



**Blight Abatement Advisory Committee**  
**June 9, 2021, 12:00-1:00PM, via Zoom**

**MINUTES**

- I. Call to Order: Scotty Douglass, City of Modesto Deputy City Manager, called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM.
- II. Roll Call
  - a. Committee Members Present: Wayne Bridegroom, Lynn Dickerson, Chris Guptill, Maria Hernandez, Mike Kelly, Emil Mozaffari, Kathleen Munoz
  - b. Committee Members Absent: Sarah Kashefi
- III. Declaration of Conflict of Interest
  - a. Jose Sanchez, City of Modesto City Attorney, explained the reason for a declaration of conflict of interest and encouraged committee members to contact the City to determine if a potential conflict needs further action.
- IV. Public Comment Period
  - a. Scotty Douglass explained the purpose of a public comment period and opened the floor to public comment; no members of the public made comments.
- V. Consent Items
  - a. None
- VI. Old Business
  - a. None
- VII. New Business
  - a. Introductions
    - i. Scotty Douglass stated the objectives of the committee: to advise the City Council on blight issues, to encourage public and private partnerships in tackling blight, to involve the public in action, and to provide a long-term, lasting foundation for blight programs in the community.
    - ii. Committee members introduced themselves with personal histories and their reasons for joining the committee.
    - iii. City staff and members of the public introduced themselves to the committee.
  - b. Discuss Committee Decorum, Rules of Order, Bylaws

- i. Scotty Douglass and Jose Sanchez presented an overview of the bylaws and of the requirements for committee members regarding the Brown Act to protect the transparency of public committees. Committee members were requested to read the bylaws to familiarize themselves with its rules and regulations.
    - c. Discuss Future Agenda Items and Meeting Frequency
      - i. Overview of Blight Abatement Strategy and Existing City Programs
        - 1. Future meetings will include information on the existing City programs with presentations from relevant staff members. Scotty Douglass requested that committee members review the Blight Abatement Strategy provided before the next meeting.
      - ii. Elect Chairperson and Vice Chairperson
        - 1. Election of chairperson and vice chairperson will be conducted in the next meeting. Scotty Douglass requested that committee members consider the responsibility of the positions and if they would like to be considered.
      - iii. Discuss Program Slogan
        - 1. In the coming meetings, the committee will advise on and create a program slogan. Scotty Douglass requested that committee members come prepared with ideas following the City's presentations on existing programs.
    - d. Establish Meeting Frequency
      - i. Scotty Douglass stated that the bylaws require at least quarterly meetings but opened the floor to discussion. Committee members agreed to monthly meetings for at least the first four months. The specific schedule of the next meeting will be established through email by City staff.
- VIII. Committee Comments and Reports
  - a. The floor was opened for comments from committee members, who stated their eagerness to begin blight abatement work, their commitment to community projects, and specific issues that they cared about throughout Modesto. No official action was taken.
- IX. Matters Too Late for the Agenda
  - a. None
- X. Adjournment: Scotty Douglass adjourned the meeting at 1:05 PM.