

City of Fresno

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Thursday, June 19, 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 5:30 pm and initiated roll call.

Also present were Long-Range Planning Staff Jennifer Clark, Maya Mubarak, Michelle Zumwalt, and Preston Her.

Present 6 - Chairperson Christopher Johnson, Vice Chair Janay Conley, Board Member Annie Lokrantz, Board Member Myra Coble, Board Member James Kitch, and Board Member Joseph Catania

Absent 1 - Board Member Michael Birdsong

II. Approve Agenda

On motion of Vice Chair Conley, seconded by Board Member Lokrantz, the ITEM was APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chairperson Johnson, Vice Chair Conley, Board Member Lokrantz, Board Member Coble, Board Member Kitch and Board Member Catania

Absent: 1 - Board Member Birdsong

III. Approve Meeting Minutes

III-A [ID 25-848](#) May 15, 2025, Tower District Specific Plan Implementation Committee Meeting Minutes

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

Aye: 6 - Chairperson Johnson, Vice Chair Conley, Board Member Lokrantz, Board Member Coble, Board Member Kitch and Board Member Catania

Absent: 1 - Board Member Birdsong

IV. Council District Updates

N/A

V. Chair's Report

Johnson spoke about the recently adopted vacant building ordinance recently passed by council.

VI. Staff Updates

Clark mentioned that at the July meeting, the Design Guidelines will include a chapter dedicated to architectural styles.

VII. Continued Matters

N/A

VIII. New Matters

VIII-A [ID 25-846](#) Tower District Specific Plan June 2025 Draft

Clark spoke about the reshaping of the Tower District Specific Plan draft including narrative changes and emphasis on the Health and Equity Framework. The Draft is scheduled for final comments along with the release of the EIR for August later this summer. New maps have been added to the document, along with an implementation chapter that outlines how the Plan will be executed in the future. The Tower Entertainment District is on a separate timeline, but assured that staff is still working on it.

VIII-B [ID 25-889](#) Discussion on the color of paint that the Historic Preservation Association should use for the lamp post.

Catania summarized the discussion of the Tower District Historic Lamp post colors. There has been serious discussion regarding where and what colors should be used in regards to consistency and defining areas. Further painting has been postponed until the fall. Further community discussions will be conducted by Council Member Perea's office.

IX. Unscheduled Oral Communications

Member of the public commented on their preference for the green lamp post over the black lamp posts, stating that green creates a more historical feeling. They also inquired about the boundaries of the Tower District Area.

X. Adjournment

Johnson adjourned the meeting at 6:20pm