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Meeting Minutes Parks, Recreation, and Arts Commission

Chair - Kimberly McCoy

Vice Chair - Jon Dohlin

Commissioner - Christina Soto

Commissioner - Harman Singh

Commissioner - Jose Leon Barraza

Commissioner - Kelly Kucharski

Commissioner - Laura Ward

Commissioner - Rose Caglia

Commissioner - Scott Miller

Monday, July 15, 2024

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 5:32 P.M.

2. **5:32P.M. Roll Call**

Present 7 - Chair Kimberly McCoy, Commissioner Scott Miller, Commissioner Harman Singh, Commissioner Jose Barraza, Commissioner Laura E. Ward, Commissioner Christina Soto, and Commissioner Rose Caglia

Absent 2 - Vice Chair Jon Dohlin, and Commissioner Kelly Kucharski

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair McCoy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. **Approve Agenda**

On motion of Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner

Barraza, the Agenda was APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair McCoy, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Singh, Commissioner Barraza, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Soto and Commissioner Caglia

Absent: 2 - Vice Chair Dohlin and Commissioner Kucharski

5. Approval of Minutes

- 5.-A.** [ID 24-876](#) Approval of the regular meeting minutes of May 20, 2024, the special meeting minutes of May 29, 2024, the regular meeting minutes of June 17, 2024, and the special meeting minutes of July 1, 2024.

On motion of Commissioner Soto, seconded by Commissioner Miller, the Minute were APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair McCoy, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Singh, Commissioner Barraza, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Soto and Commissioner Caglia

Absent: 2 - Vice Chair Dohlin and Commissioner Kucharski

6. Discussion: Subcommittee Reports:

6-A. Cultural Arts Plan:

Commissioner Ward read a statement from the Cultural Arts Committee.

6-B. Parks Master Plan:

There was no update from the Parks Master Plan

6-C. Highest Needs Neighborhoods:

Commissioner Soto reported the timeline will need to be adjusted based on the feedback received. They will meet with the consultant to discuss how to tailor the survey .

6-D. San Joaquin River Parkway:

There was no update from the San Joaquin River Parkway.

7. Members Reports and Comments

COMMISSIONER SOTO REPORTS AND COMMENTS: Acknowledged the difficulties in postponement of Hearing item 12-B; expressed regret if delay cause any issues for community; acknowledged the need for improvement for communication, and expressed disappointment in the delay of the outreach survey.

8. City Administration and PARCS Staff Reports and Comments

There were no reports and comments from the administration or PARCS Department.

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 Commission.

10. Workshops:

10.-A. [ID 24-942](#) Workshop - Review of the Parks Master Plan Technical Amendment Public Review Draft Comment Period Process and Schedule. (PARCS)

The above item was presented to the Commission by PARCS Department Program Manager Gaytan.

Commission discussion on this item included: projects funded by Measure "P" in the PARCS Master Plan; progress of the PARCS Master Plan, and Parks master Plan updates; Highest Needs Neighborhoods Subcommittees, and involvement in the technical amendment to the PARCS Master Plan.

PRESENTED

11. Discussion Items:

12. Hearings:

12.-A. [ID 24-916](#) Election of Chair and Vice Chair to the Parks, Recreation, and Arts Commission for Fiscal Year 2025.

The above item was called to order at 8:07 P.M. Upon call, no members of

the public addressed Commission. Public comment closed at 8:09 P.M.

There was no Commission discussion.

On motion of Chair McCoy, seconded by Commissioner Caglia, that the above Action Item be TABLED to August 19, 2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair McCoy, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Singh, Commissioner Barraza, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Soto and Commissioner Caglia

Absent: 2 - Vice Chair Dohlin and Commissioner Kucharski

- 12.-B. [ID 24-921](#)** Hearing - Reconsideration of the PRAC Cultural Arts Subcommittee list of recommended grantees, award amounts, project titles and a brief summary of the project location, scope, schedule and anticipated impact to PRAC and acceptance of the recommended grantees.

The above item was called to order at 6:05 P.M. Upon call, the following members of the public addressed Commission: Debbie Ruud, Jose Martinez-Seldoua, Brooke Payton, Julia Copeland, Cami Cipolla, Walt Byrd, Daniel Hinojosa, Bruce Kalkowski, Veronica Luz, Stephen Wilson, Greg Magie, Judith Martinez, Lilia Gonzalez-Chavez, Olivia Adams, Edna Garabedian, Jan Minami, Jan Mihawi, Michele Alice Tracey, Cassandra German, Alicia Rodriguez, Johannus Reijnders, Amaya Weldon, Shawn Wilson, Dr. Gloria Ponce Rodriguez, Matthew Ponce, William Reeve, Vivian Velasco Paz, Mandy Lorenzi, Arianna Chavez, Choummaly Keodara, Erin Burd, Catherine Marchese, Patricia Wells, Valarie Perez, Amesone Kepchai, Diane Phakonekham, Jose Luis Barraza, Lany Avaklan, Diane Nixon, Claudia Langone, Troisha B., Alondra Williams-Vasquez, Derek Payton, Joseph Rios, Lysing Prathamavong, Jennifer Le, and Carohina Simmonovic. Public comment closed at 7:33 P.M.

Commission discussion included: releasing the funds; decreasing the threshold for grant funding, and the funds associated; recommended proposals by the Fresno Arts Council; funds being distributed by district; targeting under funded communities; technical assistance for groups applying for grants; improving the process, equity, and transparency; target areas; outreach and accessibility; outlets, platforms, and accessibility;

appeal process; and improved communication.

On motion of Commissioner Barraza, seconded by Commissioner Singh, that the recommending grantees as presented by Fresno Arts Council for "Emerging Organizations General Operating Support" be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: (7) - Chair McCoy, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Singh, Commissioner Barraza, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Soto, and Commissioner Caglia

Absent: (2) - Vice Chair Dohlin, Commissioner Kucharski

On motion of Commissioner Singh, seconded by Commissioner Miller, that the recommending grantees as presented by Fresno Arts Council for "Emerging Organizations Project Specific Support" be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: (7) - Chair McCoy, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Singh, Commissioner Barraza, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Soto, and Commissioner Caglia

Absent: (2) - Vice Chair Dohlin, Commissioner Kucharski

On motion of Commissioner Miller seconded by Commissioner Caglia, that the recommending grantees as presented by Fresno Arts Council for "General Operating Support" be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: (6) - Chair McCoy, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Barraza, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Soto, and Commissioner Caglia

Absent: (2) - Vice Chair Dohlin, Commissioner Kucharski

Abstain: (1) - Commissioner Singh

On motion of Commissioner Barraza, seconded by Commissioner Soto, that the recommending grantees as presented by Fresno Arts Council for "Project Specific Support" be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: (7) - Chair McCoy, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Singh, Commissioner Barraza, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Soto, and Commissioner Caglia

Absent: (2) - Vice Chair Dohlin, Commissioner Kucharski

APPROVED

- 12.-C.** [ID 24-877](#) 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 8:09 P.M. Upon call, the following members of the public addressed Commission: James Aldredge, and Donpreyell Martin. Public comment closed at 8:14 P.M.

Commission discussion included: creation of a Cultural Arts District.

13. Adjournment

Chair McCoy adjourned the meeting in Memory of Dr. Francine Oputa, at 8:14 P.M.

The above minutes were approved by unanimous vote of the Parks, Recreation, and Arts Commission during the August 19, 2024, regular meeting with Commissioner Miller, and Commissioner Soto absent.