



City of Fresno

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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 1, 2024

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 special session in the Council Chamber at Fresno City Hall on the date and time above written.

1. Call to Order

2. 5:35 P.M. Roll Call

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

Absent 2 - Commissioner Kelly Kucharski, and Commissioner Harman Singh

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair McCoy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approve Agenda

Deputy City Manager Ruiz introduced the new PRAC commissioner Rose Caglia.

On motion of Vice Chair Dohlin, seconded by Commissioner Miller, the agenda was ADOPTED by the following vote:

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

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Kucharski and Commissioner Singh

5. 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, Melinda Salcido addressed the Commission. There were no other comments from the public.

6. Hearings:

6.-A. [ID 24-887](#) 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 5:41 P.M.

On motion of Chair McCoy, seconded by Commissioner Soto, that the above Hearing be REOPENED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye (7): Chair McCoy, Vice Chair Dohlin, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Barraza, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Soto and Commissioner Caglia.

Absent (2): Commissioner Kucharski and Commissioner Singh

Upon call, following members of the public addressed Commission: Hugo Morales, Elliot Balch, Johannus Reijnders, Lilia Chavez, Alicia Rodriguez, Churmmaly Keodara, Pon Chin, Alina Khammysouk, Amy Kitchener, Erin Burd, Hedman Kionus for (Keil Lopez-Schmidt). Public comment closed at 6:15 P.M.

Commission discussion included: appeal process; reconsidering arts grants;

work done by the Fresno Arts Council; allocation of resources; equity; goals and obstacles of the allocation process; investment in the arts; amenities across Fresno; spreading the benefits of the allocation throughout the city; creation of the rubric; types of art groups; how to measure arts groups by district; giving back to the community; members and process of the selection panel; allocation of funds by council district; downtown arts groups; applications recommended for funding; 501(3)(c); outreach; current grant funding; appeals process and timeline; applications not approved and feedback for applicants; delaying the process; applications not graded and the reasons why; notifications sent to applicants; mistakes made on applications; recommended awards; Cultural Arts Plan; scoring the applications; allocation of funds across the city; giving technical recourses, opportunities, and workshops; information given to the City Council; equality; government bureaucracy; improving the application process; organizations and events in West Fresno; access to resources; reopening the application process; removing obstacles; Downtown, Southwest, Southeast, and Southcentral Fresno; cultural arts district; expanded access to funding; minimum level of funding provided to council districts.

On motion of Commissioner Caglia, seconded by Commissioner Barraza, that the above Action Item be CONTINUED to July 15, 2024.

The motion PASSED by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Chair McCoy, Commissioner Barraza, Commissioner Soto and Commissioner Caglia

No: 3 - Vice Chair Dohlin, Commissioner Miller and Commissioner Ward

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Kucharski and Commissioner Singh

7. Adjournment

Chair McCoy adjourned the meeting in Memory of Dr. Francine Oputa, at 7:07 P.M.