



Wednesday, March 11, 2015 - 7:00pm
830 W. Olive Ave. Merced, CA

Minutes For March General Meeting

Present:

Dwight (Mills) Ewing
Madison Toel
Lisa Kayser-Grant
Hannah Ewing
Ivan Prado

Nathan Ewing
Aidan Brown
Von Goodin
Marty Thompson

Agenda:

- I. Call to order
- II. Minutes from February
- III. Treasurer's Report
- IV. General Discussion
 - a. Bicycle Advisory commission updates.
 - b. Scheduled outings for the MBC
 - c. Community ride with the Merced City Planner, route proposals
 - d. All Merced Road Ride: May 3rd - Volunteers needed!
 - e. May 1st Bike to Work and School Day! Volunteers for MBC energizer station needed.
- V. Announcements.
 - a. Comments and suggestions
- VI. Adjournment.

Meeting Discussion:

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:08PM**
- II. Minutes from February meeting.**
 - i. Justin moves, Madison seconds, minutes approved.
- III. Treasurer absent, report to come.**
 - i. Justin and Lisa discussed and would like it to be know that they are considering formally (with contractual agreement) loaning the coalition money. However, they are encouraging membership in order to float expenses of the coalition and would like the loan considered as last resort.
- IV. General Discussion:**
 - a. Bicycle Advisory commission updates.
 - i. Lisa noted that more needs to be done to encourage community members to register their bikes with the police department in order for this system to be affective.

- ii. There was discussion of the “Bellevue Corridor” and how it is currently unsafe for cyclist considering the speed limit . The County needs to be contacted in regards to lowering the speed limit, as well as the MCAG.
- iii. Justin wanted to note that a current development project will block off the G St. and M St. underpasses for bicycles and pedestrians, presenting yet another local safety hazard for cyclists.

b. Scheduled Outings for the MBC

- i. March 14th – MBC rides with Fresno Coalition: 4927 Shepherd Ave. Clovis, CA 93619.
- ii. 1. Ride start time 10:00am.
- iii. April 11th – Yosemite: Riding at 9AM from Curry Village Parking lot. Caravan to leave from Merced Raley’s shopping center parking lot at 7am.
 - 1. Madison brought up point to advertise for this more heavily. She volunteered to put up signs at local businesses.
- iv. Community ride with the Merced City Planner, route proposals.
 - 1. Director of Planning Services wants to have community ride (10 miles).
 - 2. Routes were suggested to Aidan for presentation to the City Planner: Canal St. was suggested as a “bad” showcase, not dangerous but terrible road conditions. Lisa suggested to give free helmets to the first 30 in attendance.
 - 3. The start of the ride was suggested to be in Bob Hart square rather than Coffee Bandits, in order to accommodate size.
 - 4. The city was asked to provide a porto-potty.
 - 5. Include age limit on flyers and marketing.
 - 6. Marketing needs to happen ASAP
 - 7. The “Fix-it” clinic was decided against, but the wheel with table will still be on display at the start of the rides.
 - 8. May 1st set as tentative date for director’s ride.
 - 9. “Director Challenge Ride” was decided upon for bureaucrats and misc. members (not for general community, as it showcases quite a bit of the “bad” areas to ride).

V. Announcements

- a. Watch a sweet (short) cycling video.
- b. Comments and Suggestions.
 - 1. Special thanks to Dr. Von Goodin for allowing us to use his office space for meetings.

ii. Earth Day, Wednesday, April 22nd. GVHC needs volunteers for its Earth Day events (April 24th?), 9AM-4PM (Lisa said she could make this happen – thank you Lisa!)

c. Adjournment

i. Meeting adjourned at 8:29PM