

CITY OF MERCED
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION

MINUTES

Via Teleconference
TUESDAY
February 23, 2021

Chairperson FRIEDMAN called the meeting of the Bicycle Advisory Commission to order at 4:02 PM.

(C) ROLL CALL

Present: Greg Friedman (Chairperson)
Lisa Kayser-Grant
Ann Thurston
Tom Hothem (Vice-Chairperson, Arrived 4:08 PM)
Dwight Ewing
Mitch Vanagten (Ex-Officio)

Absent: None
Five Vacancies: (Two Voting, Three Ex-Officio)

Staff Present: Michael Hren, Principal Planner

Others Present: Stephanie Russell, Merced County Public Health Department
Monica Parra, Merced County Public Health Department

(D) PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

Public comment was closed at 4:04 PM.

(E) CONSENT CALENDAR

E.1 MINUTES OF DECEMBER 15, 2020

M/S KAISER-GRANT/HOTHEM, AND DULY CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE (2 VACANCIES), TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

AYES: COMMISSIONERS EWING, KAYSER-GRANT, HOTHEM,
THURSTON, CHAIRPERSON FRIEDMAN
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE (2 VACANCIES)
ABSTAIN: NONE

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

(H) BUSINESS

H.1 Walk Audit Presentation from Merced County Department of Public Health

STEPHANIE RUSSELL AND MONICA PARRA from the Merced County Department of Public Health presented the results of a walk audit near Golden Valley High School to the Commission. Ms. RUSSELL and Ms. PARRA made recommendations to improve walking and bicycling safety, and discussed the Active Transportation Program Cycle 5, connecting with citizen groups in the South Merced area, funding for signage, and funding for bicycle racks with the Commission.

H.2 Request to Add Item to Future Agenda

Commissioner KAYSER-GRANT requested that a Proclamation for Bike Month be added to the April meeting.

Commissioner HOTHEM requested that items related to infrastructure that is shared or bordered by both City and County of Merced be focused on and that County Planning be included in future meetings where relevant.

(G) REPORTS

G.1 Applications for Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission

Principal Planner HREN provided an update on the status of applications to fill vacancies on the Commission.

G.2 Information Items

Mr. HREN updated the Commission that R Street has reopened, including striping of green-painted bicycle lanes. Mr. HREN also noted that a presentation from CalBike regarding the Central Valley Bikeways Project was scheduled to appear at the next meeting of the Commission.

G.3 Commissioner Comments

Commissioner HOTHEM informed the Commission that he and Commissioner KAYSER-GRANT met with a number of bicycle coalitions from District 10 and the Active Transportation Coordinator for District 10 recently, and is considering creating a steering committee of District 10 bicycle coalitions. Commissioner KAYSER-GRANT discussed bicycle tourism as a topic that is currently being discussed around the Central Valley and that the Commission should keep abreast of.

(H) ADJOURNMENT

M/S KAYSER-GRANT/HOTHEM, AND DULY CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE (2 VACANCIES), CHAIRPERSON FRIEDMAN ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 4:58 P.M.

AYES: COMMISSIONERS EWING, KAYSER-GRANT, FRIEDMAN,
THURSTON, CHAIRPERSON HOTHEM

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE (2 VACANCIES)

ABSTAIN: NONE

BY:

APPROVED:

MICHAEL HREN, AICP
PRINCIPAL PLANNER/
COMMISSION SECRETARY

GREG FRIEDMAN, CHAIRPERSON
BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMISSION