



Citizens Advisory Committee MINUTES

DATE

Friday, July 2, 2021

The regular meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee held Friday, July 2, 2021, at the MCAG Office, Front Conference Room, 369 W. 18th Street, Merced, CA 95340 and via webinar/teleconference was called to order by Chair Shane Smith at 8:34 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jose Delgadillo, Citizen at Large
Rene Gutierrez, Citizen at Large
Roscoe (Jack) Jackson, Citizen-at-Large
Mike Jensen, Water/Irrigation
Jean Okuye, Agriculture
Shane Smith, Citizen at Large, Chair
Ursula Stock, Citizen at Large, Vice Chair
Michelle Symes-Thiara, Education
Yamilet Valladolid, Healthcare
Paul Villarreal, Goods Movement
Paul Ward, Commerce/Finance

STAFF PRESENT

Nav Bagri, Finance Director
Christine Chavez, Transit Manager
Blake Dunford, Assistant Planner
Matt Fell, Deputy Director - Planning
Alicia Ochoa-Jones, Purchasing and Contracts Manager
Mary-Michal Rawling, Public Affairs Manager
Skyler Summers, Assistant Transit Manager
Joy Young, Administrative Assistant II

MEMBERS ABSENT

Michael Beltran, Engineering
Bryan Kroeger, Construction
Brian Pena, Small Business
Patricia Ramos-Anderson, Economic Development
Jaswinder Singh, Real Estate
Vacant, Student

OTHERS PRESENT

None

*Arrived after roll call

1. Call to order/roll call

At this time, Chair Shane Smith called the meeting to order and instructed that the roll call for attendance be taken. It was determined that a quorum was present.

2. Public comment

None.

3. Information items:

a. Merced County Association of Governments

- i. CAC highlights of the June 4, 2021 meeting
- ii. Sign-up sheet for CAC representative to the MCAG Governing Board meetings – 2021
- iii. CAC calendar – 2021
- iv. CAC attendance roster – 2021
- v. Calendar of meetings, conferences, and events
- vi. Minutes of the June 17, 2021 MCAG Governing Board meeting
- vii. MCAG newsletter – July 2021
- viii. FY20/21 Quarter 4 Governing Board Summary
- ix. Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Exchange with San Joaquin Council of Governments
- x. Dibs Quarterly Report – January to March 2021
- xi. RAISE Grant Letter of support – Atwater Merced Expressway

b. Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County

- i. None.

Jose Delgadillo, Chair Shane Smith, and Paul Ward volunteered as CAC representatives at the MCAG Governing Board meetings for July, August, and September 2021.

Chair Shane Smith noted that Brian Pena has not been in attendance yet this year and suggested a letter to be sent out asking if he is still interested in serving on the Citizens Advisory Committee.

4. Consent calendar:

a. Merced County Association of Governments

- i. Approve the minutes of the June 4, 2021 Citizens Advisory Committee meeting

b. Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County

- i. Approve Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County Surplus Property Policy amendment

Jean Okuye moved to approve the consent calendar.

Seconded by Jack Jackson.

Roll call vote:

AYES: Jose Delgadillo, Rene Gutierrez, Jack Jackson, Mike Jensen, Jean Okuye, Shane Smith, Ursula Stock, Michelle Symes-Thiara, Yamilet Valladolid, Paul Villarreal Jr., Paul Ward

NOES: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item 4a ii was removed from the consent calendar for discussion and separate consideration.

- ii. Approve Air Quality Conformity Analysis

Blake Dunford gave a detailed report on the Air Quality Conformity Analysis.

Jean Okuye moved to recommend the MCAG Governing Board adopt the updated 2021 Air Quality Conformity Analysis.

Seconded by Paul Villarreal Jr.

Roll call vote:

AYES: Jose Delgadillo, Rene Gutierrez, Jack Jackson, Mike Jensen, Jean Okuye, Shane Smith, Ursula Stock, Michelle Symes-Thiara, Yamilet Valladolid, Paul Villarreal Jr., Paul Ward

NOES: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MERCED COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

5. Action items:

- a. Approve Local Transportation Fund Apportionment for Fiscal Year 2021/22

Blake Dunford summarized the request to approve the Local Transportation Fund apportionment for Fiscal Year 2021/22.

Jose Delgadillo moved to recommend the MCAG Governing Board adopt Resolution 2021/07-15-01 approving the Local Transportation Fund apportionment schedule for Fiscal Year 2021/22.

Seconded by Paul Ward.

Roll call vote:

AYES: Jose Delgadillo, Rene Gutierrez, Jack Jackson, Mike Jensen, Jean Okuye, Shane Smith, Ursula Stock, Michelle Symes-Thiara, Yamilet Valladolid, Paul Villarreal Jr., Paul Ward

NOES: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- b. Appoint City representative(s) to the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District Citizens Advisory Committee

Mary-Michal Rawling summarized the request for a volunteer from the committee to serve as the City representative to the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District Citizens Advisory Committee.

After a lengthy discussion, Chair Shane Smith moved to table this item to next month and asked staff to:

- a. Find out if mileage will be reimbursed; and
- b. Find out what options if any, will be offered for virtual meeting attendance.

Seconded by Jose Delgadillo.

Roll call vote:

AYES: Jose Delgadillo, Rene Gutierrez, Jack Jackson, Mike Jensen, Jean Okuye, Shane Smith, Ursula Stock, Michelle Symes-Thiara, Yamilet Valladolid, Paul Villarreal Jr., Paul Ward

NOES: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. Discussion items:

- a. Transportation Planning and Measure V update

So noted.

TRANSIT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY FOR MERCED COUNTY

7. Action items:

None.

8. Discussion items:

- a. Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County monthly update:

So noted.

- b. Purchasing three 35' – 40' Battery Electric Buses

Christine Chavez updated the committee on the request that will be made for authorization to purchase three 35' – 40' battery electric buses to be funded by the previously awarded Transit Intercity Rail Capital Program grant.

11. Announcements

Chair Shane Smith submitted a letter of support for the Atwater Merced Expressway project on behalf of the Citizens Advisory Committee.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 9:46 a.m.