



THE WEEKLY COUNCIL INFORMATION REPORT

March 17, 2023

Dream Big Conference

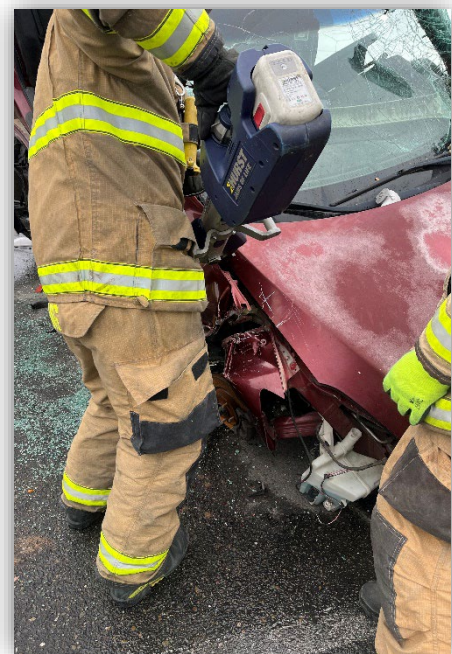
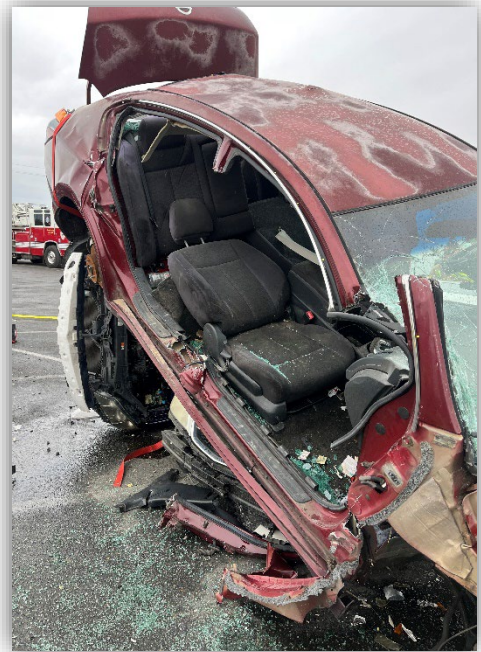
The Merced Police Department participated in the Dream Big Conference Parent Institute on Saturday, March 4th. During the conference, Sergeant McKinnon and Officer Calcagno gave a presentation about the dangers of impaired driving. Participants had the opportunity to participate in DUI demonstrations using Fatal Vision Goggles. In addition, everyone had the chance to tour the new DUI Mobile Communication Center.

Thank you, Merced County Office of Education, for allowing Merced Police Department to participate in this important event.



Vehicle Extrication Training

Fire crews recently held an auto extrication training. Auto extrication utilizes tools and techniques to rescue vehicle occupants from entrapment due to an automobile accident. The forces that are applied to a vehicle during a collision can have a dramatic effect on the vehicle and occupants. Current vehicle safety features can pose challenges to firefighters attempting to remove occupants from a vehicle involved in an accident. Crews train regularly on newer vehicles to stay current on trends they will encounter. Airbags, electric vehicles, seat belt tensioners, high-strength steel, and other materials can cause challenges in safely removing an occupant from a vehicle—a big thank you to Pick n Pull Merced for donating vehicles to Merced FD.



Youth Council Teen Night

Friday, March 10th, the City of Merced Youth Council hosted its second Teen Night at the McCombs Youth Center. Game Night was the theme; participants played various board games, air hockey, and pool. In addition, everyone participated in a human knot challenge. The winner received a gift card from a local business.



All Star Week Event

Come Up Kickz, a new local business, generously donated a pair of Panda Dunks shoes to a lucky participant of the City of Merced Parks & Rec Department's All-Star Week event participant. Participants were automatically entered into a drawing to win a pair of Panda Dunks. The drawing took place live on Facebook. The lucky winner received a gift certificate to redeem at the store. Come Up Kickz is open at 850 W Main Street in Merced.



Junior Giants Baseball & Softball
 Registration opens April 3 at www.gojrgiants.org

YOUTH JUNIOR GIANTS CELEBRATES DIVERSITY
 — ALL ARE WELCOMED TO PLAY!

BASEBALL & SOFTBALL
SUMMER LEAGUE

FREE!

INTEGRITY TEAMWORK

CONFIDENCE LEADERSHIP

TO SIGN UP VISIT: gojrgiants.org

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

City of Merced
 Sign up online starting April 3 at gojrgiants.org!
 League starts mid-June | Ages 5-18
 For questions, please contact:
 Lam Kindavong or Fritzi Martinez
 (209) 388-8912 or (209) 385-6854 | kindavongl@cityofmerced.org or martinezf@cityofmerced.org

JUVENTUD LOS JUNIOR GIANTS CELEBRAN LA DIVERSIDAD
 — TODOS SON BIENVENIDOS A JUGAR!

Liga de BÉISBOL y SÓFTBOL
de VERANO

GRATIS!

INTEGRIDAD TRABAJO EN EQUIPO

CONFIANZA LIDERAZGO

PARA INSCRIBIRSE VISITE: gojrgiants.org

NECESITAMOS VOLUNTARIOS!

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COACH AND TEAM PARENT
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

SEASON DATES:
 JUNE 5 - JULY 28
Start and end dates vary by league!

TIME COMMITMENT:
 2-3 HRS/WEEK

VOLUNTEER ROLES AVAILABLE:

- COACH
- ASSISTANT COACH
- TEAM PARENT

PERKS:

- GIANTS TICKETS
- SHIRT, HAT & GIVEAWAYS
- PRACTICE PLANS & TRAINING
- MAKING AN IMPACT!

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY, JUST HEART.

QUESTIONS?
 Junior Giants
jrgiants@sfgiants.com | 415-972-2430

ENTRENADORES Y PADRES DE EQUIPO
SE NECESITAN VOLUNTARIOS

FECHAS DE LA TEMPORADA:
 5 DE JUNIO - 28 DE JULIO
La fecha de inicio y finalización depende de la liga

COMPROMISO DE TIEMPO:
 2-3 HRS A LA SEMANA

POSICIONES DISPONIBLES PARA VOLUNTARIOS:

- ENTRENADORES
- ASISTENTE DE ENTRENADOR
- PADRES DE EQUIPO

BENEFICIOS:

- BOLETOS PARA UN JUEGO DE LOS GIANTS
- CAMISETA, GORRA Y REGALOS
- PLANES DE PRÁCTICA Y OPORTUNIDADES
- HACER UN IMPACTO!

NO SE NECESITA EXPERIENCIA, SOLO DETERMINACION.

¿PREGUNTAS?
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City Crews in Action

Crews working to reinforce areas of Bear Creek Drive



REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE

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An Invitation to attend the

Arbor Gallery

40th
ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION

Saturday

March 25, 2023

5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Merced Multicultural

Arts Center

645 W. Main Street

Merced, Ca 95340

*For Further Information Call
209•384•8338*



CITY OF MERCED

City Council Chamber
Merced Civic Center
678 W. 18th Street
Merced, CA 95340

Meeting Agenda

Planning Commission

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

7:00 PM

City Council Chamber, 2nd Floor, Merced Civic
Center, 678 W. 18th Street, Merced, CA 95340

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

WELCOME TO THE MEETING OF THE MERCED PLANNING COMMISSION

At least 72 hours prior to each regular Planning Commission meeting, a complete agenda packet is available for review on the City's website at www.cityofmerced.org or at the Planning Division Office, 678 W. 18th Street, Merced, CA 95340. All public records relating to an open session item that are distributed to a majority of the Commission will be available for public inspection at the Planning Division Office during regular business hours. The Planning Commission also serves as the Board of Zoning Adjustment and the Design Review/Historic Preservation Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENT: OBTAIN SPEAKER CARD FROM THE CLERK

Members of the audience who wish to address the Planning Commission are requested to complete a speaker card available at the podium against the right-hand side of the Council Chamber. Please submit the completed card to the Clerk before the item is called, preferably before the meeting begins. Speakers will be called up, 3 to 5 at a time, in the order in which the forms are received. Please use the microphone and state your name and city of residence for the record. For permits, licenses, and other entitlements, the applicant will be allowed 15 minutes (including rebuttal), the appellant/leader of the opposition will be allowed 15 minutes (including rebuttal), and all other speakers shall have 5 minutes each, unless the number of speakers is over 3, which in that case, comments shall be limited to 3 minutes each. For all other issues, for 3 or less speakers, 5 minutes each and for over 3 speakers, 3 minutes each shall be allotted. A timer clock is located above the City Council dais illuminating the remaining time. Once the buzzer sounds, please be courteous and conclude your remarks.

Material may be emailed to www.planningweb@cityofmerced.org and should be limited to 300 words or less. Please specify which portion of the agenda you are commenting on, for example, Item # or Oral Communications. Your comments will be presented to the Planning Commission at the appropriate time. Any correspondence received after 1 PM will be distributed to the Planning Commission and retained for the official record.

You may provide telephonic comments via voicemail by calling (209) 388-7390 by no later than 1 PM on the day of the meeting to be added to the public comment. Voicemails will be limited to a time limit of one (1) minute. Please specify which portion of the agenda you are commenting on, for example, Item #, Consent item #, or Oral Communications. Your comments will be played during the Planning Commission meeting at the appropriate time.

INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

Accommodation for individuals with disabilities may be arranged by contacting the Planning Division at (209) 385-6858. Assisted hearing devices are available for meetings held in the Council Chamber.

A. CALL TO ORDER

A.1. Moment of Silence

A.2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

B. ROLL CALL

C. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Members of the public who wish to speak on any matter not listed on the agenda may speak during this portion of the meeting and will be allotted 5 minutes. The Chairperson may, at their discretion, reduce the time to 3 minutes if there are more than 3 speakers, in order to accommodate as many speakers as possible. State law prohibits the Planning Commission from acting at this meeting on any matter raised during the public comment period. Members of the public who wish to speak on a matter that is listed on the agenda will be called upon to speak during discussion of that item. Please submit a Request to Speak card prior to the item being called.

D. CONSENT CALENDAR

Adoption of the Consent Calendar may be made with one motion of the Planning Commission provided that any Planning Commission member, individual, or organization may request removal of an item from the Consent Calendar for separate consideration. If a request for removal of an item from the Consent Calendar has been received, the item will be discussed and voted on separately. With Consent items, there is generally no staff presentation but staff is available for questions.

D.1 [23-277](#) **SUBJECT:** Planning Commission Minutes of March 8, 2023

ACTION:

Approving and filing the Planning Commission Minutes of March 8, 2023

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ACTION ITEMS

Members of the public who wish to speak on public hearings listed on the agenda will be heard when the Public Hearing is opened, except on Public Hearing items previously heard and closed to public comment. After the public has commented, the item is closed to further public comment and brought to the Commission for discussion and action. Further comment will not be received unless requested by the Commission.

E.1 [23-253](#) **SUBJECT:** Conditional Use Permit #1270, initiated by Hamid Yahya, property owner. This application involves a request to establish a food truck parking area to allow two food truck vendors within a parking lot located at 1150 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, generally located at the southeast corner of W. 12th Street and Martin Luther King Jr. Way, within a zoning classification of General Commercial (C-G), and a General Plan designation of General Commercial (CG). **PUBLIC HEARING**

ACTION: Approve/Disapprove/Modify

- 1) Environmental Review #23-04 (*Categorical Exemption*)
- 2) Conditional Use Permit #1270

SUMMARY

Hamid Yahya is requesting conditional use permit approval to establish a food truck parking area to allow two food truck vendors, located at 1150 Martin Luther King Jr. Way. Food truck parking areas are considered a conditional use within a General Commercial (C-G) Zone. The proposed parking area is shared with the Merced Food Center. The Planning Commission will be reviewing this proposal to ensure that the provided site plan is designed in a manner that minimizes negative impacts to the existing site and promotes compatible and orderly development. Staff is recommending approval with conditions.

RECOMMENDATION

Planning staff has reviewed this request and recommends that the Planning Commission approve Environmental Review #23-04 (Categorical Exemption) and Conditional Use Permit #1270, including the adoption of the Draft Resolution at Attachment A subject to the conditions in Exhibit A and the findings/considerations in Exhibit B.

F. INFORMATION ITEMS

F.1 [23-278](#) **SUBJECT:** Report by Director of Development Services of Upcoming Agenda Items

ACTION

Information only.

F.2 [23-279](#)

SUBJECT: Calendar of Meetings/Events

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| March | 20 | City Council, 6:00 p.m. |
| | 22 | Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m. |
| April | 3 | City Council, 6:00 p.m. |
| | 5 | Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m. |
| | 17 | City Council, 6:00 p.m. |
| | 19 | Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m. (To be cancelled) |
| | 25 | Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission, 4:00 p.m. |
| May | 1 | City Council, 6:00 p.m. |
| | 3 | Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m. (To be cancelled) |
| | 15 | City Council, 6:00 p.m. |
| | 17 | Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m. |

G. ADJOURNMENT