

CITY OF MERCED
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION

MINUTES

Council Chambers
678 W 18TH STREET
MERCED, CALIFORNIA

TUESDAY
June 23, 2020

Chairperson FRIEDMAN called the meeting of the Bicycle Advisory Commission to order at 4:07 PM.

(B) ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Five Vacancies: (Two Voting, Three Ex-Officio)

Staff Present: Michael Hren, Principal Planner
 Michael Beltran, City Engineer

(C) APPROVE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 10, 2019, AND FEBRUARY 25, 2020:
M/S FRIEDMAN/KAYSER-GRANT, AND DULY CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS
VOICE VOTE (TWO VACANCIES), TO POSTPONE THE APPROVAL OF THE
MINUTES UNTIL AFTER COMMISSIONERS HAD OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW
PRINTED VERSIONS THEREOF.

The minutes were readdressed after Item H on the agenda.

M/S FRIEDMAN/THURSTON, AND DULY CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE
VOTE (TWO VACANCIES), TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 10, 2019
AND FEBRUARY 25, 2020 AS SUBMITTED.

(D) ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

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

(E) CITY STANDARDS

City Engineer BELTRAN provided a report on the status of the update of City Standards and other Engineering projects as they relate to the Commission and active transportation. The Commission discussed the report. Principal Planner HREN noted that a future agenda would include updates to the Active Transportation and Safe Routes to School Plan's project lists, which would reflect several of the projects Mr. BELTRAN foresees for the City. The Commission asked Mr. HREN to provide a calendar of regular grant cycles.

As no members of the public wished to speak on this item, public comment was opened and closed at 4:27 PM.

(F) BICYCLE SAFETY

Mr. HREN introduced the item, noting the attachment provided by the Police Department consisting of a history of bicycle-involved collisions in Merced from 2015-2019. The Commission discussed the report and what actions the Commission should pursue considering the data provided. Chairperson HOTHEM noted that some communities were testing grassroots parallel data initiatives such as Street Story regarding incidents that provide data that Police Reports do not.

As no members of the public wished to speak on this item, public comment was opened and closed at 4:44 PM.

(G) EVOLUTION OF THE BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMISSION

Mr. HREN provided a report on the status of the Ordinance changes that evolved the Bicycle Advisory Commission into the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission.

As no members of the public wished to speak on this item, public comment was opened and closed at 4:47 PM.

(H) PUBLIC RELATIONS REQUEST

Mr. HREN introduced the communication from Mr. JOE BRUCIA and the Commission discussed it. The Commission considered potential avenues to provide additional information about safety for users of multiple modes, including using signage as a means of education, the annual poster contest, and use of the City's newsletter.

M/S KAYSER-GRANT/THURSTON, AND DULY CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE (TWO VACANCIES), TO DIRECT STAFF TO REACH OUT TO THE MERCED BICYCLE COALITION TO PROVIDE COPY RELATING TO ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION SAFETY ON BICYCLE AND MULTI-USE PATHS FOR USERS OF ALL MODES, AND TO SEEK AVENUES TO DISSEMINATE THE INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC.

The Commission requested that this communication be kept on file and requested that Mr. HREN reach out to Mr. BRUCIA.

As no members of the public wished to speak on this item, public comment was opened and closed at 5:09 PM.

(L) UPDATE ON RECENT/UPCOMING CYCLING/PEDESTRIAN EVENTS

Chairperson HOTHEM discussed recent and upcoming events with the Commission, including the Merced Bicycle Coalition photo scavenger hunt and a virtual path audit near Golden Valley High School. The Commission discussed recent and upcoming events.

As no members of the public wished to speak on this item, public comment was opened and closed at 5:28 PM.

(J) ANNUAL ATTENDANCE REPORT

M/S FRIEDMAN/THURSTON, AND DULY CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE (2 VACANCIES), TO RECOMMEND THE ATTENDANCE REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL.

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

(K) OTHER BUSINESS

None.

(I) ADJOURN TO AUGUST 25, 2020, AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

M/S KAYSER-GRANT/THURSTON, AND DULY CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE (2 VACANCIES), CHAIRPERSON HOTHEM ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 5:34 P.M.

BY:

APPROVED:



MICHAEL HREN, AICP
PRINCIPAL PLANNER/
COMMISSION SECRETARY

TOM HOTHEM, CHAIRPERSON
BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMISSION