



Merced Bicycle Coalition General Meeting  
Wednesday, July 8 2015, 7:00PM  
Location:  
830 W Olive Ave, Merced, Merced CA

### **Minutes for July General Meeting**

#### **Present:**

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

#### **Agenda:**

- I.** Call to order
- II.** Minutes from May and June
- III.** Treasurer's Report
- IV.** General Discussion
  - a. Bicycle Advisory commission updates.
  - b. July 11<sup>th</sup>: Ride Swim and Picnic Pool Party
  - c. Scheduled outings for the MBC
- V.** Announcements of Upcoming Events and Rides
  - a. August 8<sup>th</sup>: San Francisco (Ride the Golden Gate)
  - b. September 12<sup>th</sup>: Sacramento (Ride on the AWESOME American River Trail)
  - c. October 3<sup>rd</sup>: Community Ride with the Fresno Bicycle Coalition in Merced.
  - d. Community ride with the Merced City Planner, route proposals
- VI.** Adjournment.

#### **Meeting Discussion:**

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:08PM**
- II. Minutes from May and June meetings.**

i. Forthcoming at next meeting, as Secretary was absent for these meetings.

**III. Treasurer's Report**

- a. The MBC current account balance is \$1408.91.
- b. The membership packets as proposed by Justin were approved; Justin and Lisa to finalize the packets.
- c. Lisa noted that the budget and treasury is important as 501(c)3 status requires certain parameters to be followed. She has all of these contingencies together and will be happy to impart them to the new treasurer when appointed.

**IV. General Discussion:**

- a. Bicycle Advisory commission updates.
  - i. Lisa volunteered for "bicycles-off-sidewalk" campaign.
  - ii. DNA (the Downtown Neighborhoods Association) has suggested it would be nice to have an open-to-the-public DNA ride. Lisa proposed this be started at the Laura Fountain in Applegate Park.
  - iii. Lisa noted the city website has accident statistics of bicyclists and pedestrians available to the public. (She made special note that broadside accidents are a large contributor to injuries, and these are often caused by sidewalk-riding).
  - iv. The city Director would like to have another ride in April, 2016, we need to keep this in our sight-line for planning and route brainstorming.
- b. Ride, Swim, Picninc Pool Party
  - i. July 18<sup>th</sup> suggested as new date for this event, no consensus met.
- c. San Francisco Ride, August 8<sup>th</sup>
  - i. To begin at Embarcadero's West Side, all details can be found on the website or by contacting the MBC.

**V. Announcements of Upcoming Events and Rides**

- a. August 8<sup>th</sup>: San Francisco Ride (Ride the Golden Gate).
- b. September 12<sup>th</sup>: Sacramento-Ride on the AWESOME American River Trail.
- c. October 3: Community Ride with the Fresno Bicycle Coalition here in Merced.

- d. Justin would like it noted that we were not involved with welcome week at UC Merced because of the timing
- e. Justin suggested a goat head removal ride in 2016 to help thwart some of this nasty weeds tire-devastating-effects. He cautioned everyone to ride at least 6 inches from the shoulder to prevent flats.
- f. Lisa would like everyone aware that the Alternative Planning Strategy Steering Committee (under MCAG) meets every Friday from 10am-12pm, the next being July 10<sup>th</sup>.

**b. Adjournment**

- i. Meeting adjourned at 7:58PM