

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

**Wednesday, October 28, 2020 5:30 p.m. Webex Virtual Meeting**

**Regular Meeting**

**Call to Order**

Vice-Chairperson Melanie Ruvalcaba called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Observed silently.

**Roll Call**

**Present:** District 5, Lucio Avila; District 6, Steven Bradley; District 7, Susan Smith, Mayoral,

Melanie Ruvalcaba; Mayoral, Phil Arballo

**Absent:** District 3, Gene Richards

**Vacant:** District 1, District 2, District 4

**Staff**

Scott Sehm, Jill Gormley, Harman Dhaliwal, Andrew Benelli, Shelby MacNab, John Belli

**Guests**

Matthew Woodward, Anthony Molina, John Shelton, John Liu, Seleny Diaz, Troy Hightower, Nick Paladino, Laura Gromis

**Approval of Agenda**

P Arballo would like to move the Semi Annual Report and his Staff Report up to after Unscheduled Communications. **On motion by S Smith and seconded by S Bradley the October 28, 2020 Agenda was approved. Unanimously.**

**Approval of Minutes**

**On motion by S Bradley and S by P Arballo the October 28, 2020 Minutes were approved. Unanimously.**

**Unscheduled Communications/Public Comments**

S Bradley has a rough draft of a BPAC logo to share at a future meeting.

**Members Reports and Comments**

Semi Annual Report - M Ruvalcaba shared report on the screen. Timeline for the report is April 20 20 through September 2020. Next one will be October 2020 through March 2021. J Gormley will update current vacancies that BPAC has now. **On motion to approve semi annual report**

**by S Bradley and seconded by P Arballo the report was passed to be shared with Council. Unanimously approved.**

Discussion followed on current vacancies and absences. District 3 needs to be resolved; are these absences or a resignation? J Gormley asked T Molina to write a letter of official resignation so his District 2 position can be posted by the Clerk's Office. Also, J Martinez officially let his District 1 position vacate so now his spot can be posted too.

Chair Report - P Arballo thanked BPAC for all their support. October 2020 will probably be his last meeting for the year. As Chair he looks forward to working on new issues both locally and nationally. He appreciated the time we all put in. M Ruvalcaba thanked P Arballo his hard work too.

Safety Funds - T Molina sent in his proposal for **(1)**Cycling Savvy Basic Coupons for \$1,750. There isn't a Spanish version available at this time. J Gormley suggested two ideas for fund **(2)** May 2021 Bike month and **(3)** October 2021 Pedestrian Awareness month. It was asked if a BPAC logo, pop-up and branded materials could be considered. Currently we are waiting to hear from the city if we could actually use a BP logo or would we need to use a city logo. **(4)**T Molina asked about HAWK safety campaign education or Sharrow education? **(5)** Also, the possibility of making another PSA was discussed. Ideas shared that this might be too expensive or we should consider looking for one that has already been completed. J Shelton said he would reach out to his contact at CMAC to see if they would be interested in working on a PSA. **(6)** Last idea suggested was asking for an 100 additional lights for distribution.

Bylaws Committee will continue now as Semi Annual Report is finished per S Smith

Slow Streets Report - L Avila met with Huntington Member Association. Half in favor of slow streets, half not (because of litter, too many people etc). They will let L Avila know their decision shortly. A neighbor from the area of St Anthony Claret Church expressed interest in a slow street in the area of Chestnut and Byrd Avenues. Neighbors want cars to slow down in this area.

### **Presentations**

Bike Safe Fresno Update and Helmet Distribution - L Gromis shared that they had three different bicycle education programs. One at Edison High School with 92 participants and two virtual community events. Public Works Department participated in the virtual meetings. On November 20, 2020 helmets will be distributed at King Elementary in SW Fresno from 3 to 5 p.m. S Smith and S Bradley will volunteer. L Gromis said they will use the bicycle survey that's been developed to collect data points on what would make people feel safer biking in Fresno. They would like to give out helmets in exchange for people taking the survey. **On motion by a member and seconded by L Avila it was decided to distribute helmets in exchange for responses on the survey. Unanimously approved.**

### **Staff Reports**

Officer J Belli reported that there's been five more fatal collisions since the last meeting. Three involved pedestrians. All involved DUI. FPD would like more reflective gear and lights for

distribution. On September 18 they ran a bicycle enforcement, October 4 a motorcycle enforcement and October 10 a distracted driving enforcement. FPD is using social media to get their education out to the public. They also worked with Valley Children's Hospital on a pedestrian PSA.

Grant Update - S MacNab is working on a plan to fund the consultant that the city will use to update the ATP. We should think about projects we would like to see in the ATP. These would be needed for the December meeting.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Work Plan - see attached handout. The budget will come out soon. There is no new funding yet. M Ruvalcaba asked about the Palm Avenue Bicycle Lanes zoom meeting. There are no updates from the County yet. Several agreed that the County did not seem overly supportive.

Maple Avenue Road Diet is finished. Sharrows installed in the right turn lane. N Paladino thanked J Gormley for working with the County.

Bitwise is moving onto R Street. The City was asked to put in a buffered Class IV bikeway from Ventura to Tulare on R Street. A Class II lane from Fresno Street to Tulare on R Street was requested too.

ATP Update - Per J Gormley there are lots of projects in design and in process - they're not being accurately reflected in the current ATP. An update would reflect these projects more accurately. They'd like to clean up the maps, update Fulton area, Tower District and then focus on updating areas that don't lead "to anywhere".

The November/December will be combined and held on December 9, 2020.

**On motion to Adjourn by L Avila and seconded by S Smith the meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.**