

**City of Fresno
Meeting Minutes - Draft
Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee**

Wednesday, August 24, 2022. 5:30 p.m. Zoom Meeting

Regular Meeting

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Phil Arballo at 5:37 p.m.

Roll Call

District 2 Matthew Woodward; District 5 Gabriel Lozano; District 6 Steven Bradley; Mayoral Phil Arballo; Mayoral Melanie Ruvalcaba

Absent: District 3 Destiny Rodriguez; District 4 Laura Gromis

Vacant: District 1, District 7

Quorum Met

Staff

Jill Gormley, Andrew Benelli, Scott Sehm

Guests

John Liu, Sean Zweiffler, Nicholas Paladino, Anthony Molina, MD; Susan Smith

Approval of Agenda

Add a Vacancies and Officers discussion to the end of the Agenda. **On motion to approve the Agenda by Steven Bradley, with the change, and seconded by Matthew Woodward the August 24, 2022 Agenda was approved. Passed unanimously.**

Approval of Minutes

One question regarding the minutes was from Chairperson Arballo - Would District 3 Destiny Rodriguez need to reply for a full term? Yes, she was fulfilling a partial term. **On motion to approve the Minutes by Steven Bradley and seconded by Melanie Ruvalcaba the August 24, 2022 were approved. Passed unanimously.**

Unscheduled Communications/Public Comment

None.

Task Force Reports

Semi-annual Report - Moved to September 15, 2022 City Council meeting. Chairperson Arballo asked for two people to work on the new semi-annual task force which consists of the dates from May 2022 through November 2022. S Bradley and G Lozano agreed to work on the next report.

Budget Task Force- S Bradley would like to see the PSA's that have already been produced be more widely distributed. S Smith shared that she and L Gromis met with Shelby McNab from Fresno Parks Department. One budget idea would be purchasing education prizes that would primarily go to seniors participating at senior community events. M Ruvalcalba said that in November, Cal Walks and Dept of Health were hosting an event and would like to participate by also having education prizes. By the September meeting she will have details. M Woodward asked about the \$5000 slated for advertising - is this for social media advertising - the answer is yes. M Woodward also asked where on the Midtown Trail would a fix it station be located? Also, location of future fix it stations might need a special task force. He also suggested that the new park to be located by Fresno High might be a good spot for a fix it station. J Gormley said fix it stations might not qualify for safety/educational funds but she will ask.

BPAC Budget Proposal 2022/23

Item Amount Details

Fix It Station \$8,800 One Fix It Station for Mid Town Trail

Advertisement \$5,000 Advertisement for PSA

Water bottles \$4,000 To be given out at Parks department events

Lights and reflectors \$1,000 To be given out at Parks department events

Stickers \$1,000 Stickers with safety message

Bike and Ped Award \$200 Award for Bike and Ped Award

Total \$20,000

On a motion provided by M Woodward to approve the above listed 2022/23 budget proposal and seconded by S Bradley the following roll Call vote was made: District 2 yes, District 5 yes, District 6 yes, Mayoral P Arballo yes, Mayoral M Ruvalcaba yes. Passed,

PSA Task Force - completed.

Vision Zero Task Force - P Arballo congratulated the task force members. City Council passed the grant proposal. M Woodward pointed out that even though Councilman Arias voted for the grant he felt that certain parts of the City get more preferential treatment over other areas. Arias said the City needs to be much more proactive in participation to try and advance Vision Zero. Also Arias noted that the Mayor's Office did not offer funding to go along with the grant.

M Ruvalcaba said the County will make sure that they have a champion on board for anything that the City wants to pass to help forward Vision Zero. M Woodward said that Councilman Karbassi is very much on board for Vision Zero. Per P Arballo BPAC members need to keep meeting with everyone especially with a new District 1 Councilmember coming on board. M Woodward asked if the Vision Zero Task Force needs to disband - J Gormley said no. Task Force can stay together until the City makes a decision on what to do and if the grant is accepted. N Paladino emphasized that we need to wait to find out if the City actually receives the grant before making a task force decision. He said a broad base citizen advisory committee

would be formed if the City gets the grant and that BPAC should have a member on that committee.

Member Reports

District 2 M Woodward noted Vision Zero was his main event. Happy to note that he does see more and more people biking.

District 5 - P Arballo welcome G Lozano to BPAC. G Lozano works for Councilman Chavez's staff, specifically on improvement projects in District 5. Lozano is a lifelong resident of southeast Fresno. He's also a member of the Central/South steering committee.

Mayoral P Arballo - no report.

Mayoral M Ruvalcaba- she will follow up with the Mayor's office regarding her term.

Staff Reports

FPD Enforcement and Collision Report

BPAC Meeting, August 2022

Collision Stats:

1/1/2022 to 7/31/2022

LTOTAL Collisions: 2246

Pedestrian – 92

Bicycles – 55

1/1/2021 to 7/31/2021

Total Collisions: 2161

Pedestrian – 102

Bicycle – 52

Fatal Numbers Year to Date:

Pedestrian: 15

Bicycle: 5

Motor Vehicle: 10

Provided By:

Officer John Belli #P867

Fresno Police Department

Traffic Bureau (559) 621-5059

S Bradley noted that he has received complaints about the No Turn on Red signals in his District - He has now seen FPD enforcing compliance of the new signs.

BPAC Work Plan

M Woodward asked for an update on Palm Avenue. S Sehm said City is submitting proposals. They might break ground in September.

Per S Sehm segments two and 5 of the Midtown Trail are in construction. Segments 3 and 4 might break ground next year - some design issues remain. G Lozano asked for a map of the Midtown project. J Gormley will email the work Plan to him for review.

Interviews are ongoing for engineers - City has been able to fill some positions but there are still vacancies.

N Paladino asked a question on Item M - Fancher Creek Trail - Is the Fancher Creek Task Force still meeting? On Item T - MLK Center- he would like a better description - what streets are involved? A Benelli said there will be two trails. One on Church Avenue in front of the new college area. The second trail will be on Jensen Avenue. MLK Avenue will be widened and possibly Walnut Avenue too. N Paladino asked if more information could be put on the work plan and A Benelli said yes. P Arballo will make a request to Public Works on behalf of N Paladino to have additional information added.

M Woodward noted lots of work activity at Sierra and West- S Sehm said the project is behind.

Adjournment

On motion to adjourn the meeting by M Woodward and seconded by G Lozano the meeting was adjourned.