



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 - McKay A. Duran

Commissioner - Kelly Kucharski

Commissioner - Scott Miller

Commissioner - Vincent L. Trillo

Monday, November 3, 2025

5:30 PM

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

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 5:39 P.M.

2. 5:39 P.M. Roll Call

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

Aye: 7 - Chair McCoy, Vice Chair Ward, Commissioner Barraza, Commissioner Caglia, Commissioner Dohlin, Commissioner Duran, and Commissioner Miller.

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Kucharski, and Commissioner Trillo.

On motion of Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Caglia,

Commissioner Kucharski's absence was EXCUSED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair McCoy, Vice Chair Ward, Commissioner Barraza, Commissioner Caglia, Commissioner Dohlin, Commissioner Duran, and Commissioner Miller.

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Kucharski, and Commissioner Trillo.

Present 7 - Chair Kimberly McCoy, Vice Chair Laura E. Ward, Commissioner Jose Barraza, Commissioner Rose Caglia, Commissioner Jon Dohlin, Commissioner McKay A. Duran, and Commissioner Scott Miller

Absent 2 - Commissioner Kelly Kucharski, and Commissioner Vincent L. Trillo

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair McCoy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approve Agenda

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

Aye: 7 - Chair McCoy, Vice Chair Ward, Commissioner Barraza, Commissioner Caglia, Commissioner Dohlin, Commissioner Duran and Commissioner Miller

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Kucharski and Commissioner Trillo

5. Approval of Minutes

5.-A. [ID 25-1499](#) Approval of the regular meeting minutes of October 27, 2025.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair McCoy, Vice Chair Ward, Commissioner Barraza, Commissioner Caglia, Commissioner Dohlin, Commissioner Duran and Commissioner Miller

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Kucharski and Commissioner Trillo

6. Members Reports and Comments

COMMISSIONER BARRAZA REPORTS AND COMMENTS. Raised concerns regarding public safety in city parks, referencing a prior discussion held during the police department's last budget presentation. Requested an update on park-related safety activities, specifically regarding the effectiveness of the newly established Parks Ranger classification. Noted that a Police Department representative had previously offered to provide statistics on incidents and ranger impact. Addressed the leasing process for park facilities. A prior presentation from park staff was acknowledged, recent feedback from community organizations indicated dissatisfaction with the current process. Suggested allowing more community input and clarifying responsibilities for maintaining public safety during facility rentals. Expressed concerns about penalties imposed on youth sports organizations and the need for more inclusive decision-making. Stated an intention to formally request that public safety in parks be added to a future agenda for discussion. Reported that a meeting had taken place with a councilmember and the PARCS Director prior to a recent vacation to address these issues and emphasized the importance of listening to neighborhood voices.

VICE CHAIR WARD REPORTS AND COMMENTS. Highlighted several arts and cultural events currently taking place around the city, supported by Measure "P" funded organizations. Announced the Armenian Museum has opened a new exhibit and remains free and accessible to the public on most weekdays. Commissioners and community members were encouraged to visit. Fresno Art Museum is featuring an exhibit of stone sculptures from Zimbabwe, primarily drawn from the private collection of former commissioner Mona Cummings. Announced Arte Américas is presenting its "Monumental Figures" exhibit and has extended its outdoor sculpture installations to Fresno State and Fresno City College. The public was encouraged to visit these locations while the exhibits remain on display.

CHAIR MCCOY REPORTS AND COMMENTS. Extended a personal invitation to attend a community event taking place on Saturday at Fresno City College West Campus. The event will feature Dr. Bruce Trouble from

Tallahassee, Florida, who will speak about his latest book, By Any Dreams Necessary. The program will include a deep conversation focused on community empowerment, activism, strategic planning for the 21st century, and the use of data to drive advocacy. Lunch will be served from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and the event will begin promptly at 1:00 p.m. The event is free and open to the public, with food provided. Encouraged attendance and emphasized the value of the discussion in supporting local advocacy efforts and building a healthier Fresno.

7. City Administration and PARCS Staff Reports and Comments

PARCS DIRECTOR AGUIRRE REPORTS AND COMMENTS. Reported that October was a busy month for the Parks Department, with over 30 programs held throughout the city. These included family-friendly events such as trunk-or-treats and haunted houses. One event attracted nearly 2,500 attendees, while the haunted house at Pinedale attracted approximately 500 participants, and the trunk-or-treat at El Dorado had around 600 attendees. Expressed appreciation to the commission and Parks Department staff for their efforts in promoting and delivering these community services.

8. Unscheduled Communication

Upon call, the following members of the public addressed the Commission with unscheduled communication: Malisa Padilla.

9. Workshops

- 9.-A.** [ID 25-1504](#) Workshop - Overview of PARCS Department's FY 2026 After School, Recreation, and Community Services Programs to inform the FY 2027 budget (PARCS).

The above item was presented to the Commission by Assistant Director MacNab.

Commission discussion on this item included: number of participants in each program and how the PARCS department determines which programs to implement; the administration of grant awards and funds; details regarding the mobile science tour reaching community centers city wide; clarification regarding the grant funded Tech Easy program class schedule, accessibility, and requirements to receive a free device; attendance rates,

accessibility, and promotional information for community centers providing senior meals; Fiscal year 2027 anticipated plans and supported recommendations from PRAC to continue those plans; request for performance report for programs and report comparing data before and after Measure "P" funds; updating the PARCS Master Plan and Cultural Arts Master Plan timeline, and; status of the Junior Lifeguard Program.

PRESENTED

- 9.-B. [ID 25-1516](#) Workshop - Expanded Access to Arts and Culture quarterly PRAC Reporting for July 2025 - September 2025 (Fresno Arts Council).

The above item was presented to the Commission by Fresno Arts Council Director Lilia Gonzales Chavez.

Commission discussion on this item included: recommendation and costs to make the Cultural Arts Subcommittee a standing committee; timeline, process and recommendations for updating the guidelines and the community's participation; deadline creating the next Cultural Arts Subcommittee, and; increasing outreach and promotion for applications and guidelines.

PRESENTED

10. Discussion Items

11. Hearings

- 11.-A. [ID 25-1505](#) Hearing - Actions pertaining to the Parks, After School, Recreation, and Community Services (PARCS) Department's FY 2027 Budget Build as it relates to capital projects; after school, recreation, and community services programs; and trails, beautification, and the San Joaquin River Parkway
1. Presentation - Overview of the FY 2027 budget build process.
 2. Receive public input on expenditures related to the PARCS Department's FY 2027 budget.
 3. Action - Make recommendations to the City Council for adoption of expenditures in connection to the PARCS Department's FY 2027 budget (PARCS).

The above item was called to order at 6:55 P.M. and was presented to the Commission by Business Manager Xiong. Upon call, no members of the

public addressed the Commission. Public comment closed at 7:05 P.M.

Commission discussion on this item included: proposing the previous year of PRAC recommendations which were not accepted by Council be recommended this year; PRAC recommendations in accordance with Council priorities as opposed to those that fall outside them; information from PARCS Department highlighting the necessity for specific recommendations; and, the importance of PRAC representing the community.

- 11.-B.** [ID 25-1501](#) Hearing - Receive public input on Expanded Access to Arts and Culture Grant Program.

The above item was called to order at 7:16 P.M. and There was no presentation to the Commission. Upon call, no members of the public addressed the Commission. Public comment closed at 7:17 P.M.

There was no Commission discussion on this item.

- 11.-C.** [ID 25-1502](#) 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 7:17 P.M. and There was no presentation to the Commission. Upon call, the following members of the public addressed the Commission. Malisa Padilla. Public comment closed at 7:20 P.M.

Commission discussion on this item included: schedule for wrestling tournament taking place at the Convention Center, and; qualifications for all ages participating in the tournament.

12. Adjournment

Chair McCoy adjourned the meeting in Memory of Dr. Francine Oputa and quoted the late Dr. James Aldredge, "It's mandatory for all citizens to try to better their community," at 7:23 P.M.