

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

**Wednesday, January 22, 2020**

**5:30 PM**

**Meeting Room A (2165)**

**Regular Meeting**

**Call To Order**

*Chairperson Felipe Arballo called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.*

**Present** 5 - Chairperson Felipe Arballo; Vice Chair Melanie Ruvalcaba; Secretary Susan Smith; Member Joe Martinez; Member Gene Richards; Member Tony Molina; Member Lucio Avila

**Absent** 1 - Member Celeste Martinez

**Vacant** 1 - District 6

**Approval of Agenda**

Before accepting a motion to approve the agenda F. Arballo wanted to make changes to placement of items and add the Pledge of Allegiance to the start of the meetings. Move Board Officer Elections to after Unscheduled Communications and then do Staff Reports. *Joe Martinez motioned to approve and Gene Richards seconded. Unanimously approved. One no vote (Gene Richards).*

**Approval of Minutes**

*Joe Martinez motioned to approve the December 4, 2019 minutes. Lucio Avila seconded. Unanimously approved. No no votes.*

**Unscheduled Communications/Public Comment**

Laura Gromis from [www.usbgcc.org/green](http://www.usbgcc.org/green) shared a flyer for The Green Apple Video Competition. It has an April 17, 2020 deadline. The goal is to get kids involved in the active transportation discussion. All videos will be shown on April 25, 2020 at the Fresno Art Museum.

Matthew Woodward in looking at the safety video shown at Regal Theatre had the comment that the PSA should have been more specific. Video was too ambiguous.

**Board Officer Elections**

Tony shared the slate of 2020 BPAC Officers. Felipe Arballo Chair; Melanie Ruvalcaba Vice Chair; Susan Smith Secretary. *Joe Martinez motioned to accept the 2020 Officers; Lucio Avila seconded. Unanimously approved. One no vote (Gene Richards).*

**Staff Reports:**

**FPD Enforcement/Collision Report**

Officer Belli gave an FPD enforcement report. For 2019 there were 3 bike fatalities and 20 pedestrian fatalities. FPD conducted several enforcement operations in 2019 with two held specifically in October for Pedestrian Safety Month. Funded by the Office of Traffic Safety there will be four enforcement operations scheduled for 2020.

2020 already has one bike fatality (Bullard/Fresno Street) where both the bicyclist and motorists were potential DUI'S and one pedestrian fatality (Cedar/Shaw Avenue) where the pedestrian was at fault. FPD has created a hit and run unit specifically to help combat the high number of hit and runs in the City.

Discussion on enforcement of parking in bike lanes. Officer Belli said this would be handled by parking enforcement. FPD's main concern is safety first. Chairperson Arballo said BPAC should look at getting involved by perhaps having a prepared press statement. J. Gormley will check with the City's Communications Department to find out their opinion.

### **Bronze Level Bicycle Friendly Community Award**

Fresno awarded bronze again. City Staff will prepare bullet point presentation for City Council Meeting on January 30th. BPAC members should attend. See attached handout. City improved quite a bit over the previous time. Discussion noted the following: the City would improve if an ATP Coordinator position was implemented; good idea to look back specifically at the application to see where we improved to provide talking points with our Council members; the City needs to continue the buildout of our bike network especially in underserved portions of the City and money for trails should come from the City and not just grants.

### **Work Plan**

City Staff is updating the work plan monthly. See handout. Discussion on BPAC budget which is actually Public Works money. For February we need to come back with ideas for how to spend this.

### **Member Reports and Comments:**

#### **City of Fresno - BPAC Safety PSA - NCM Post Report**

See email handout. T. Molina gave an overview regarding how many times over nine weeks the BPAC website was checked out - 2,921. Tony would like us to check out our website again and bring back ideas for how it might be updated. Ryan Ivanoff, the account manager who worked on the PSA mentioned the BPAC should consider signage, tabling information, pencils, flyers, literature etc. L. Gromis encouraged BPAC to think bigger...have a business promote a bike day to promote bicycling.

#### **Love to Ride Presentation**

S.Smith downloaded the Love to Ride phone app but felt the appeal of the League of American Bicyclists sponsored organization would not fit Fresno yet. Seems to be well endorsed though by European cities. Persons would need to have a smartphone to get involved.

### **New District 6 BPAC Vacancy**

J. Willis has resigned his position due to family obligations.

G. Richards voiced his objection to the change of the meeting room from fourth floor conference room to second floor meeting room.

T. Molina met with his Councilperson Karbassi and found out that a resolution, sponsored by District 4 Councilperson Caprioglio and District 5 Councilperson Luis Chavez, to adopt safer sidewalks to schools passed. A work session will start within ninety days. F. Arballo will write a Thank You letter to express thanks to the Council for passing this resolution.

In August 2019 a standing Policy Implementation Committee was created but T. Molina asked that this be rescinded and a Standards Review Task Force be created instead. More than sharrows will be reviewed. *T. Molina motioned to rescind the Policy Implementation Committee and to create a Standards Review Task Force. S. Smith seconded. Unanimously approved. One no vote (G. Richards).*

Standards Review Committee Task Force will meet on Friday, January 31st. Public Works sent out four standards that will be reviewed.

J. Martinez shared that Tony Dang is stepping down from CalWalks. The interim director will be Esther Rivera.

**Meeting Adjourned:** On the motion of J. Martinez, seconded by M. Ruvalcaba the meet was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.