



# 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*

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**Monday, May 20, 2024**

**5:30 PM**

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

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### Regular Meeting

The Parks, Recreation and Arts Commission (PRAC) met in regular session in the Council Chamber at Fresno City Hall on the date and time above written.

**1. Call to Order**

*Chair McCoy called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.*

**2. 5:30 P.M. Roll Call**

*Commissioner Kucharski and Commissioner Singh were absent during roll call. Commissioner Singh entered the Council Chambers at 5:37 PM.*

*Commissioner Kucharski entered the Council Chambers at 5:58 PM.*

**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

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

**Aye:** 6 - Chair McCoy, Vice Chair Dohlin, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Barraza, Commissioner Ward and Commissioner Soto

**Absent:** 3 - Commissioner Cummings, Commissioner Kucharski and Commissioner Singh

5. Approval of Minutes

5.-A. [ID 24-569](#) Approval of the regular meeting minutes of April 15, 2024.

On motion of Commissioner Ward, seconded by Vice Chair Dohlin, the Minutes were **APPROVED**. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 6 - Chair McCoy, Vice Chair Dohlin, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Barraza, Commissioner Ward and Commissioner Soto

**Absent:** 3 - Commissioner Cummings, Commissioner Kucharski and Commissioner Singh

6. Discussion: Subcommittee Reports:

6-A. Cultural Arts Plan:

*Commission Ward announced the Cultural Arts Committee had an item coming up on this agenda, and updated the Commission with a report.*

6-B. Parks Master Plan:

*There was no report from the Parks Master Plan.*

6-C. Highest Needs Neighborhoods:

*There was no report from the Highest Needs Neighborhoods.*

6-D. San Joaquin River Parkway:

*There was no report from the San Joaquin River Parkway.*

**7. Members Reports and Comments**

*VICE CHAIR DOHLIN REPORTS AND COMMENTS: acknowledge difficulties accessing Roeding Park due to construction and encouraged PARCS and/or Public Works to be proactive communicating conditions and construction to the public.*

*CHAIR MCCOY REPORTS AND COMMENTS: expressed disappointment regarding conditions of Frank H. Ball Park's bathrooms, electrical outlets, and failed lighting; acknowledged the need for Frank H. Ball Park's bathrooms to be revitalized and improved in comparison to Inspirations Park's bathrooms cleanliness and accessibility.*

**8. City Administration and PARCS Staff Reports and Comments**

*PARCS DIRECTOR AGUIRRE REPORTS AND COMMENTS: advised the Commission that on May 2nd, the City Council awarded the Broadway Parque (Broadway & Elizabeth) construction from Measure "P" category two (2) funds in a tune of 2.4 - 2.5 million dollars, and anticipates construction to start Fall of 2024; reported Camp Fresno had 1255 campers registered this year compared to 793 campers last year; reminded Commissioners and the community the first day of camp is June 10, 2024 and spots are available; and announced upcoming Summer events.*

**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, Pedro Navarro Cruz addressed the Commission. There were no other comments from the public.*

**10. Workshops:**

**11. Discussion Items:**

**12. Hearings:**

- 12.-A. [ID 24-717](#)** Hearing - Presenting the Mayor's Parks, After School, Recreation and Community Services Department Budget for Fiscal Year 2025, with Public

Comment (PARCS, PW, DPU, PD).

*The above hearing began at 5:55 PM.*

*The PARCS Department, Police Department, Beautify Fresno, and Public Works Department presented the hearing.*

*Upon call, the following members of the public addressed the Commission: Sarah Parkes, and Lisa Flores. Public comment closed at 7:51 P.M.*

*Commission discussion included: Metrics of success used for the Park Ranger program; engagement of Park Rangers with the community; training for Park Rangers; public safety; Park Ranger uniforms; event management, travel, and conference membership; \$100,000 for community outreach; reaching the community not on social media; percentage of Beautify Fresno budget that comes from Measure "P"; percentage of Public Works budget that comes from Measure "P"; street beautification, applying for funds to beautify communities; new trails and bike tails planned; types of improvement at Hinton Park, Frank H. Ball Park, the other four parks in Southwest Fresno, Holmes Park, Romain Park; the reasoning of certain parks being grouped together for improvements, capital projects under expenditure category one and two, and types of improvements; funding of Measure "P" administration position job; new locations for soccer fields; funds approved for the Dr. Oputa fund; revenue categories; funds not allocated; number of parks in the existing park categories, and highest needs category; revenue collected for Measure "P"; Maple and Chestnut corridor along Cesar Chavez Blvd; West Fresno parks community engagement meetings budget; budget for new programming; progress on cricket fields and the remaining funds.*

*On motion of Commissioner Barraza, seconded by Chair McCoy, to use Measure "P" funds of \$100,000 or less to beautify the landscaping of the median on the formerly Ventura/Kings Canyon Corridor, now Cesar Chavez Blvd from Maple to Chestnut be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:*

*Aye (8): McCoy, Dohlin, Kucharski, Leon-Barraza, Miller, Singh, Soto, Ward*

No (0):

Absent (1): Cummings

*On motion of Chair McCoy, seconded by Commissioner Soto, to allocate \$300,000 to Frank H. Ball Park for the improvements in their restroom be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:*

*Aye (8): McCoy, Dohlin, Kucharski, Leon-Barraza, Miller, Singh, Soto, Ward*

*No (0):*

*Absent (1): Cummings*

*On motion of Vice Chair Dohlin, seconded by Chair McCoy, to have the commission recommend that the \$3 million for non-profit and other community organizations be put aside to established the Dr. Francine Oputa Fund to provide after school recreation and community services and work force development programming as per our previous recommendation be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:*

*Aye (8): McCoy, Dohlin, Kucharski, Leon-Barraza, Miller, Singh, Soto, Ward*

*No (0):*

*Absent (1): Cummings*

*The above hearing ended at 7:58 P.M.*

**APPROVED**

- 12.-B.** [ID 24-716](#) Hearing - PRAC Cultural Arts Subcommittee to present a list of recommended grantees, award amounts, project titles and a brief summary of the project location, scope, schedule and anticipated impact to PRAC for review and acceptance of the list of recommended grantees.

*The above hearing began at 7:59 PM.*

*The Fresno Arts Council presented the hearing.*

*Upon call, the following members of the public addressed the Commission: Eric Payne, Elliott Balch, and Nora Monaco. Public comment period closed at 8:23 P.M.*

*Commission discussion included: how cultural equity and inclusion is assessed, and the areas of the city served by the applicants; how to define cultural arts; the difference from emerging and established organization; additional funds for direct program costs; applicants applying for both a project grant and organizational support grant; applicants applying for the wrong bucket and redirection to the correct bucket; future assistance to applicants regarding grants; clarification of tiered, ranking, and award processes; diversity of the review panels; fiscal sponsors for applicants; reasoning for disqualification of organizations, and the number of organizations disqualified; subcommittees reviewing the dollar amounts awarded and ranking; reasoning for disqualification of organization, and subcommittees involvement in reviewing the dollar amounts awarded and ranking.*

*On motion of Commissioner Singh, seconded by Vice Chair Dohlin, that the recommending grantees as presented by Fresno Arts Council for "Emerging Org. General Operating Support" be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:*

*Aye (6): Dohlin, Kucharski, Miller, Singh, Soto, Ward  
No (2): McCoy, Leon-Barraza  
Absent (1): Cummings*

*On motion of Vice Chair Dohlin, seconded by Commissioner Ward, that the recommending grantees as presented by Fresno Arts Council for "Emerging Org. Project Specific Support" be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:*

*Aye (6): Dohlin, Kucharski, Miller, Singh, Soto, Ward  
No (2): McCoy, Leon-Barraza  
Absent (1): Cummings*

*On motion of Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Miller, that the recommending grantees as presented by Fresno Arts Council for "Project Specific Support" be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:*

*Aye (6): McCoy, Dohlin, Kucharski, Miller, Soto, Ward*

*No (1): Leon-Barraza*

*Absent (1): Cummings*

*Recused (1): Singh*

*On motion of Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Singh, that the recommending grantees as presented by Fresno Arts Council for "General Ops Support" be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:*

*Aye (6): McCoy, Dohlin, Kucharski, Miller, Singh, Soto, Ward*

*No (1): Leon-Barraza*

*Absent (1): Cummings*

*The above hearing ended at 8:59 P.M.*

#### **APPROVED**

- 12.-C.** [ID 24-570](#) 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 began at 9:00 P.M.*

*Upon call, the following member of the public addressed the Commission: Casey Lamonski, and Lisa Flores. Public comment period closed at 9:03 PM.*

*There was no Commission discussion.*

*The above hearing ended at 9:03 P.M.*

#### **13. Adjournment**

*Chair McCoy adjourned the meeting in Memory of Dr. Francine Oputa, at 9:04 P.M.*

