



City of Fresno

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Meeting Minutes

Parks, Recreation, and Arts Commission

Chair - Kimberly McCoy

Vice Chair - Laura Ward

Commissioner - Jose Leon Barraza

Commissioner - Rose Caglia

Commissioner - Jon Dohlin

Commissioner - Kelly Kucharski

Commissioner - Scott Miller

Commissioner - Harman Singh

Commissioner - Vacant

Tuesday, May 27, 2025

5:30 PM

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

Special 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

Vice Chair Ward called the meeting to order at 5:37 P.M.

2. 5:37 P.M. Roll Call

On motion of Commissioner Caglia, seconded by Commissioner Barraza, Commissioner Singh's absence was EXCUSED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Vice Chair Ward, Commissioner Barraza, Commissioner Caglia, Commissioner Dohlin and Commissioner Kucharski.

Absent: 3 - Chair McCoy, Commissioner Miller and Commissioner Singh

On motion of Commissioner Dohlin, seconded by Commissioner Caglia, Commissioner Miller's absence was EXCUSED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Vice Chair Ward, Commissioner Barraza, Commissioner Caglia, Commissioner Dohlin and Commissioner Kucharski.

Absent: 3 - Chair McCoy, Commissioner Miller and Commissioner Singh

On motion of Commissioner Caglia, seconded by Commissioner Dohlin, Chair McCoy's absence was EXCUSED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Vice Chair Ward, Commissioner Barraza, Commissioner Caglia, Commissioner Dohlin and Commissioner Kucharski.

Absent: 3 - Chair McCoy, Commissioner Miller and Commissioner Singh

Present 5 - Vice Chair Laura E. Ward, Commissioner Jose Barraza, Commissioner Rose Caglia, Commissioner Jon Dohlin, and Commissioner Kelly Kucharski

Absent 3 - Chair Kimberly McCoy, Commissioner Scott Miller, and Commissioner Harman Singh

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Chair Ward led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approve Agenda

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

Aye: 5 - Vice Chair Ward, Commissioner Barraza, Commissioner Caglia, Commissioner Dohlin and Commissioner Kucharski

Absent: 3 - Chair McCoy, Commissioner Miller and Commissioner Singh

5. Approval of Minutes

6. Discussion: Subcommittee Reports:

6-A. San Joaquin River Parkway:

There was no update from the San Joaquin River Parkway.

6-B. Cultural Arts Grant Fund Subcommittee

There was no update from the Cultural Arts Grant Fund Subcommittee.

7. Members Reports and Comments

There were no Member Reports and Comments

8. City Administration and PARCS Staff Reports and Comments

There were no City Administration and PARCS Staff Reports and Comments.

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, no members of the public addressed the Commission with unscheduled communication.

10. Workshops:

11. Discussion Items:

12. Hearings:

12.-A. [ID 25-740](#) Hearing - Presenting the Mayor's Parks, After School, Recreation and Community Services Department Budget for Fiscal Year 2025, with Public Comment (PARCS, DPW, DPU, PD)

The above item was called to order at 5:42 P.M. and was presented to the Commission by Director Aguirre, Director Standriff, Deputy Police Chief Beckwith, and Director Mozier. Upon call, the following members of the public addressed the Commission: Sharon Hoover, T.J. Nijjar, Mandeep Dhaliwal, and Avtar Mann. Public comment closed at 7:14 P.M.

Commission discussion on this item included: Bike trail project transparency. Interdepartmental transfers & funding trends. Parks beautification and irrigation. Park Ranger program metrics. Trash removal and Beautify Fresno. Equity in beautification and tree planting, selection and maintenance. Fire breaks management. Budget allocation equity & transparency. Parkway funding clarification. Open space development support.

On motion of Commissioner Kucharski, seconded by Commissioner Dohlin, to allocate an amount not to exceed \$50,000 from Category 5 funds for planning, design, and potential implementation activities related to the Caglia property, owned by the San Joaquin River Parkway Trust. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Vice Chair Ward, Commissioner Barraza, Commissioner Caglia, Commissioner Dohlin, Commissioner Kucharski

Absent: 3 - Chair McCoy, Commissioner Miller, and Commissioner Singh

On motion of Commissioner Barraza, seconded by Commissioner Caglia, to allocate \$300,000 in Measure "P" funds to initiate the planning and development of a plaza-style park or community center at the southeast corner of 7th Street and East César Chávez Boulevard. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Vice Chair Ward, Commissioner Barraza, Commissioner Caglia, Commissioner Dohlin, Commissioner Kucharski

Absent: 3 - Chair McCoy, Commissioner Miller, and Commissioner Singh

On motion of Vice Chair Ward, seconded by Commissioner Dohlin, to amend Recommendation #10 to increase the allocation from \$50,000 to \$100,000, and clarify that the grants are intended for nonprofit organizations conducting projects or activities in City of Fresno parks. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Vice Chair Ward, Commissioner Barraza, Commissioner Caglia, Commissioner Dohlin, Commissioner Kucharski

Absent: 3 - Chair McCoy, Commissioner Miller, and Commissioner Singh

On motion of Commissioner Barraza, seconded by Commissioner Dohlin, to recommend that the City Council adopt the proposed FY26 Budget for the Parks, After School, Recreation and Community Services Department, with the Commission expressing its support for the department's proposed allocations and priorities. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Vice Chair Ward, Commissioner Barraza, Commissioner Caglia, Commissioner Dohlin, Commissioner Kucharski

Absent: 3 - Chair McCoy, Commissioner Miller, and Commissioner Singh

- 12.-B. [ID 25-690](#)** Hearing - Actions Pertaining to Proposed Changes to the FY25 PARCS Department Master Fee Schedule (PARCS)
1. Review - Recommended Proposed Changes to the PARCS Department Master Fee Schedule including Mariposa Plaza Facilities
 2. Action - Recommend to City Council Adoption of the Proposed Changes to the PARCS Department Master Fee Schedule.

The above item was called to order at 7:53 P.M. and was presented to the Commission by Division Manager Soliz. Upon call, no members of the public addressed the Commission: Public comment closed at 8:08 P.M.

Commission discussion on this item included: Fee structure and policy clarification for Mariposa Plaza events. Fee comparison request. Justification of current fees. Enforcement vs. Contracting. Fee increases from previous year. Insurance requirements. Location clarification. Event classification and oversight.

On motion of Commissioner Caglia, seconded by Commissioner Barraza, that the above Action Item be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Vice Chair Ward, Commissioner Barraza, Commissioner Caglia, Commissioner Dohlin and Commissioner Kucharski

Absent: 3 - Chair McCoy, Commissioner Miller and Commissioner Singh

- 12.-C. [ID 25-775](#)** Hearing - Receive public input on Expanded Access to Arts and Culture Grant Program.

The above item was called to order at 8:09 P.M. Upon call, no members of the public addressed the Commission: Public comment closed at 8:09 P.M.

There was no commission discussion on this item.

- 12.-D. [ID 25-776](#)** 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 item was called to order at 8:10 P.M. Upon call, no members of the public addressed the Commission: Public comment closed at 8:10 P.M.

There was no commission discussion on this item.

13. Adjournment

Vice Chair Ward adjourned the meeting in Memory of Dr. Francine Oputa, at 8:11 P.M.