CITY OF MERCED BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMISSION

<u>MINUTES</u>

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS 678 W 18TH STREET MERCED, CALIFORNIA

TUESDAY October 22, 2013

Chairperson GUZZETTA called the meeting of the Bicycle Advisory Commission to order at 3:04 p.m.

(B) ROLL CALL

Present: David Guzzetta (Chairperson)

Robert Tyler

Lisa Kayser-Grant

Tom Hothem Isai Palma

Patrick Bauer (Ex-Officio member) Rito Ramirez (Ex-Officio member)

Absent: Jules Comeyne (excused)

(one vacancy)

Staff Present: Bill King, Principal Planner

(C) APPROVE MINUTES OF AUGUST 27, 2013

ON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TYLER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PALMA, DULY CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE (ONE ABSENT), TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 27, 2013, MINUTES, AS SUBMITTED.

(D) ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

There were no oral communications.

(E) BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMISSION REQUESTS AND INFORMATION

Commissioners shared public outreach event activities, including the *Lights On! After School Festival* and *Pedal Merced* events. Commissioner TYLER shared information about the full bicycle parking facilities at UC Merced.

IMPROVEMENT PROJECT RELATED ITEMS (Engineering Department)

(F) No items were on the agenda.

POLICY PROJECT RELATED ITEMS (Planning Department)

(G) BELLEVUE COMMUNITY PLAN BIKEWAY PLAN

Principal Planner KING presented the staff report, responded to questions, and invited the BAC to comment on bike-related issues. There was much general interest in the project and discussion about the influence that land use and circulation design has on bicycle usage, and bikeway design. Though no formal recommendation from the BAC was made, individual commissioner bike-related comments included: 1) an interest to place sharrows along Mandeville Avenue; 2) emphasis to maintain a pedestrian-oriented design throughout the plan area; 3) concern about missing an opportunity to place bike lanes on Bellevue, as well as a concern about placing bike lanes on a potentially high-traffic and high-speed roadway like Bellevue Road; and, 4) the importance of establishing sufficient right-of-way for bike lanes that are wider than current City Standards. Principal Planner KING also noted that the draft plan will include a policy supporting the placement of a bike-boulevard paralleling Mandeville Avenue between Lake Road and G Street.

OTHER

(H) <u>BAC WORKING SUB-COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES</u>

Principal Planner KING presented the staff report, responded to questions emphasizing the identification of bike-related research tasks and then appointment of a temporary task-specific advisory committee to conduct work within a defined time-period. The Commission discussed the importance of grant funds and bike-ridership survey data, and associated coordination needs with others to pursue these tasks. The BAC set a due date to present reports on these topics at the next BAC meeting.

COMMISSIONER ON **MOTION** BYGUZZETTA, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER KAYSER-GRANT, DULY CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE (ONE ABSENT), TO CREATE TWO TEMPORARY TASK-SPECIFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEES TO: 1) IDENTIFY POTENTIAL GRANT FUND **OPPORTUNTIES** TO IMPLEMENT BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION **PLAN** PROJECTS, BY COMMISSIONERS GUZZETTA AND HOTHEM; AND, 2) TO **SURVEY** ACTUAL **BICYCLE** USAGE AT LOCAL SCHOOLS, BY COMMISSIONERS TYLER, PALMA, AND BAUER.

(I) <u>ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHARIPERSON</u>

ON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TYLER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOTHEM, DULY CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE (ONE ABSENT), TO ELECT CHAIRPERSON GUZZETTA TO CONTINUE AS CHAIRPERSON, AND

ON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER GUZZETTA, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER KAYSER-GRANT, DULY CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE (ONE ABSENT), TO ELECT VICE-CHAIRPERSON TYLER TO CONTINUE AS VICE-CHAIRPERSON.

(J) <u>CANCELLATION OF THE DECEMBER 24, 2013, MEETING (TO BE HELD DECEMBER 11, 2013)</u>

ON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HOTHEM, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TYLER, DULY CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE (ONE ABSENT), TO CANCEL THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED DECEMBER 24, 2013, MEETING.

(K) <u>ADJOURN TO THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2013, AT 3:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS</u>

ON MOTION FROM COMMISSIONER HOTHEM, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TYLER, DULY CARRIED (ONE ABSENT), CHAIRPERSON GUZZETTA ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 4:44 P.M. TO THE SCHEDULED BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2013, AT 3:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 678 W. 18TH STREET, MERCED, CALIFORNIA.

BY:

BILL KING

COMMISSION SECRETARY

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APPROVED:

DAVID GUZZETTA, CHAIRPERSON

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