



City of Fresno

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Meeting Minutes Parks, Recreation, and Arts Commission

Chair - Kimberly McCoy

Vice Chair – Jon Dohlin

Commissioner – Scott Miller

Commissioner – Mona Nyandoro Cummings

Commissioner – Harman Singh

Commissioner – Jose Leon Barraza

Commissioner – Kelly Kucharski

Commissioner - Laura Ward

Commissioner – Vacant

In Memory of Dr. Francine Oputa

Monday, September 25, 2023

5:30 PM

Council Chambers (In
Person and/or Electronic)

Regular Meeting

Opening the meeting in memory of Commissioner Dr. Francine Oputa

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 5:45 P.M.

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

Present 7 - Chair Kimberly McCoy, Vice Chair Jon Dohlin, Commissioner Mona Cummings, Commissioner Harman Singh, Commissioner Jose Barraza, Commissioner Kelly Kucharski, and Commissioner Laura E. Ward

Absent 1 - Commissioner Scott Miller

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair McCoy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approve Agenda

On motion of Commissioner Cummings, seconded by Vice Chair Dohlin, the above AGENDA was APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair McCoy, Vice Chair Dohlin, Commissioner Cummings, Commissioner Singh, Commissioner Barraza, Commissioner Kucharski and Commissioner Ward

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Miller

5. Approval of Minutes

5.-A. [ID 23-1347](#) Approval of the regular meeting minutes of August 21, 2023.

On motion of Vice Chair Dohlin, seconded by Commissioner Cummings, that the above MINUTES were APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair McCoy, Vice Chair Dohlin, Commissioner Cummings, Commissioner Singh, Commissioner Barraza, Commissioner Kucharski and Commissioner Ward

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Miller

6. Discussion: Subcommittee Reports:

6-A. Cultural Arts Plan:

Commissioner Ward Comments: Discussed the presentation of the Arts and Culture Grant Guidelines and the revision process.

6-B. Parks Master Plan:

Commissioner Barraza Comments: Discussed the importance of the Parks Master Plan Subcommittee meeting.

7. Members Reports and Comments

VICE CHAIR DOHLIN REPORTS AND COMMENTS: shared condolences and respect for Dr. Oputa

COMMISSIONER CUMMINGS REPORTS AND COMMENTS: shared

gratitude, admiration and respect for Dr. Oputa.

COMMISSIONER KUCHARSKI REPORTS AND COMMENTS: expressed appreciation working with Dr. Oputa.

COMMISSIONER WARD REPORTS AND COMMENTS: expressed admiration and gratitude working closely beside Dr. Oputa

COMMISSIONER BARRAZA REPORTS AND COMMENTS: expressed admiration for Dr. Oputa, discussed the branding of Measure "P", Park Ranger's appearance and public safety.

COMMISSIONER SINGH REPORTS AND COMMENTS: shared warm sentiments of Dr. Oputa's leadership and kindness, discussed Park Rangers public interactions at a recent park event and public safety.

CHAIR MCCOY REPORTS AND COMMENTS: read a tribute to Dr. Francine Oputa and shared admiration for her friend, discussed Park Rangers uniforms and appearance.

8. City Administration and PARCS Staff Reports and Comments

PARCS DIRECTOR AGUIRRE REPORTS AND COMMENTS: expressed condolences of Dr. Oputa's passing and shared warm sentiments of Dr. Oputa's tireless works and efforts.

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER MILLER REPORTS AND COMMENTS: expressed condolences on behave of the Mayor and City Manager's Office to Dr. Oputa's family. Welcomed input from commissioners.

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, Lisa Flores addressed the Commission. There were no other comments from the public.

10. Workshops:

- 10.-A. [ID 23-1427](#) Workshop - City of Fresno New Citywide Dedicated Senior Activity Center Phase 1 Outreach Summary Report.

The PARCS department presented the workshop.

Commission discussion on this item included: surveying the demographics; contacting the public; activities offered to seniors: challenges and improvements on outreach; reaching out to other organizations that engage with seniors; automatic district selection in survey; cost analyst for site selected; status and attendance of all senior sites; transportation options to sites; similar programs and instructors offered at all sites.

11. **Discussion Items:**

12. **Hearings:**

- 12.-A. [ID 23-1393](#) Hearing - Actions pertaining to the Expanded Access to Arts and Culture Grant Guidelines:

1. Receive public input on the draft Expanded Access to Arts and Culture Grant Guidelines.
2. Review and make recommendations from the Parks, Recreation, and Arts Commission for the City Council's consideration and adoption of the Expanded Access to Arts and Culture Grant Guidelines.

The above hearing began at 6:48 P.M.

Director Chavez of the Fresno Arts Council presented.

Upon call, the follow members of the public addressed the commission: Hugo Morales, Amy Kitchener, Michelle Ellis Pracy and Steven Wilson.

Commission discussion included: amount of funds spent in first round; requirements included in the guidelines; art categories and objectives; how individual and ineligible artist apply for the grant; 250,000 dollar cap for project; deadline and compliance for completion; difference in guidelines for first year compared to years to come; yearly guideline revisions; applicant category questions, and encouragement of participation.

The above hearing ended at 7:44 P.M.

On motion of Commissioner Barraza to continue this matter to the next PRAC meeting, October 16, 2023 to give more time to the public and commission to review the guidelines. seconded by Vice Chair Dohlin, that the above Action Item be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair McCoy, Vice Chair Dohlin, Commissioner Cummings, Commissioner Singh, Commissioner Barraza, Commissioner Kucharski and Commissioner Ward

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Miller

- 12.-B. [ID 23-1348](#) 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 7:44 P.M.

Upon call, Lisa Flores addressed the commission.

The above hearing ended at 7:46 P.M.

13. **Adjournment in memory of Commissioner Dr. Francine Oputa**

Chair McMoy adjourned the meeting in Memory of Dr. Francine Oputa, at 7:48 P.M.