

City of Fresno

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Thursday, April 17, 2025

5:30 PM

Regular Meeting

Fresno City Hall, Second Floor Room 2165

Tower District Specific Plan Implementation

Committee

Chairperson - Christopher Johnson

Vice Chair - Janay Conley

Board Member - Annie Lokrantz

Board Member - Michael Birdsong

Board Member - Myra Coble

Board Member - James Kitch

Board Member - Joseph Catania

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I. Call to Order & Roll Call

Chair called the meeting to order at 5:34 pm and initiated roll call.

Also present were Long-Range Planning Staff Sophia Pagoulatos, Yamilex Nava, and Jennifer Clark, with Adrienne Asadoorian-Gilbert present via Zoom. Consultants Peter Winch and Matt Taecker were also present via Zoom.

Present 7 - Chairperson Christopher Johnson, Vice Chair Janay Conley, Board Member Annie Lokrantz, Board Member Michael Birdsong, Board Member Myra Coble, Board Member James Kitch, and Board Member Joseph Catania

II. Approve Agenda

On motion of Board Member Birdsong, seconded by Board Member Lokrantz, the above ITEM was APPROVED AS AMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chairperson Johnson, Vice Chair Conley, Board Member Lokrantz, Board Member Birdsong, Board Member Coble, Board Member Kitch and Board Member Catania

III. Approve Meeting Minutes

III-A [ID 25-540](#) March 20, 2025, Tower District Specific Plan Implementation Committee Special Meeting Minutes

On motion of Board Member Coble, seconded by Board Member Birdsong, that the above Action Item be APPROVED AS AMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chairperson Johnson, Vice Chair Conley, Board Member Lokrantz, Board Member Birdsong, Board Member Coble, Board Member Kitch and Board Member Catania

IV. Council District Updates

N/A

V. Chair's Report

N/A

VI. Staff Updates

N/A

VII. Continued Matters

N/A

VIII. New Matters

VIII-A [ID 25-544](#) Review the updated Draft Tower District Design Guidelines and Standards

Consultant Taecker presented the updated draft of the residential portion of the Tower District Design Guidelines and Standards. The Committee reviewed each guideline and standard, making recommendations to modify some guidelines into standards. These changes included separating the language for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) and garages and to make the language more objective, reinforcing the language in Cladding Materials and Finishes (S4) to prohibit stucco over wood, converting architectural guidelines into standards, as well as addressing parking design, and façade design.

IX. Unscheduled Oral Communications

Birdsong noted that the Historic Preservation Association received approval from District 3 to paint the lamp posts green. Birdsong asked Staff if there is a point of contact to confirm the color of the lamp posts.

X. Adjournment

Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:10 pm.