



Blight Abatement Advisory Committee
March 16, 2022, 11:00AM-12:00PM, via Zoom

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order: Vice Chairperson Maria Hernandez called the meeting to order at 11:05 AM. Deputy City Manager Scotty Douglass announced that Chairperson Lynn Dickerson resigned the Committee and that Vice Chairperson Maria would be standing in until new members could be appointed and a chairperson elected.
- II. Roll Call
 - a. Committee Members Present: Wayne Bridegroom, Maria Hernandez, Kathleen Munoz, David Wright
 - b. Committee Members Absent: Sarah Kashefi, Mike Kelly, Chris Guptill, Emil Mozaffari
- III. Declaration of Conflict of Interest
 - a. None
- IV. Public Comment Period
 - a. None
- V. Consent Items
 - a. The approval of minutes was delayed in the absence of a quorum.
- VI. Old Business
 - a. Consider a Blight Abatement Program tagline and recommend adoption by City Council in support of the 2020-2025 Blight Abatement Strategy
 - i. Vote for recommendation was tabled in the absence of a quorum.
- VII. New Business
 - a. None
- VIII. Committee Comments and Reports
 - a. Wayne Bridegroom recommended that the Committee consider a Love Modesto project for April 30, 2022. Discussion will continue at the next meeting.
 - b. Councilmember David Wright noted the clean-up work on Briggsmore Avenue from Sisk to Claus was completed recently and commended the Committee on their support of the project, the City Parks and Recreation Department for their leadership, and Grover for their work.

- IX. City of Modesto Comments and Reports
 - a. Clean California Local Grant Program Update
 - i. Solid Waste Administrative Technician Myriah Hill informed the Committee that the City's application for Clean California Local Grant Program was not approved, but that the City is exploring other funding sources for the two projects proposed. The City is collaborating with CalTrans to host "community dump days" funded through non-competitive Clean California funding, with the first anticipated event in June 2022.
 - ii. Housing and Urban Development Supervisor Edgar Garcia informed the Committee that the City has allocated \$750,000 in America Rescue Plan Act funding to fund a blight abatement program. The program will employ two staff members and required equipment for immediate abatement of illegal dumping, fund a homeowner rehabilitation plan, purchase cameras to deter dumping, fund outreach and education related to the Blight Abatement Strategy, and allow the Committee to select up to \$50,000 in public beautification projects to recommend to City Council.

- X. Matters Too Late for the Agenda
 - a. Maria proposed setting the date for the next meeting, suggesting April 6, 2022 at 11:00 AM. No conflicts were presented and the Committee agreed to that date.

- XI. Adjournment: Maria adjourned the meeting at 11:34 AM.