CITY OF MERCED
BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMISSION

M I N U T E S

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
678 W 18TH STREET
MERCED, CALIFORNIA

TUESDAY
June 28, 2011

Chairperson STANLEY called the meeting of the Bicycle Advisory Commission to order at 3:03 p.m.

(B) ROLL CALL

Present: Lisa Kayser-Grant
David Guzzetta (Vice-Chairperson)
Kara Middlebrooks
Jules Comeyne
Robert Tyler
David Noble
Jared Stanley (Chairperson)
Patrick Bauer (Ex-Officio)
Robert Smith (Ex-Officio)

Absent: None

Staff Present: David B. Gonzalves, Development Services Director
Kim Nutt, Recording Secretary/Planning Technician II

(C) APPROVE MINUTES OF APRIL 26, 2011

ON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER NOBLE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COMEYNE, AND DULY CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE APRIL 26, 2011, MINUTES, AS SUBMITTED.

(D) ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

There were no oral communications from members of the audience.

(E) CANCELLATION OF THE AUGUST 23, 2011, MEETING

ON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER NOBLE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TYLER, DULY CARRIED, TO CANCEL THE MEETING OF AUGUST 23, 2011, DUE TO LACK OF ITEMS AND STAFFING LIMITATIONS.

** Amended at the BAC meeting of October 25, 2011 to add "and staffing limitations" to the reason for cancellation.

BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: COMMISSIONERS MIDDLEBROOKS, COMEYNE, TYLER, NOBLE, AND CHAIRPERSON STANLEY
NOES: COMMISSIONERS KAYSER-GRANT AND GUZZETTA
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

(F) REVIEW OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Planning Technician NUTT introduced Capital Improvement Plans for the Highway 59/Cooper Avenue and the Yosemite Avenue/G Street projects and answered questions from the Commissioners. David GONZALVES, Director of Development Services, also answered questions about both projects.

Regarding the Highway 59/Cooper Avenue project, Mr. GONZALVES stated that CalTrans has been adamant that there not be any bike lanes on Highway 59 due to the existing railroad crossing. When the crossing is fixed sometime in the future, the widened road may be such that bike lanes could be installed later.

(G) LEAGUE OF AMERICAN BICYCLISTS' BIKE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY - DRAFT RENEWAL APPLICATION

Planning Technician NUTT received final comments from the Commissioners and stated that she would be submitting the City's application to the LAB by July 22, 2011.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the budget sustainability idea that proposes the BAC merge with another commission, to which the Commissioners each stated they are strongly opposed.

(H) INFORMATION ITEMS

1. UPDATE – 5-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Ms. NUTT and Mr. GONZALVES presented the item, stating that two bicycle-related projects are included in the 2011/2012 Capital Improvement Program, with funding from recently-awarded grants: 1) complete the connection from McKee Road to Lake Road; and 2) westward extension of Bear Creek bike path/install three bike bridges. Staff answered several questions from the Commissioners.

2. ADD-ON INFORMATION-SHARING ITEMS

a) Commissioner KAYSER-GRANT gave an update on Merced Bicycle Coalition rides and activities and stated that the Merced Irrigation District is working on a trails project around the McClure reservoir.

b) Commissioner NOBLE reviewed the Bike to Work Day activities and there was a short discussion.

c) Ms. NUTT thanked Chairperson STANLEY for his valuable service, as he is resigning from the Commission as of July 1, 2011. She added that the annual election of officers would be done at the meeting in October.

(I) ADJOURNMENT TO THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2011, AT 3:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

CHAIRPERSON STANLEY ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 4:48 P.M. TO THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2011, AT 3:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 678 W. 18TH STREET, MERCED, CALIFORNIA.

BY:

KIMBERLY NUTT
COMMISSION SECRETARY

APPROVED:

DAVID GUZZETTA, VICE-CHAIRPERSON
BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMISSION