

City of Fresno

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Meeting Minutes – Final

Monday, October 25, 2021

5:30 PM

Regular Meeting

Electronic Only

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 5:32 P.M.

2. **Roll Call**

Present:

Chair Kimberly McCoy

Commissioner Mona Cummings

Commissioner Sarah Parkes

Commissioner Maiyer Vang

Commissioner Jose Barraza

Commissioner Scott Miller

Commissioner Harman Singh

Commissioner Francine Oputa

Absent: Vice Chair Jon Dohlin

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

4. **Approve Agenda**

On motion of Commissioner Vang, seconded by Commissioner Cummings, the above item be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Cummings, Parkes, Vang, Leon Barraza, Miller, Singh, McCoy, Oputa

Absent: Dohlin

Status: 8 – 0 – Pass

5. **Approval of Minutes**

5-A **ID 21-23640** Approval of minutes for October 18, 2021

The above item was continued to November 1, 2021

6. **DISCUSSION: Subcommittee Reports:**

- Cultural Arts Plan:
- Highest Needs Neighborhoods
- Parks Master Plan:

Commissioner Vang gave an update on the Cultural Arts Plan. She stated the Ad-hoc committee meet on October 18, 2021 to discuss the developing of the RFP for the cultural arts plan. Commissioner Vang recommended the Commissioners send Lilia Chavez an email if they are interested in being on the panel.

Commissioner Barraza asked when a policy will be coming before the commissioner regarding grant program related to Measure P.

Commissioner Oputa, Commissioner Singh, and Chair McCoy thanked the Parks Department, Projects Administrator Ramirez, and WRT for going above and beyond in making the meeting happen with all the outreach they did before the meeting to obtain more public input.

Commissioner Barraza and Commissioner Cummings gave an update on the on the Parks Master Plan. They complemented the WRT efforts to promote community input that will help make a difference in the next phase in developing the master plan.

7. Members Reports and Comments

Commissioner Barraza stated the Latino Fiesta Community event was a success. He thanked the PARCs Department and the Administration for providing the facility. He mentioned there was a cultural presentation and wonderful entertainment.

Commissioner Cumming spoke regarding the successful event held at Sunset Community Center on October 6, 2021 for clean air day and a community tree planting.

Commissioner Vang gave a shout out to the city of Fresno staff for having translation available for the meeting.

Commissioner Oputa stated she is pleased to see the amount of participants participating via zoom and in person for today's workshops.

Commissioner Parkes stated it is great to have members of the public participating in person in the Council Chambers.

8. City Administration and PARCS Staff Reports and Comments

Projects Administrator Ramirez thanked to the PARCs Department, WRT, and the City Clerk's Office for helping with the translations services and outreach for the hearings. She went over the procedures of the meeting. She requested members of the public address their questions or concerns regarding accessibility to to the Office of the City Clerk at clerk@fresno.gov.

9. Unscheduled Communication

PLEASE NOTE: UNSCHEDULED COMMUNICATION IS NOT SCHEDULED FOR A SPECIFIC TIME AND MAY BE HEARD ANY TIME DURING THE MEETING

Upon call, the following members of the public addressed the commission: Deep Singh,

Alex Desiga, Lisa Flores, Sharon Weaver, Michaelynn Lewis, and Sylvesta Hall.

10. **Workshops**

There were no Workshop items

11. **Discussion Item**

There were no discussion items

12. **Hearings**

12-A **ID 21-23638** HEARING – Community Hearing by WRT Regarding Highest Needs Definition (WRT)

Sponsors: Parks, After School and Recreation, and Community Services Department

The above item was presented to the commission by WRT representative John Gibbs and Cristina Bejarano.

Upon call, the following members of the public addressed the commission: Lisa Flores, Mark Keppler, Sylvesta Hall, Natasha Biasell, Eric Payne, Deep Singh, Sameer Singh, Baldev Birk, Tajinder Nijjar, Baldeep Singh, Prabhjot Mann, Xee Xiong, Jaspreet Birk, Ekamnoor Dhaliwal, Michaelynn Lewis, Rajdeep Toor, Roohrababi Singh, Navdeep Singh, Gabriel Lozano, Wendi Danyluk, Navarro Cruz-Pedro, Gagandeep Chahal, and Glenna Gimble.

The hearing was held and members of the public participated in the polling questions regarding highest needs.

12-B **ID 21-23641** Actions Related to Improving Operations and Maintenance in Parks and Trails: (PARCS)

1. HEARING – Adopting the 22nd Amendment to Annual Appropriations Resolution No. 2021-178 appropriating \$3,235,800 for Measure P Operating and Capital Projects in the PARCS and Public Works Departments
2. ACTION – Recommendation to City Council to Adopt the 22nd Amendment to Annual Appropriations Resolution No. 2021-178 appropriating \$3,235,800 for Measure P Operating and Capital Projects in the PARCS and Public Works Departments

Sponsors: Parks, After School and Recreation, and Community Services Department

The above item was presented to the commission by Director Miller, PARCS Department.

*Upon call, the following members of the public addressed the commission:
Lisa Flores and Dr. Brandon Taylor.*

Commissioner Barraza motioned to support the items as presented and to recommend to the City Council that City staff address the issues with public safety and homelessness and that the City Council fund the new PARCs positions with General Fund dollars. The motion dies for lack of second.

On motion of Chair McCoy, seconded by Commissioner Leon Barraza, the above item be approved with the following recommendation to address the public safety and the homelessness issues and fund the requested positions with General Fund dollars instead of Measure P. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Cummings, Parkes, Leon Barraza, Miller, Singh, McCoy, Oputa

Absent: Vang

Status: 7 – 0 – Pass

12-C **ID 21-23642** Actions Related to Improving Operations and Maintenance in Parks and Trails: (Public Works)

1. HEARING – Adopting the 3rd Amendment to Position Authorization Resolution No. 2021-179, Adding 13 Positions in the Public Works Department and 40 Positions in the PARCS Department

2. ACTION – Recommendation to City Council to Adopt the 3rd Amendment to Position Authorization Resolution No. 2021-179, Adding 13 Positions in the Public Works Department and 40 Positions in the PARCS Department

Sponsors: Parks, After School and Recreation, and Community Services Department

The above item was presented to the commission by Director Mozier, Public Works Department.

*Upon call, the following members of the public addressed the commission:
Lisa Flores and Sharon Weaver.*

On motion of Chair McCoy, seconded by Commissioner Leon Barraza, motioned to request a presentation from the ATP before allocating any money out of the Measure P funding. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Cummings, Parkes, Leon Barraza, Miller, Singh, McCoy, Oputa

Absent: Vang, Dohlin

Status: 7 – 0 – Pass

13. **Adjournment**

The Parks, Recreation, and Arts Commission adjourned at 10:02 P.M.