancies, two Ex-Officio)

Staff Present: Bill King, Principal Planner
 Joel Svendsen, Associate Engineer

(C) APPROVE MINUTES OF AUGUST 23, 2016

ON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER COMEYNE, SECONDED BY CHAIRPERSON TYLER, DULY CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE (ONE ABSENT), TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 23, 2016, MINUTES, AS SUBMITTED.

(D) ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

There was no communication from the audience.

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

The Commissioners requested information about the status of several projects, including: 1) the “M” Street Bridge project, 2) the “G” Street Bridge Project, 3) the Bear Creek Pathway Project, and 4) the School Active Transportation Program Audits. The Commission also requested a standing agenda item concerning bike-related project updates.

CAPITAL PROJECT RELATED ITEMS (Engineering Department)

(F) NO ITEMS

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

(G) ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION/SAFE-ROUTES-TO-SCHOOL PLAN UPDATE

Principal Planner KING presented the staff report, and responded to questions from the Commission.

(H) 2017 STRATEGIC WORKPLAN

Principal Planner KING presented the staff report. The Commission identified and discussed several items of importance to them, including: 1) interest to improve and increase communication with Engineering Staff; 2) emphasis to engage and partner with schools as it relates to increasing opportunities for bike safety education, concentrating on grades 3, 4, and 5; 3) interest to expand the City’s role in encouraging travel by cycling; 4) interest to continue the efforts for the Bicycle Advisory Commission (BAC) to dialog with City Department heads; and 5) an aim to establish a direct line of communication with the City Council, for example, a quarterly presentation at a Council meeting.

(I) APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONER TO ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION / SAFE-ROUTES-TO-SCHOOL PLAN FOCUS GROUP

Principal Planner KING presented the staff report, and requested the BAC to appoint a member. Commissioner PALMA volunteered and the Commission concurred, noting that Chairperson TYLER and/or another Commissioner may serve as the alternate as needed.

OTHER

(J) BIKE PARK FEASIBILITY STUDY

Chairperson TYLER described the effort by the Department Parks and Community Services to develop a bike park. The Commissioners discussed the project and their interest in how the design and operation of the future bike park could support City efforts to be recognized as a “Bike Friendly Community,” as defined and scored by the *League of American Bicyclists*.

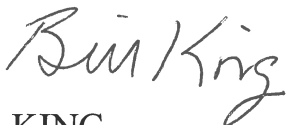
(K) CANCELLATION OF THE DECEMBER 27, 2016, MEETING (TO BE HELD DECEMBER 13, 2016)

(L) ADJOURN TO THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2016, AT 3:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Chairperson TYLER opted to seek actions on items K and L concurrently.

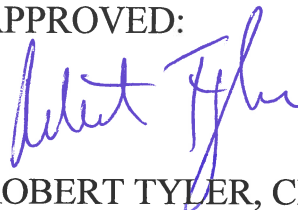
ON MOTION FROM COMMISSIONER GRANT, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COMEYNE, DULY CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE (TWO ABSENT), TO CANCEL THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED DECEMBER 27, 2016, BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING AND SCHEDULE IT TO BE HELD ON DECEMBER 13, 2016, AND TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 4:01 P.M. TO THE SCHEDULED BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2016, 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