

CITY OF MERCED
BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMISSION

MINUTES

Council Chambers
678 W 18TH STREET
MERCED, CALIFORNIA

TUESDAY
April 23, 2019

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
Justin Hicks
Ann Thurston
Mitch Vanagten (Ex-Officio)

Absent: Greg Friedman (Vice-Chairperson, Excused)
(Three vacancies: Two Voting, One Ex-Officio)

Staff Present: Michael Hren, Principal Planner
Taylor Hensley, Planning Secretary I
Kelly Fincher, Chief Deputy City Attorney
Mike Beltran, Interim City Engineer
Scott McBride, Director of Development Services

(C) APPROVE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 26, 2019:

M/S HICKS/THURSTON, AND DULY CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE,
TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 26, 2019, AS SUBMITTED.

(D) ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Principal Planner HREN noted that ISAI PALMA has resigned as Commissioner and thanked Mr. PALMA for his service.

Mr. HREN introduced Mr. VANAGTEN, new Ex-Officio Commissioner. Mr. VANAGTEN explained his interest in serving on the Commission and his enthusiasm moving forward.

Director of Development Services MCBRIDE noted that he had accepted the Bike Month Proclamation made by the City Council and presented it to the Commission. He also expressed his support for the Commission moving forward.

Mr. HREN noted that the City has appointed new interim City Engineer BELTRAN. Mr. BELTRAN introduced himself to the Commission.

As no members of the public wished to speak on this item, public comment was opened and closed at 3:13 PM.

(E) BROWN ACT PRESENTATION

Chief Deputy City Attorney FINCHER provided a presentation on the Brown Act.

As no members of the public wished to speak on this item, public comment was opened and closed at 3:38 PM.

BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMISSION REQUESTS, INFORMATION ITEMS, AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

(F) ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION AND SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PLAN DRAFT

Chairperson HOTHEM introduced the item. Mr. HREN provided some detail regarding the Active Transportation Plan and its relationship to the how the Commission will evolve to include pedestrian issues and a more holistic look at active transportation in Merced. He also explained the historical documentation that fed into the Active Transportation Plan. The Commission discussed the Plan, its relationship to the City's Standards for Engineering and Design, and citywide implications of the Plan. Mr. HREN and Mr. BELTRAN answered questions relative to their areas of expertise.

As no members of the public wished to speak on this item, public comment was opened and closed at 4:52 PM.

M/S HICKS/COMEYNE, AND DULY CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE, TO RECOMMEND THE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION AND SAFE-ROUTES-TO-SCHOOL PLAN FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL INCLUDING THE CHANGES PROPOSED BY THE BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMISSION AT ITS APRIL 23, 2019, MEETING AND PENDING ANY CHANGES RESULTING FROM

THE CITIZENS' FOCUS GROUP AND TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

AYES: COMMISSIONERS COMEYNE, HICKS, THURSTON,
CHAIRPERSON HOTHEM
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: FRIEDMAN (two vacancies)
ABSTAIN: NONE

(G) ANNUAL ATTENDANCE REPORT

Mr. HREN presented the annual attendance report.

M/S COMEYNE/HICKS, AND DULY CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE, TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL ATTENDANCE REPORT AND FORWARD IT TO THE CITY COUNCIL FOR FINAL ACTION.

AYES: COMMISSIONERS COMEYNE, HICKS, THURSTON,
CHAIRPERSON HOTHEM
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: FRIEDMAN (two vacancies)
ABSTAIN: NONE

(H) OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. HREN provided an update on Measure V, as requested at the February 26, 2019 meeting.

Mr. HREN updated the Commission that previous Commissioners could apply to serve on the Bicycle Advisory Commission again once they had taken a term off.

Members of the Commission stated that they would not be able to attend Mr. HREN noted that there would not be a meeting in June due to a lack of quorum and stated that staff would follow up with a formal cancellation notice.

(H) ADJOURN TO THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2019, AT 3:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

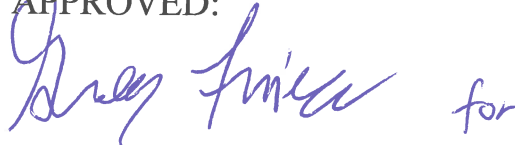
M/S THURSTON/COMEYNE, AND DULY CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE, CHAIRPERSON HOTHEM ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 5:03 P.M.

BY:



MICHAEL HREN, AICP
PRINCIPAL PLANNER/
COMMISSION SECRETARY

APPROVED:



TOM HOTHEM, CHAIRPERSON
BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMISSION