

CITY OF MERCED  
BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMISSION

MINUTES

Council Chambers  
678 W 18<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
MERCED, CALIFORNIA

TUESDAY  
October 22, 2019

Chairperson HOTHEM called the meeting of the Bicycle Advisory Commission to order at 3:08 PM.

(B) ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Kahlyn Moody (Excused)  
Ann Thurston (Excused)  
(Two vacancies: One Voting, One Ex-Officio)

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

(C) APPROVE MINUTES OF AUGUST 27, 2019:

M/S KAYSER-GRANT/FRIEDMAN, AND DULY CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 27, 2019 AS SUBMITTED.

(D) ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

City Engineer BELTRAN provided a brief report on the City Standards updates. He indicated that the Commission would be provided a draft for comment in the future.

As no members of the public wished to speak on this item, public comment was opened and closed at 3:12 PM.

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

(E) PEDESTRIAN CROSSING INQUIRY

Chairperson HOTHEM introduced the item and provided some context about the inquiry. Mr. BELTRAN provided a staff explanation of the decision-making process related to midblock crosswalks such as the one at Olive Avenue and Oleander Avenue. The Commission discussed crosswalks and complete streets.

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

(F) BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMISSION EVOLUTION

Mr. HREN presented the draft changes to the Ordinance that empowers the Commission, and explained that the proposal from the Active Transportation and Safe-Routes-to-School Plan is to expand the scope of the Commission to include pedestrian and disability-related issues. Mr. HREN also explained that the likely direction of all City Commissions and Committees is to have district-based representation. The Commission noted that assistance from City Council members to fill vacancies in their Districts would be helpful in the event that the Commission moves to district-based representation.

The Commission considered potential scheduling changes and discussed other potential changes. They provided recommendations to Mr. HREN about draft language.

As no members of the public wished to speak on this item, public comment was opened and closed at 3:50 PM

M/S EWING/HOTHEM, AND DULY CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE (2 ABSENT, 1 VACANCY), TO RECOMMEND THE DRAFT ORDINANCE TO THE CITY COUNCIL.

AYES: COMMISSIONERS EWING, KAYSER-GRANT, FRIEDMAN,  
CHAIRPERSON HOTHEM  
NOES: NONE  
ABSENT: MOODY, THURSTON (1 vacancy)  
ABSTAIN: NONE

(G) ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON

M/S EWING/KAYSER-GRANT, AND DULY CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE (2 ABSENT, 1 VACANCY), TO SELECT COMMISSIONER HOTHEM AS CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMISSION.

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: MOODY, THURSTON (1 vacancy)

ABSTAIN: NONE

M/S KAYSER-GRANT/EWING, AND DULY CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE (2 ABSENT, 1 VACANCY), TO SELECT COMMISSIONER FRIEDMAN AS VICE-CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMISSION.

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: MOODY, THURSTON (1 vacancy)

ABSTAIN: NONE

(H) OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. HREN noted that the Amgen bicycle race may be coming to Merced in 2020.

Mr. HREN discussed that the City Council item regarding park hour changes was being reworded to clarify that those changes do not apply for bicycle paths.

Commissioner KAYSER-GRANT noted upcoming Merced Bicycle Coalition meetings.

Chairperson HOTHEM presented Mr. HREN with a pen in thanks for his work on the Active Transportation and Safe-Routes to School Plan.

As no members of the public wished to speak on this item, public comment was opened and closed at 4:03 PM.

(I) ADJOURN TO THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING OF TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2019, AT 3:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

M/S EWING/FRIEDMAN, AND DULY CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE, CHAIRPERSON HOTHEM ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 4:05 P.M.

BY:



MICHAEL HREN, AICP  
PRINCIPAL PLANNER/  
COMMISSION SECRETARY

APPROVED:



TOM HOTHEM, CHAIRPERSON  
BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMISSION