

BPAC Date of Meeting February 23rd

Call to Order at: The meeting was called to order by **Chairperson Phil Arballo** at 5:30 PM

Roll Call: Gabriel Lozano

District 1 Sean Zweifler

District 2 Matthew Woodard

District 3 Vacant

District 4 Laura Gromis

District 5 Gabriel Lozano

District 6 Steven Bradley

District 7 Brian Bird

Mayoral Phil Arballo

Mayoral Vacant

Quorum Met

STAFF

Jill Gormley, Andre Benelli

On motion to approve the agenda as is by: Sean Zweifler

and second the agenda by: Gabriel Lozano

February's agenda was approved, passed unanimously.

Chair Phil Arballo, "Requested that the vote of chair happen after the approval of the minutes.

Phil Arballo, has withdrawn his name for consideration for Chair of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee. On a unanimous vote, Laura Gromis from District 4 was elected the Board Chair for the year 2023.

On motion approve the minutes by Steven Bradley, seconded by Sean Zweifler and minutes were approved as is.

Unscheduled communication: "Members of the public have 3 minutes each to speak on what they want to comment on that is not on the agenda.

Anthony Molina, "Thank you, Phil, congratulations to Laura, and welcome to Brian. I like to mention there is a public meeting for Radio Park which is in District 7. It would be nice to get some comments on traffic volume and bike parking. **John Lu**, "I am part of the Fresno County Bicycle Coalition and one of focus areas is bicycle education. It is some that is now needed even more now to improve that people are riding their bikes in traffic safely. We have been working with Southern Sierra Cyclist to bring a League Cycling Instructor Seminar, (LCIS). It is a great opportunity and there is interest but there is a fee of 500 dollars which can be a barrier to some. A prerequisite for the LCIS is a Smart Cycling Class, (SCC). We will be offering classes March through April. We are trying to get the word that we are offering what is needed to take the LCIS and the prerequisites and some of that can be done virtually. **Erin Obwald**, "I am concerned that the traffic on Hidalgo turns right into the crosswalks. This is magnified not by the amount of schools and the volume of traffic those schools produce. **Gabriel Lozano**, "I will bring your concerns to the councilmember. " **Sean Zweifler**, "There is a trail being and there is

infrastructure that would bring safety interventions in. **Anthony Molina**, “FresnoUnified is working on a SafeRoutes to School Grant and I recommend that CalWalks do a community based bike audit and this could be a potential location for a grant application.

Presentations:

Brown Act Presentation - (Discussion) - 10 Minutes

Phil Arballo, “The PDF presentation has been in use for three years . Please see the first link for that presentation of the Brown Act & Advisory Boards with the presentation from Phil Arballo. The Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee has at least 3 new members who have not seen the presentation. **Matthew Woodard** requested that AB2449 be included in the presentation. The presentation begins at 18:45 to 38:25 The second link is a copy that you can print of the presentation.

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Safe2School Presentation - Safe2School Program Director, Erin Obwald

Erin Obwald, “Safe2School is a non profit that was established in2010. It promotes school safety that gives parents and the community a voice to have input in providing a safe passage to and from school, that builds a safer community. The presentation runs from 38:45 to 54:25, the literature distributed was in English, Spanish and Hmong. **Laura Gromis**, “What can other schools that are currently not working with you do? **Erin Obwald**, “It is a combination of things and usually comes from a request from the principal or vice-principal to the school district to use this program. Recruitment on our part includes at times two visits to schools to inventory what is being done and we suggest changes that would improve safety using uniformed training district wide. With limited staff and resources the program targets elementary schools but does address any school when requested. The residents, students that are volunteers and receive the same training. The efforts are to reach and maintain volunteers for Fresno Unified. We work with many agencies: The Police, Sheriffs and school staff and high school students. “””The first link is the presentation with narration from Erin OBwald from 38:45 to 54:25, The second is the link to print a hard copy.

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TASK FORCE REPORTS

MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Creation of Bike Month Committee 1,21:00 to 1,25:00 Matthew Woodard, “We are putting together the committee for Bike Month. We are organizing and putting the activities together. **Phil Arballo**, “A task force is only for the next 3 months and does not need to be an agenda item. The ones on the task force are **Matthew, Laura, Sean and Carla**.

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BPAC 101 Presentation) 1,25:20 to 1,31:00, Matthew Woodard, “This presentation gives meaning to what BPAC does and can be used as a presentation or part of a presentation for outreach or when questions are asked “Such as, what is BPAC? And can be used to orient new members. The presentation includes the Active Transportation Plan. In short the presentation is a condensed explanation of BPAC, what it is, what it’s done and who the current members are. Phil Arballo, “On the Bicycle Safety Awards Task Force are Phil, Steven, Gabe and Carla.

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STAFF REPORTS.

District 1 Sean Zweifler, 56.07 to 56:38, “Safety remains a concern for many reasons.

District 2 Matthew Woodard, included in member reports.

District 3 Vacant

District 4 Laura Gromis, 56:50 to 59:00 “I continue to work with Fresno State Transportation Institute and the sister City of Munster for the bike summit in October. The tentative date is 10.13.23 for the summit. There is also talk about an international study trip to Europe. Safety is also a concern as I was almost hit by a school.

District 5 Gabriel Lozano, 59:20 1,03:30 to “Safety is a concern for all in how they access the roads, sidewalks and parking lots, that includes bicycles, pedestrians, handicap scooters and vehicles that are used in the proper area and direction. Working on the Fancher Creek Trail Plan, public works and the consultant did a great job. We have received letters of support.

District 6 Steven Bradley, 1,03:30 to 1,05:00, “Lots of Fresno PD motorcycles have been working Friant for speeding and other infractions. I see that as a positive thing and that not so positive is that it is still very dangerous as by me almost killed on it.

Laura Gromis, “Please add your stories in California Walks, this tool could help us but we need to document our near misses so the data is collected. streetstories.berkeley.edu

District 7 Brian Bird, 1,06:30 to 1,19:00, “I am new with much to say but I have noticed there are no minimum three feet to pass signs in the City of Fresno. The public is not sure of what the sign that says, “Share the Road” means. Nick Palontino, “I agree it has a different meaning to everyone because the objective of the sign is not known among those that use the road. My opinion is that it is so overused that the general public is desensitized from it. There are other signs and lights interventions that would be better suited to use ” Matthew Woodard, “There have been other cities not because of overuse; some interventions were just placed in areas where the volume of traffic was just too much for the choice made. In those instances it should be addressed through infrastructure change and that requires funding. Nick Palontino, “Sharrotts are not appropriate for high speed roads.”

Mayoral Phil Arballo, 1,19:30 to 1,20:30 “Thank you for supporting me as chair for BPAC. I am proud of helping bring into existence the coordinator position and the Vision Zero success. I like to assist in the Nick Palontino Safety award program.

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Reminder Form 700 1,32:00 to C Gonzales, “Reminder that the form needs to be completed by 4.3.23 and if you have any questions you can email, Briana.Parra@fresno.gov. There are also training sessions available for those that are new or need help to fill it out. There are training sessions in March on 14, 21 and 28. For the ethics training you have to spend two hours in session to take it.

BPAC Charter 1,32:20 to 1,39.00 C. Gonzalez/L. Gromis, “We have been reviewing and keeping on going dialogue between us. The charter is in the attorney’s office and recommended going through a resolution. The reason being in the original charter there is change

from that version and the name Change of the Active Transportation Committee there needs to be a resolution and needs to be submitted to the city attorney's office for approval. It was recommended to specify how many members there were on the advisory committee. Gabriel Lozano, "Motion to specify in the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee Charter that there are 9 members. 2nd Steven Bradley. Six yes and 1 abstain. Motion passes. PD Enforcement & Collision Report J. Belli, 1,38.30 to 1,47:30 "January had 7 fatalities and all were pedestrians. Laura Gromis, "What approach is the Police Department taking to reduce these numbers?, J Belli, "We are reaching out to community partners such as the school districts, Poverello House and other organizations. We are trying to work with their clients and teach safety classes, distribute literature and promote use of the infrastructure properly."

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BPAC Work Plan 1,48:00 to 1,49:45 C. Gonzalez ``Due to some last minute changes I would have to wait till next month to update the work plan.

Grants Update J. Gormley, 1,49:46 to 1,54:30 "We have received the Reconnecting Communities Grant, The grant is to plan for a pedestrian overcrossing, the location is from Parkway into Roding Park. We have received the Safe Routes to School for the Vision Zero Grant. Audubon Corridor Plan J. Gormley, 1,55:00 to "The consultant has been hired and they are working on gathering Data. The first workshop is being scheduled and has been delayed once but it will happen soon. The public will be able to ask questions from the consultant, city staff. They'll be able to voice their concerns and interject what they would like to see. The consultant will use all of this outreach and combine it with what they research to develop some concepts. They'll present those to the public in workshops and accumulate the data from those workshops. The consultant is TJKM. ADJOURNMENT Motion to adjourn the meeting Sean Zweifler, 2nd Matthew Woodard.

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