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Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

5:30 PM

Regular Meeting

Meeting Room A (2165)

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Tony Molina, Chairman

Felipe Arballo, Vice Chairman

Susan Smith, Secretary

Joe Martinez, Member

Gene Richards, Member

Celeste Martinez, Member

Lucio Avila, Member

Josh Willis, Member

Melanie Ruvalcaba, Member

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee welcomes you to the Meeting Room A (2165), located in City Hall, 2nd Floor, 2600 Fresno Street, Fresno, California 93721.

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ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Molina at 05:35 pm.

Present 8 - Anthony Molina, Felipe Arballo, Susan Smith, Joe Martinez, Gene Richards, Celeste Martinez, Lucio Avila, and Melanie Ruvalcaba

Absent 1 - Josh Willis

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was discussed to have Scott Sehm or his designee discuss ongoing projects.

approved

Aye: 8 - Molina, Arballo, Smith, Martinez, Richards, Martinez, Avila and Ruvalcaba

Absent: 1 - Willis

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[ID19-11478](#) September 25, 2019 Minutes

Attachments: [September 25, 2019 BPAC Minutes - Google Docs.pdf](#)

The minutes were amended to correct typos and under item ID19-11337

Feasibility Study Update it was noted that Member Gene Richards objected to Trail C.

approved as amended

Aye: 8 - Molina, Arballo, Smith, Martinez, Richards, Martinez, Avila and Ruvalcaba

Absent: 1 - Willis

UNSCHEDULED COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. William Dominic shared that he has lived in Fresno for the last 28 to 29 years and has been a bike commuter for his entire adult life. He noted that he has experienced numerous episodes of harassment as a cyclist in the past. For instance, on Oct 21, 2019, between 6:30 am and 7:15 am, while on his commute to CRMC from the Cedar/Shepherd area, he was struck several times by paintballs fired from a passing vehicle. He stated that he was hit on two separate locations while on Fresno Street, first north of Shaw, and again between Ashlan and Dakota Avenues. He came to the BPAC to share his experience of cyclist harassment, and expressed that more ought to be done about bicycle education for motorists.

presented

Members of the public may address the BPAC regarding items that are not listed on the agenda. Each person is limited to a three (3) minute presentation. Anyone wishing to be placed on an agenda for a specified topic should contact the Traffic Operations and Planning Office at least seven (7) days prior to the desired date. BPAC action on unscheduled items, if any, shall be limited to referring the item to a future meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

[ID19-11479](#) Bike Safe Fresno - Bicycle Outreach Project Funded by TCC - Laura Gromis

Laura Gromis, US Green Building Council Central California (USGBC), gave a presentation on what their group will be doing in the process to identify and implement investments to transform Downtown, Chinatown and Southwest Fresno. This is part of the Transformative Climate Communities in Fresno - Transform Fresno. In October, 2017 final projects were chosen and one of the community engagement pieces is Bike Safe Fresno. It was

reported that USGBC is holding a bicycle education workshop on November 9, 2019 at Maxie Parks Community. The purpose is to increase bicycling and promote safe bicycle education. Laura would like to have BPAC volunteers and help in this workshop and future workshops.

presented

TASK FORCE REPORTS

No Task Force Reports.

MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

[ID19-11472](#) ATP Coordinator Position - G. Richards (15 mins)

Attachments: [ATP Coordinator Position - 10.14.2019.docx](#)

Member Gene Richards presented a proposal for a full time ATP Coordinator position. He advised that this would be an important conduit between BPAC and Public Works. Member Arballo and Member Molina would like to draft a job description to present. Public Works said October/November is when new positions are requested. An ad hoc Committee is proposed to work on a job description for the ATP Coordinator that would be comprised of members Joe Martinez, Anthony Molina, and Felipe Arballo.

Public Member, John Shelton, noted that while this seems to be a simple message it does not mean that it is not complex.

approved

Aye: 7 - Molina, Arballo, Smith, Martinez, Martinez, Avila and Ruvalcaba

Absent: 1 - Willis

Abstain: 1 - Richards

[ID19-11473](#) Fresno Opportunity Corridor - Gene Richards (5 minutes)

Attachments: [South Blackstone - FOC - DRIVE - 9-3-2019.docx](#)

Keith Bergthold gave a presentation on a drive initiative to expand the

Southern Blackstone Smart Mobility Plan that has already passed City Council. He noted that this plan already includes the following:

- 1. Blackstone Avenue south of Shields;*
- 2. West along Divisadero, south through Downtown Fresno encompassing development along both Van Ness Avenue and Fulton Street;*
- 3. West along Ventura/California Avenue into a proposed Southwest Fresno Corridor Loop down Fruit to Church, Church to Elm, and Elm back to Ventura; and*
- 4. A Southeast Fresno Corridor leg east from Van Ness along Ventura/Kings Canyon to Chestnut Avenue.*

The idea is request to directly request \$341 million dollars from the Governor's office for an 11 mile transit corridor in south and central Fresno that will foster healthier, more prosperous, sustainable and better-connected neighborhoods through infill, equity-based ETOD (Equitable Transit Oriented Development.) The design process would look at inclusion, racial inequality, and etc. There would be spots all along the route that would include low income housing. Per Mr. Bergthold, his would be a huge antidote to sprawl.

presented

[ID19-11475](#) Sharrows - A. Molina (5 mins)

At the August 28, 2019 BPAC meeting, a sharrows task force was created to create a sharrows policy implementation committee. They have not met yet, but would like to expand to include Tina Sumner, Nicholas Paladino, Joshua Willis and Laura Gromis.

presented

STAFF REPORTS

[ID19-11476](#) Systemic Safety Analysis Report (SSAR) - J. Gormley
(20 mins)

This is a city wide document that looks at all corridors for safety issues and should be completed by the end of Summer 2020. City Staff hope to get bigger and better grants based on safety solutions. This is the first time a

SSAR is being done and is a data driven process.

presented

[ID19-11477](#) PD Enforcement/Collision Report - R. Rendon, J. Belli
(10 mins)

Per Detective Rendon, distracted driving, DUI and speed are the top three reasons for collisions in our area. So far in 2019, there have 34 deaths from 33 traffic collisions that includes 15 pedestrian fatalities and 2 bicycle fatalities. Twelve of these fatal traffic collisions were DUI related. Detective Rendon reported that fatal traffic collisions are up 26% over 2018, and it was noted that the City of Fresno's last fatality was on October 6, 2019. Detective Rendon shared that on October 25th and 28th there will be a Ped/Bicycle Operations team will do an operation focusing on motorists/bicyclists and pedestrians that starts at noon.

presented

[ID19-11474](#) Workplan - J. Gormley (5 mins)

Attachments: [Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Work Plan.docx](#)

Jill Gromley presented the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Workplan, there was no comment from Committee members or the public.

presented

Zero Fatalities Task Force - J. Gormley (5 mins)

continued

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 07:35 pm.

The above minutes were approved by unanimous vote of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee during the December 4, 2020, regular meeting.