



City of Fresno

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Meeting Minutes

Parks, Recreation, and Arts Commission

Chair - Kimberly McCoy

Vice Chair – Jon Dohlin

Commissioner - Christina Soto

Commissioner - Harman Singh

Commissioner - Jose Leon Barraza

Commissioner - Kelly Kucharski

Commissioner - Laura Ward

Commissioner - Mona Nyandoro Cummings

Commissioner - Scott Miller

Monday, June 17, 2024

5:30 PM

Council Chambers (In
Person and/or Electronic)
<https://www.fresno.gov/prac>
-meeting/

Regular Meeting

1. Call to Order

Chair McCoy called the meeting to order at 5:33 P.M.

2. 5:33 P.M. Roll Call

Commissioner Singh joined the meeting at 5:35 P.M. Commissioner Kucharski joined the meeting at 5:39 P.M.

Present 8 - Chair Kimberly McCoy, Vice Chair Jon Dohlin, Commissioner Kelly Kucharski, Commissioner Scott Miller, Commissioner Harman Singh, Commissioner Jose Barraza, Commissioner Laura E. Ward, and Commissioner Christina Soto

Absent 1 - Commissioner Mona Cummings

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair McCoy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approve Agenda

Secretary Stermer announced item 5-A (ID 24-744) regarding approval of

the minutes, had been removed from the agenda and would return for the next regular meeting.

On motion of Vice Chair Dohlin, seconded by Commissioner Miller, the agenda was APPROVED AS AMENDED by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Chair McCoy, Vice Chair Dohlin, Commissioner Kucharski, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Singh, Commissioner Barraza, Commissioner Ward and Commissioner Soto

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Cummings

5. Approval of Minutes

- 5.-A.** [ID 24-744](#) Approval of the regular meeting minutes of May 20, 2024, and the special meeting minutes of May 29, 2024.

The above item was removed from the agenda by staff and tabled to the next regular meeting.

TABLED

6. Discussion: Subcommittee Reports:

6-A. Cultural Arts Plan:

Commissioner Ward reported the Cultural Arts Plan Subcommittee had reviewed the art grant appeals and were ready to discuss them at a future meeting. PARCS Director Aguirre clarified that a procedural issue with the expanded arts and culture grant program had been discovered and the legal department advised the cure should be worked on prior to hearing the appeals.

6-B. Parks Master Plan:

Commissioner Barraza reported that the draft Parks Master Plan had not yet been received. Staff informed him the plan should be ready for the July 15, 2024, meeting.

6-C. Highest Needs Neighborhoods:

Commissioner Soto announced the subcommittee would be working with WRT Consulting on the highest needs update. Public input would be collected in July and reviewed the following two months before being presented to the subcommittee in September.

6-D. San Joaquin River Parkway:

Chair McCoy announced the San Joaquin River Parkway subcommittee had not yet convened.

7. Members Reports and Comments

Commissioner Barraza stated he was looking forward to the discussion about the potential special meeting.

Vice Chair Dohlin commented on the limited attendance at public workshops and requested the Commissioners let the City of Fresno know when there are special events in which informational booths could be set up.

Chair McCoy announced a youth event with food and entertainment at West Side Church of Christ on June 29 and encouraged people to attend the free event.

8. City Administration and PARCS Staff Reports and Comments

PARCS Director Aguirre announced (a) Camp Fresno opened the previous week and hundreds of campers had signed up for the program; (b) free swim lessons had also begun with more than 900 people signed up for session one, and; (c) recreational swimming was now available at all city facilities.

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.

Upon call, the following members of the public addressed the Commission with unscheduled communication: Jose Luis Barraza, Elliott Balch and Chermaly Keodra.

10. Workshops:

11. Discussion Items:

11.-A. [ID 24-864](#) Discussion regarding potential dates for a special meeting. (Chairperson McCoy)

Commission discussion on this item included whether detailed information regarding the arts grants would be available prior to a special meeting if

scheduled for July 1, 2024.

Vice Chair Dohlin motioned to hold a special PRAC meeting on July 1, 2024 at 5:30 P.M. Commissioner Barraza seconded the motion which PASSED 8-0 by the following vote:

*AYE (8): Barraza, Kucharski, Miller, Singh, Soto, Ward, Dohlin, McCoy
No (0): -*

12. Hearings:

- 12.-A. [ID 24-745](#)** 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.

The above hearing was called to order at 5:53 P.M.

*Upon call, the following member of the public addressed the Commission:
Sara Topete-Gonzales.*

The public comment portion of the hearing was closed at 5:56 P.M.

The Commission briefly discussed the dimension of a multipurpose court capable facilitating bike-polo.

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:57 P.M. in memory of Dr. Francine Oputa.