

CITY OF MERCED
BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMISSION

MINUTES

Council Chambers
678 W 18TH STREET
MERCED, CALIFORNIA

TUESDAY
December 10, 2019

Chairperson HOTHEM called the meeting of the Bicycle Advisory Commission to order at 3:05 PM.

(B) ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Kahlyn Moody (Unexcused)
(Two vacancies: One Voting, One Ex-Officio)

Staff Present: Michael Hren, Principal Planner

(C) APPROVE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 22, 2019:

M/S FRIEDMAN/EWING, AND DULY CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE (ONE ABSENT, ONE VACANCY), TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 22, 2019 AS SUBMITTED.

(D) ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMISSION REQUESTS, INFORMATION ITEMS,
AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

(E) REPORT ON BICYCLE RIDE-ALONG WITH STAFF

Principal Planner HREN introduced the item and provided some comments about future ride-alongs and a presentation at some future point to the City Council. Chairperson HOTHEM discussed some of the different kinds of infrastructure in the various parts of the City. The Commission discussed system continuity, sharrows, and the difficulties of sidewalk riding.

As no members of the public wished to speak on this item, public comment was opened and closed at 3:26 PM.

(F) BICYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS AND EDUCATION

Chairperson HOTHEM discussed some recent high-profile bicycle accidents and Mr. HREN noted the draft letter to the Merced Sun Star from the Merced Bicycle Coalition, provided as an attachment to the agenda item. The Commission discussed its role in bicycle safety awareness and education. Chairperson HOTHEM noted a walk and bike audit that is coming up in South Merced. The Commission requested additional data on cyclist-related incidents be brought to a future meeting as an agenda item.

As no members of the public wished to speak on this item, public comment was opened and closed at 3:36 PM.

(G) CHANGE IN START TIME OF FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMISSION

As no members of the public wished to speak on this item, public comment was opened and closed at 3:49 PM.

M/S KAYSER-GRANT/EWING, AND DULY CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE (1 ABSENT, 1 VACANCY), TO CHANGE THE START TIME FOR FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMISSION TO 4:00 PM.

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

NOES: THURSTON

ABSENT: MOODY (1 vacancy)

ABSTAIN: NONE

(H) OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. HREN noted that the Amgen bicycle race for 2020 has been cancelled.

Mr. HREN discussed that the City Attorney's office has reviewed the draft Ordinance for the evolution of the Commission to include pedestrian and other active transportation activity. The next step will be to schedule a public hearing at a City Council meeting.

As no members of the public wished to speak on this item, public comment was opened and closed at 3:55 PM.

(I) ADJOURN TO THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING OF TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2020, AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

M/S FRIEDMAN/THURSTON, AND DULY CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE (1 ABSENT, 1 VACANCY), CHAIRPERSON HOTHEM ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 3:56 P.M.

BY:



MICHAEL HREN, AICP
PRINCIPAL PLANNER/
COMMISSION SECRETARY

APPROVED:



TOM HOTHEM, CHAIRPERSON
BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMISSION