

CITY OF MERCED
BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMISSION

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
678 W 18TH STREET
MERCED, CALIFORNIA

TUESDAY
August 23, 2016

Chairperson TYLER called the meeting of the Bicycle Advisory Commission to order at 3:35 p.m.

(B) ROLL CALL

Present: Robert Tyler (Chairperson)
Lisa Kayser-Grant
Isai Palma
Tom Hothem (Vice Chairperson)

Absent: Justin Hicks (Excused)
Jules Comeyne (Unexcused)

(Three vacancies, two Ex-Officio and one voting)

Staff Present: Bill King, Principal Planner
Joel Svendsen, Associate Engineer

(C) APPROVE MINUTES OF JUNE 28, 2016

ON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER PALMA, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOTHEM, DULY CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE (TWO ABSENT, ONE VACANCY), TO APPROVE THE JUNE 28, 2016, MINUTES, AS SUBMITTED.

(D) ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The Commissioners commented about: 1) the large amount of trash along the Fahrens Creek Class I Pathway west of R Street, and along the path that runs parallel with the railroad in the vicinity of Walmart and Bear Creek; and 2) the need for street trees along G Street (north of Bellevue) to be trimmed as they are obstructing the travel of cyclists in the bike lanes.

(E) BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMISSION REQUESTS, INFORMATION ITEMS AND SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no requests or reports.

CAPITAL PROJECT RELATED ITEMS (Engineering Department)

(F) NO ITEMS

POLICY/BIKE PROMOTION/DEVELOPMENT RELATED ITEMS (Planning Department)

(G) BICYCLE SUBCOMMITTEE STATUS REPORT FROM STAFF

Principal Planner KING presented the staff report, and requested the BAC to advise staff.

ON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER KAYSER-GRANT, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOTHEM, DULY CARRIED BY A 4-0-2-0 VOICE VOTE (TWO VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT, ONE VACANCY, NO ABSTAINIONS), TO DISBAND SUBCOMMITTEES AS RECOMMENDED BY STAFF IN THE AUGUST 23, 2016, ITEM G STAFF REPORT TITLED ‘BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMISSION SUBCOMMITTEE STATUS REPORT.’

(H) “M” STREET BIKEWAY BETWEEN 16TH STREET AND 18TH STREET

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ON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER KAYSER-GRANT, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOTHEM, DULY CARRIED BY A 4-0-2-0 VOICE VOTE (TWO VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT, ONE VACANCY, NO ABSTAINIONS), TO RECOMMEND THE USE OF SHARROWS ON M STREET BETWEEN 16TH STREET AND 18TH STREET PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING FEATURES ARE INCLUDED: 1) THE LANE MARKING BE CENTERED IN THE TRAVEL LANE AND INCLUDE THE WHITE BIKE MARKING SET WITHIN A GREEN BOX (NO LESS THAN 3 PER BLOCK/LANE; 2) MERGE MARKINGS AT 18TH STREET AND 16TH STREET; 3) GREEN BIKE STAGING AREAS AT THESE INTERSECTIONS THAT PRECEDE THE SHARROW MARKINGS; 4) ALL RELATED SHARROW SIGNS AND SIGNAGE ALERTING WRONG-WAY CYCLISTS; AND 5) CONSIDER AND APPLY WHERE POSSIBLE, A 30 MPH SPEED LIMIT WITHIN AND NEAR THIS ROAD SEGMENT.

(I) HIGH SPEED RAIL IMPROVEMENT AND POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

Principal Planner KING presented the staff report, and requested the BAC to advise staff.

ON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER KAYSER-GRANT, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOTHEM, DULY CARRIED BY A 4-0-2-0 VOICE VOTE (TWO VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT, ONE VACANCY, NO ABSTAININGS), TO RECOMMEND THAT SPECIFIC TEXT BE ADDED TO THE DRAFT MERCED HIGH SPEED RAIL STATION AREA PLAN THAT INCLUDES ALL SEVEN (7) RECOMMENDED ITEMS LISTED IN THE AUGUST 23, 2016, ITEM I STAFF REPORT TITLED 'PLANNING PROJECT: HIGH SPEED RAIL,' AND ALSO INCLUDING THREE (3) NEW ITEMS: 1) THE NEED FOR A WAYFINDING SIGN PROGRAM FOR BICYCLES; 2) CONSIDERATION OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ELEVATED BIKEWAY BETWEEN G STREET AND V STREET THAT PARALLELS THE RAIL ALIGNMENT; AND 3) WITH THE LOSS OF CANAL STREET BETWEEN 15TH AND 16TH STREET DUE TO THE HIGH SPEED RAIL PROJECT, TO INSTALL A MULTIUSE (PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE) OVERCROSSING OF THE UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD AND HSR RAILS AS AN ESSENTIAL PART OF THE BIKE BOULEVARD DEPICTED IN THE 2013 BIKE TRANSPORTATION PLAN TO CONNECT NEIGHBORHOODS NORTH OF BEAR CREEK AND SOUTH OF HWY 99 WITH DOWNTOWN MERCED.

OTHER

(J) ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON

The Commissioners discussed interests and nomination in the positions.

UPON ACCEPTANCE OF NOMINATIONS THE COMMISSION BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE (TWO VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT, ONE VACANCY, NO ABSTAININGS), ELECTED CHAIRPERSON TYLER TO CONTINUE AS CHAIRPERSON, AND ELECTED VICE-CHAIRPERSON HOTHEM TO CONTINUE AS VICE-CHAIRPERSON.

(K) ADJOURN TO THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2016, AT 3:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

ON MOTION FROM COMMISSIONER KAYSER-GRANT, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOTHEM, DULY CARRIED, CHAIRPERSON TYLER

ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 5:05 P.M. TO THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2016, AT 3:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 678 W. 18TH STREET, MERCED, CALIFORNIA.

BY:



BILL KING
COMMISSION SECRETARY

APPROVED:



ROBERT TYLER, CHAIRPERSON
BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMISSION