

City of Fresno
Meeting Minutes - Draft Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee
October 23, 2019 5:30 PM Conference Room 2165 on the 2nd Floor

Call to Order

Chairperson Anthony Molina, MD called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. Welcome and introductions around the table.

Present: 7: Chairperson Anthony Molina MD, Secretary Susan Smith, Member Lucio Avila, Member Melanie Ruvalcaba, Member Gene Richards, Member Felipe Arballo, Member Joe Martinez

Absent: 1: Member Joshua Willis

Approval of the Agenda

As on ongoing permanent Agenda Topic it was discussed earlier in the year to have Scott Sehm or his designee discuss ongoing projects.

On motion of Member Susan Smith, seconded by Member Joe Martinez that the above Action Item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes

ID19-11478 Approval of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Minutes from September 25, 2019. Typo corrections were noted. Also on page 3 under ID19-11337 Feasibility Study Update it was noted that Member Gene Richards objected to Trail C.

On motion of Member Joe Martinez, seconded by Member Lucio Avila that the above Action Item be approved. The Motion carried by the following vote:

Unanimously approved.

Unscheduled Communications/Public Comments

Dr. William Dominic who 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 and had experienced numerous episodes of harassment as a cyclist in the past. 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 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.

Presentations

ID19-11479 Bike Safe Fresno - Bicycle Outreach Project Funded by TCC - Laura Gromis Laura Gromis representing the 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. One of the community engagement pieces is Bike Safe Fresno. USGBC is holding a bicycle education workshop on November 9, 2019 at Maxie Parks Community

Center. 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.

Member Reports and Comments

ID19-11472 ATP Coordinator Position

See handout. Gene Richards proposed a motion requesting a full time ATP Coordinator position. This would be an important conduit between Public Works and BPAC. F. Arballo and T. Molina would like to draft a job description to present in conjunction with the motion. Public Works Staff noted that October/November is when new positions are requested. John Shelton noted that while this seems to be a simple message it does not mean that it is not complex. An ad hoc committee is proposed to work on a job description for the ATP Coordinator. Joe Martinez, Anthony Molina and Felipe Arballo would comprise this committee. **Melanie Ruvalcaba motioned and Felipe Arballo seconded. Gene Richards abstained. Unanimous ayes passed.**

ID-11473 Fresno Opportunity Corridor/ Drive Initiative. See attachments. Keith Bergthold gave a presentation on a Drive Initiative to expand beyond the Southern Blackstone Smart Mobility Plan that has already passed the Council in Fresno, to include:

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 \$341 million dollars 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 TOD (Equitable Transit Oriented Development.) The design process would look at inclusion, racial inequality etc. There would be spots all along the route that would include low income housing. Per Keith this would be a huge antidote to sprawl.

ID-11475 Sharrows

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. Would like to expand to include Tina Sumner, Nicholas Paladino, Joshua Willis and Laura Gromis.

Staff Reports

ID-11476 Systemic Safety Analysis Report (SSAR)

This is a city-wide document that looks at all corridors for safety issues. It 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. It's a data driven process.

ID-11477 PD Enforcement/Collision Report

Per Detective Rendon distracted driving, DUI and speed are the top three reasons for collisions in our area. So far in 2019 there are 34 deaths from 33 collisions. There are 15 pedestrian fatalities, 2 bicycle fatalities. Of these 12 were DUI related. Up 26% over 2018. Fresno's last fatality was on October 6, 2019. Detective Rendon shared that on October 25th and 28th the Ped/Bicycle Operations team will do an operation focusing on motorists/bicyclists and pedestrians. It starts at noon.

ID-11474 Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Workplan. See attachment handed out by Jill Gormley.

Adjourned at 7:35 pm