

City of Fresno

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Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 1, 2022

5:30 PM

Regular Meeting

In Person and/or Electronic

Parks, Recreation, and Arts Commission

Chair – Kimberly McCoy

Vice Chair – Jon Dohlin

Commissioner – Maiyer Vang

Commissioner – Dr. Francine Oputa

Commissioner – Scott Miller

Commissioner – Mona Nyandoro Cummings

Commissioner – Harman Singh

Commissioner – Jose Leon Barraza

Commissioner – Sarah Parkes

1. Call to Order

Chair McCoy called the meeting to order at 5:35 P.M.

2. 5:30 P.M. Roll Call

Commissioner Vang, Commissioner Oputa, Commissioner Parkes, and Commissioner Singh was absent during roll call.

Present 8 - Chair Kimberly McCoy, Vice Chair Jon Dohlin, Commissioner Maiyer Vang, Commissioner Francine Oputa, Commissioner Scott Miller, Commissioner Mona Cummings, Commissioner Harman Singh, and Commissioner Jose Barraza

Absent 1 - Commissioner Sarah Parkes

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair McCoy.

4. Approve Agenda

Commissioner Vang joined the meeting at 5:37 P.M.

On motion of Commissioner Vang, seconded by Vice Chair Dohlin, the Agenda was APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chair McCoy, Vice Chair Dohlin, Commissioner Vang, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Cummings and Commissioner Barraza

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Oputa, Commissioner Singh and Commissioner Parkes

5. Approval of Minutes

5-A. [ID 22-1241](#) Approval of Minutes for July 11, 2022, Regular Meeting and July 18, 2022, Regular Meeting.

On motion of Commissioner Vang, seconded by Commissioner Cummings, that the Minutes be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chair McCoy, Vice Chair Dohlin, Commissioner Vang, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Cummings and Commissioner Barraza

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Oputa, Commissioner Singh and
Commissioner Parkes

6. Discussion: Subcommittee Reports:

a. Cultural Arts Plan:

b. Parks Master Plan:

c. Outreach Committee:

Commissioner Vang stated the Cultural Arts Subcommittee would provide an update on the Cultural Arts Plan during the August 15, 2022, meeting.

Commissioner Barraza announced the Parks Master Plan Subcommittee received an update from City staff on current and future projects. He noted several projects would be started between August and April and were scheduled to be completed before adoption of the next City budget. He was also interested in learning about the community input process and how it would relate to the Arts Master Plan.

Chair McCoy announced the Outreach Subcommittee would meet on August 2, 2022, to begin developing an outreach plan. An update would be provided during the August 15, 2022, meeting.

7. Members Reports and Comments

Commissioner Barraza discussed public reports concerning projects funded with Measure P which the Parks, Recreation, and Arts Commission had not reviewed in detail. The Commissioner was excited to learn the Master Plan process would be incorporating greater community involvement in all aspects of projects that could be funded by Measure P. He cited the development as an example of better dialogue with the Commission.

Commissioner Cummings shared concerns with the Commission not being completely informed of all Measure P projects. When the Commission is aware of upcoming projects it enables the Commissioners to speak intelligently to the public on the subject matter.

Chair McCoy agreed with Commissioner Barraza and Cummings regarding the lack of communication between the City and the Commission on

upcoming projects.

Commissioner Vang recognized Sr. Management Analyst Soliz for her efforts in keeping the Commissioners updated on Cultural Arts Plan developments.

8. City Administration and PARCS Staff Reports and Comments

Commissioner Oputa joined the meeting at 5:47 P.M.

PARCS Director Aguirre announced the purchase of a building on Blackstone Avenue north of Ashlan Avenue, for a dedicated Senior Center. There was a ceremonial groundbreaking for a new park at Van Ness and Weldon Avenues the previous Friday. He also reported there were two weeks left for Camp Fresno sessions and noted that 61 children left for the camp earlier in the day.

Assistant Director Ramirez pointed out that the title for the standing hearing item had changed to include the Parks Master Plan and the Cultural Arts Plan. She also noted the August 15, 2022, meeting would include an update, as requested by Commissioner Singh, regarding items funded in the FY 2023 budget. Additionally, that same meeting would include an update on the Cultural Arts Plan. Finally, the Commissioners were told to expect a communication regarding opportunities to interact with the Cultural Arts Plan consultant, NCAP.

9. Unscheduled Communication: Members of the public may address the Commission regarding items that are not listed on the agenda and within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. Each person will have up to three (3) minutes to present.

Commissioner Singh joined the meeting at 5:51 P.M.

Upon call, the following members of the public addressed the commission: Brandi Nuse-Villegas and Lisa Flores.

10. Workshops:

There were no Workshop items on

11. Discussion Items:

12. Hearings:

- 12-A. [ID 22-1242](#) Hearing - Receive public input on allocations related to Measure P, updates to the Parks Master Plan and Cultural Arts Plan, and annual PARCS Department Budget and Capital Improvement Plans. (PARCS)

*Upon call, the following members of the public addressed the Commission:
Brandi Nuse-Villegas, Lisa Flores, and Pedro Navarro Cruz.*

- 12-B. [ID 22-1247](#) HEARING - Actions Pertaining the Parks, Recreation and Art Commission's Meetings for FY 23. 1. Discuss - virtual, hybrid, and in person meetings for future meetings. 2. Discuss - Updating the meeting schedule for FY 23 PRAC. 3. Action - Adopt meeting schedule for FY 23.

PARCS Assistant Director Ramirez introduced the item. She discussed the frequency of the meetings and suggested finding a balance that would accommodate the slow periods while allowing adequate opportunities for public input. Additionally, she discussed the use of virtual and in-person meetings for any revisions to the current meeting schedule.

*Upon call, the following member of the public addressed the Commission:
Lisa Flores, Brandi Nuse-Villegas, and Pedro Navarro Cruz.*

It was the consensus of the Commission to keep a hybrid meeting format with meetings on the first and third Monday of every month, at 5:30 P.M.

On motion of Commissioner Oputa, seconded by Vice Chair Dohlin, to continue a 5:30 P.M., hybrid meeting format with meetings on the first and third Monday of every month, with adjustments for holidays. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Chair McCoy, Vice Chair Dohlin, Commissioner Vang, Commissioner Oputa, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Cummings, Commissioner Singh and Commissioner Barraza

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Parkes

13. Adjournment

The Parks, Recreation, and Arts Commission adjourned at 6:34 P.M.

