MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. WAY
AD-HOC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

M I N U T E S

SOUTH MERCED POLICE STATION
470 W 11TH STREET
MERCED, CALIFORNIA

TUESDAY
JULY 19, 2011

(A) CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairperson POLLARD called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

(B) ROLL CALL

Present: Committee Members:

Lilia Aguilar
Grace Booth
Teresa Burrola
Amelia Bustos
Cesar Garcia
Mayko Lozano
Sam Malaythong
Thomas Musser
Michelle Paloutzian
Carl Pollard
Isabel Sanchez
Nancy Tapia
Paul Thao

Absent: Committee Members: Thomas Bustos (excused)

Staff Present:

Julie Sterling, Associate Planner
Daryl Jordan, City Engineer
Maria Mendoza, Redevelopment Technician

(C) APPROVE MINUTES OF MAY 17, 2011

On motion by Committee Member MUSSER, and seconded by Committee Member BURROLA, and carried by unanimous voice vote (one absent), to approve the Minutes of May 17, 2011.

(D) REVITALIZATION STRATEGY OBJECTIVE 1 – "IMPROVE TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS FOR TRAVELERS (VEHICLES, BIKES, PEDESTRIANS, TRANSIT)" AND, OBJECTIVE 4 – "IDENTIFY OPPORTUNITIES TO DESIGN AND INSTALL IMPROVEMENTS THAT PROVIDE SAFE CROSSING SITES" (CONTINUED FROM THE MARCH 15 AND MAY 17, 2011 MEETINGS)

ASSOCIATE PLANNER STERLING gave a power-point presentation on Objectives 1 and 4, provided several scenarios to consider for improving transportation and improvements that provide safe crossings for business accessibility, multi-modal choices for travelers, and truck traffic; discussed obstacles and considerations; and requested assistance from the Committee in setting priorities regarding the objectives discussed.

CITY ENGINEER JORDAN gave an update on existing City projects including Childs Avenue and Martin Luther King Jr. Way crosswalks/sidewalks, grants that are available for installing street improvements (and suggested the focus be on safety, rather than beautification issues), costs for improvements, and emphasized his and the City's commitment to continue improvements on the south side of Merced.

After further discussion from the Committee and participants from the audience, the Committee was asked to select their top four priorities by placing color-coded stickers on the priority sheet that Ms. STERLING prepared during the discussion part of the meeting. Using a list of eleven potential transportation and safe crossing priorities, and with 13 Committee members present, the following results were found:

- #1 Priority – Pedestrian Safety (improvements include sidewalks, handicap ramps, lighting, and pedestrian-activated crosswalk)
- #2 Priority – Vehicle Safety (co-mingled with truck traffic)

- #3 Priority – Four-way stop at 11th Street (with flashing light)
- #4 Priority – Widen sidewalk for joint use of pedestrians and bicyclists along Martin Luther King Jr. Way

The other seven topics in no particular order included: Bicycle and disabled access, Landscaping (park strips), Bus stops, No bicycle lanes on Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Bicycle lanes relocated to G and Canal Streets, Four-way stop at 11th Street (with flashing light), Median in Martin Luther King Jr. Way, and Traffic Signal at 11th Street.

(E) 10-MINUTE MEETING BREAK

The Committee indicated that they did not need a break.

(F) PHOTOS FOR THE REVITALIZATION STRATEGY

At the May 17th Meeting, ASSOCIATE PLANNER STERLING requested that each of the Ad-Hoc Committee Members take photographs of good examples of design, infrastructure, landscaping, buildings/residences, etc., as well as concerns within or outside of the Focus Area. Ms. STERLING thanked Amelia Bustos and Isabel Sanchez (and her granddaughter, Delaney) for preparing the photo boards. The Committee Members participated in presenting their photo boards to their peers and audience.

(G) ADJOURNMENT TO THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2011, AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE POLICE SOUTH STATON CONFERENCE ROOM.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, VICE CHAIRPERSON POLLARD ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 8:30 P.M. TO THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. WAY AD-HOC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2011, AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE SOUTH POLICE STATION CLASSROOM, 470 W. 11TH STREET, MERCED, CALIFORNIA.

BY:

Julie Sterling

JULIE STERLING
COMMITTEE SECRETARY

APPROVED:

Carl Pollard

CARL POLLARD, VICE CHAIRPERSON
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