

City of Fresno

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Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 3, 2022

5:30 PM

Special Meeting

Council Chambers (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

The Parks, Recreation and Arts Commission (PRAC) met in special session in the Council Chamber at Fresno City Hall and remotely via Zoom, on September 19, 2022, at 5:30 P.M.

1. Call to Order

2. 5:30 P.M. Roll Call

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

Absent 1 - Commissioner Maiyer Vang

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair McCoy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approve Agenda

Secretary Stermer announced that item 5-A (ID 22-1488) regarding approval of the September 19, 2022, meeting minutes, would be continued to the following meeting.

APPROVED AS AMENDED

On motion of Commissioner Oputa, seconded by Vice Chair Dohlin, that the agenda be APPROVED AS AMENDED. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Vang

5. Approval of Minutes

5.A [ID 22-1488](#) Approval of Minutes for September 19, 2022, Regular Meeting.

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6. Discussion: Subcommittee Reports:

6.A. Cultural Arts Plan:

Commissioner Parkes provided the Cultural Arts Plan update. The survey had been active since September 22, 2022. Additional outreach for the survey had been completed through: five social media posts on Facebook and six posts on Instagram, each in multiple languages; the City of Fresno website had been updated, more than 500 e-mails had been sent through the PARCS Department distribution list and various community partners; door to door outreach had begun; Fresno Unified School District distributed the survey through the PeachJar system; fliers had been distributed to all Fresno County libraries within the limits of the City; Community Centers in central and south Fresno and at the Tower Theatre have hard copies of the surveys with additional locations to be added; fliers had been distributed at various businesses; there was advertising on 142 FAX buses in multiple languages, and Valley Public Radio, Community Media Access Collaborative (CMAC) and UNIVISION are advertising the survey. Future promotion of the survey would include The Big Fresno Fair, ArtHop, banners at 27 parks, Central Unified School District PeachJar system, Senior Center Survey Day, Hmong and Punjabi radio.

6.B. Parks Master Plan:

Commissioner Barraza announced the Parks Master Plan update would be distributing surveys shortly. Commissioner Cummings reported the subcommittee would have additional updates following an upcoming meeting.

6.C. Outreach Committee:

There were no updates for the Outreach Subcommittee.

7. Members Reports and Comments

Commissioner Cummings reported that October 6, 2022 was Clean Air Day, California and Tree Fresno would be planting trees at California Statue University, Fresno that morning.

Commissioner Parkes announced the San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust, was hosting a volunteer graffiti removal day at Jensen River Ranch on October 15, 2022.

8. City Administration and PARCS Staff Reports and Comments

Director Aguirre reported the Council had approved the Park Ranger job specification and the recruitment to fill the positions would begin shortly. He also announced the first ever cricket league in Fresno would begin later in the month at Inspiration Park.

Assistant Director Ramirez clarified the next steps for the Parks Master Plan amendment. She noted there would be no survey, but staff would work with subcommittee to revisit a few chapters at a time.

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 member of the public came forward with unscheduled communication.

10. Workshops:

11. Discussion Items:

12. Hearings:

- 12.A.** [ID 22-1490](#) 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, no member of the public came forward to discuss this item.

Commission discussion on this item included: upcoming budget recommendations; the pending PARCS capital improvement plan; needing a list of PARCS projects that will carry over into the next fiscal year; reviewing the criteria needed to recommend projects under Measure P and the process for the Commission to make recommendations, and; potential strategy to deal with the removal of large mature trees that have died in City

parks.

13. Adjournment

Chair McCoy adjourned the meeting at 5:54 P.M.

The above minutes were approved by unanimous vote of the Parks, Recreation, and Arts Commission during the October 17, 2022, regular meeting with Commissioners Vang, Miller, and Singh absent.