

CITY OF MERCED
BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMISSION

MINUTES

Council Chambers
678 W 18TH STREET
MERCED, CALIFORNIA

TUESDAY
December 11, 2018

Chairperson HOTHEM called the meeting of the Bicycle Advisory Commission to order at 3:04 PM.

(B) ROLL CALL

Present: Tom Hothem (Chairperson)
Jules Comeyne
Greg Friedman (Vice-Chairperson)
Justin Hicks

Absent: Ann Thurston (Excused)
Isai Palma
(Three vacancies, two Ex-Officio)

Staff Present: Michael Hren, Principal Planner
Mark Hamilton, Housing Program Supervisor
Kim Nutt, Housing Technician
Steven Son, City Engineer
Scott McBride, Director of Development Services

Others Present: Lisa Kayser-Grant

(C) APPROVE MINUTES OF AUGUST 28, 2018 AND CANCELLATION MINUTES OF OCTOBER 23, 2018

M/S COMEYNE/FRIEDMAN, AND DULY CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE (TWO ABSENT), TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 28, 2018, AND CANCELLATION MINUTES OF OCTOBER 23, 2018, AS SUBMITTED.

(D) ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Principal Planner HREN noted that Mr. LERER resigned his position with the Commission.

Ms. KAYSER-GRANT noted that a vacancy would affect the Commission quorum, and also that a number of terms of current Commissioners are expiring in June. She recommends not waiting to fill the vacancy.

The Commission discussed the vacancy and when to fill said vacancy. Mr. HREN indicated that he would look into whether there are any applications pending.

BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMISSION REQUESTS, INFORMATION ITEMS, AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

(E) ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ELEMENTS OF CHILDS AVE. AND B ST. AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT

Housing Technician NUTT and Housing Program Supervisor HAMILTON presented the project. The Commission discussed the project and provided recommendations to staff.

Chairperson HOTHEM opened public comment at 3:22 PM.

Ms. KAYSER-GRANT stated that she is excited to have the Commission receive a project like this. She asked that sharrows be placed in middle of the drivable street.

The Commission discussed complete streets. Chairperson HOTHEM noted that this is a welcome project and a positive development.

Chairperson HOTHEM closed public comment at 3:27 PM.

(F) UPDATE ON HIGHWAY 59 PROJECT

City Engineer SON presented on the current status of the Highway 59 project. Due to constraints related to BNSF and weather, the project may be delayed until spring. The Commission discussed the project and other nearby projects.

There was no one present wishing to speak on this item; therefore, public testimony was opened and closed at 3:34 PM.

(G) UPDATE ON PROJECTS WITH POTENTIAL IMPACTS TO CYCLING

Mr. SON provided an update on the Westerly Bike Path project, the Motel Drive project, the R Street project, and M St. from Bear Creek to Rambler. The Commission discussed these projects.

Chairperson HOTHEM opened public comment at 3:45 PM.

Ms. KAYSER-GRANT commented on M Street and proposed indicating that bicycles are encouraged to use the full lane in portions where there is no bicycle lane.

The Commission discussed M Street cycling further.

Ms. KAYSER-GRANT proposed that markings be added on R St. from 16th to 18th and V St. and 16th to indicate that bicycles may use the full lane. She also requested Commission representation at the design kickoff for Motel Drive design.

Chairperson HOTHEM closed public comment at 4:00 PM.

(H) KELLY AVENUE BIKE LANE

Mr. HREN presented this item, which was recommended to the Commission from the Traffic Committee.

Chairperson HOTHEM opened public comment at 4:13 PM.

Ms. NUTT suggested leaving the portion north of Baker alone.

Chairperson HOTHEM closed public comment at 4:20 PM.

The Commission was comfortable with adding red curb and allowing the painted lane to remain. They also recommended leaving the portion north of Baker as is to accommodate nearby residents.

Commissioner HICKS proposed, as an alternative, adding red curb on the east side of the road, eliminating the bike lane on the east side, shifting the lanes over to use the space gained, and allowing parking on the west side, with a painted bike lane outside the parking area.

OTHER

(I) CANCELLATION OF THE DECEMBER 25, 2018 MEETING

M/S FRIEDMAN/COMEYNE, AND DULY CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE (TWO ABSENT), TO CANCEL THE BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING OF TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2018.

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

M/S FRIEDMAN/COMEYNE, AND DULY CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE (TWO ABSENT), CHAIRPERSON HOTHEM ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 4:22 P.M. TO THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2019, AT 3:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 678 W. 18TH STREET, MERCED, CALIFORNIA.

BY:



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APPROVED:



TOM HOTHEM, CHAIRPERSON
BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMISSION