

CITY OF MERCED  
BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMISSION

MINUTES

Council Chambers  
678 W 18<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
MERCED, CALIFORNIA

TUESDAY  
April 24, 2018

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

(B) ROLL CALL

Present: Tom Hothem (Chairperson)  
Jules Comeyne  
Greg Friedman  
Steven Lerer (Vice-Chairperson)  
Ann Thurston

Absent: Justin Hicks (Excused)  
Isai Palma (Excused)  
(Two vacancies, two Ex-Officio)

Staff Present: Michael Hren, Principal Planner

Others Present: Lisa Kayser-Grant, Merced Bicycle Coalition

(C) APPROVE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 27, 2018

ON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER COMEYNE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LERER, DULY CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE (TWO ABSENT), TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 27, 2018, MINUTES AS SUBMITTED.

(D) ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Principal Planner HREN informed the Commission that a Proclamation for Bike Month and Bike to Work and School Day would be made at the City Council meeting of May 7, 2018. He asked for a member to attend in order to receive the Proclamation and say a few words. Chairperson HOTHEM volunteered to attend.

Mr. HREN noted that he had received communication from absent Commissioners HICKS and PALMA regarding a later item and that he would provide details under the appropriate item.

**BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMISSION REQUESTS, INFORMATION ITEMS,  
AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

**(E) PROPOSED UPDATE TO MERCED MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 10.44**

The Commission discussed the details of the proposed update and the process to move forward with its recommendation to the City Council.

Chairperson HOTHEM opened public comment at 3:15 PM.

LISA KAYSER-GRANT asked whether the Police Department's ability to give a misdemeanor charge was new. Mr. HREN clarified that this is already in use by the Merced Police Department. Commissioner THURSTON indicated that this language was a result of the meeting that was held between the subcommittee of the Bicycle Advisory Commission and Lieutenant STRUBLE of the Police Department. At that meeting, Lt. STRUBLE indicated that the Police Department wished to retain this enforcement tool.

Chairperson HOTHEM closed public comment at 3:17 PM.

ON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LERER, AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER THURSTON, DULY CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE TO RECOMMEND THE PRESENTED ORDINANCE TO THE MERCED CITY COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL:

AYES: COMMISSIONERS COMEYNE, FRIEDMAN, HOTHEM, LERER,  
THURSTON  
NOES: NONE  
ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS HICKS, PALMA  
ABSTAIN: NONE

Chairperson HOTHEM thanked the subcommittee for its efforts in drafting this recommendation.

(F) COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS ON LOCATIONS AND TREATMENTS  
FOR A POTENTIAL PILOT PROJECT

Mr. HREN introduced the item and presented notes from absent Commissioners HICKS and PALMA. The Commission discussed other recommendations for locations and treatments for a pilot project.

Chairperson HOTHEM opened public comment at 3:27 PM.

Ms. KAYSER-GRANT suggested splitting the pilot project into a four-block section on Main Street and a four-block section on M Street.

Chairperson HOTHEM closed public comment at 3:29 PM.

The BAC agreed that its primary recommendation for a pilot project was for the Main Street Corridor from R Street to G Street including green plasticized squares with raised white sharrows every 125 to 150 feet. Additionally, at signalized intersections either sensors or a push button signal for cyclists to indicate their presence. If there are sensors, the treatment should include a green bike box at the intersection as well as "Bicycles may use full lane" signs to match the green bike boxes.

Another proposal was to use the same treatments as the primary recommendation but limiting the Main Street portion to the area from Martin Luther King, Jr. Way to N Street and using these treatments on M Street from 15<sup>th</sup> Street to 19<sup>th</sup> Street as well.

Another proposal was to improve a north/south corridor that connects to Main Street, such as Martin Luther King, Jr. Way, G Street, or N Street from Main to approximately 13th Street. The treatment for this proposal is for a Class II bike lane fully striped, four feet from the curb. At 100 feet from the intersection, green bands would be striped horizontally across the lane, widening to become a green bike box at the intersection. Within the lane, green plasticized squares with raised white bicycle symbols would be placed at regular intervals.

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

(G) DISCUSSION ON POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR UPDATES TO THE GENERAL PLAN

Mr. HREN noted that the Engineering and Planning Departments would like to have a meeting with the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Bicycle Advisory Commission to facilitate coordination and communication, particularly as it relates to grants and other project and funding-related issues.

(H) ANNUAL ATTENDANCE REPORT

The attendance report was presented to the BAC.

ON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LERER, AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FRIEDMAN, DULY CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR INCLUSION IN THE ANNUAL BOARD/COMMISSION ATTENDANCE SUMMARY TO THE CITY COUNCIL AT THEIR MAY MEETING:

AYES: COMMISSIONERS COMEYNE, FRIEDMAN, HOTHEM, LERER,  
THURSTON  
NOES: NONE  
ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS HICKS, PALMA  
ABSTAIN: NONE

(I) OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. KAYSER-GRANT extended invitations to Bike to Work and School Day on May 18<sup>th</sup> as well as the All Merced Road Ride and on Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> for the Mayor's Bike Ride starting at Bob Hart Square at 9:00 AM. She also requested use of City lobby display boards for the posters from the poster contest.

Chairperson HOTHEM noted that he would not be present at the next Bicycle Advisory Commission meeting.

(J) ADJOURN TO THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF  
TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 2018, AT 3:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

ON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER FRIEDMAN, AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COMEYNE, DULY CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE (TWO ABSENT), CHAIRPERSON HOTHEM ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 3:45 P.M. TO THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING ON TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 2018, AT 3:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 678 W. 18<sup>TH</sup> STREET, MERCED, CALIFORNIA.

BY:

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MICHAEL HREN, AICP  
PRINCIPAL PLANNER/  
COMMISSION SECRETARY

APPROVED:

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TOM HOTHEM, CHAIRPERSON  
BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMISSION