



# City of Fresno

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## Meeting Minutes

### Parks, Recreation, and Arts Commission

*Chair - Kimberly McCoy*

*Vice Chair – Jon Dohlin*

*Commissioner – Dr. Francine Oputa*

*Commissioner – Scott Miller*

*Commissioner – Mona Nyandoro Cummings*

*Commissioner – Harman Singh*

*Commissioner – Jose Leon Barraza*

*Commissioner – Kelly Kucharski*

*Commissioner - Laura Ward*

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**Monday, July 17, 2023**

**5:30 PM**

**Council Chambers (In  
Person and/or Electronic)**

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

*Commissioner Oputa was absent during roll call and joined the meeting at 5:37 p.m.*

**Present** 7 - Chair Kimberly McCoy, Vice Chair Jon Dohlin, Commissioner Mona Cummings, Commissioner Francine Oputa, Commissioner Scott Miller, Commissioner Jose Barraza, and Commissioner Laura E. Ward

**Absent** 2 - Commissioner Harman Singh, and Commissioner Kelly Kucharski

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

*Chair McCoy led the Pledge of Allegiance.*

4. Approve Agenda

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

**Aye:** 6 - Chair McCoy, Vice Chair Dohlin, Commissioner Cummings, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Barraza and Commissioner Ward

**Absent:** 3 - Commissioner Oputa, Commissioner Singh and Commissioner Kucharski

5. Approval of Minutes

5.-A. [ID 23-1105](#) Approval of the regular meeting minutes of June 26, 2023.

On motion of Commissioner Cummings, seconded by Commissioner Ward, the MINUTES were APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 6 - Chair McCoy, Vice Chair Dohlin, Commissioner Cummings, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Barraza and Commissioner Ward

**Absent:** 3 - Commissioner Oputa, Commissioner Singh and Commissioner Kucharski

6. Discussion: Subcommittee Reports:

6-A. Cultural Arts Plan:

*There was no update from the Cultural Arts Plan Subcommittee.*

6-B. Parks Master Plan:

*There was no update from the Parks Master Plan Subcommittee.*

7. Members Reports and Comments

*CHAIR MCCOY REPORTS AND COMMENTS: expressed appreciation for the Parks Department's active presence on social media and their efforts in sharing information about various activities taking place in town. Mentioned the opening of cooling centers and swimming pools for children due to the*

*hot weather. Complimented the Parks Department for their work.*

**8. City Administration and PARCS Staff Reports and Comments**

*PARKS DIRECTOR AGUIRRE REPORTS AND COMMENTS: Introduced Parks Department Projects Administrator Rooks to provide an update on the senior activity center, including information about ongoing activities, upcoming events, and outreach plans.*

*PARKS DEPARTMENT PROJECTS ADMINISTRATOR ROOKS REPORTS AND COMMENTS: Announced the launch of the first outreach phase for planning a new citywide dedicated senior activity center located on Blackstone between Holland and Swift. Invited the public to provide feedback on website features and programming for the new center. Announced there would be a series of outreach meetings, as well as surveys at community centers and online. Highlighted the "Outreach Headquarters" - a drop-in location where the public could visit, provide comments, and have discussions. The commissioners were provided with information packets, and were encouraged to be ambassadors for the project.*

**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, Brandi Nuse-Villegas addressed the Commission. There were no other comments from the public.*

**10. Workshops:**

**11. Discussion Items:**

**12. Hearings:**

- 12.-A. [ID 23-1110](#) Hearing: Consideration of redline Cultural Arts Plan for recommendation to City Council as drafted by the Fresno Arts Council and Cultural Arts Plan Subcommittee.

*The above hearing was called to order at 5:48 p.m.*

*Commissioner Ward presented the Cultural Arts Plan.*

*Upon call, Hugo Morales and Amy Kitchener, addressed the Commission.  
There were no other comments from the public or the commissioners*

*Commission discussion on this item included: Appreciation for the previous configuration of the subcommittee, and the work done by former Commissioner Miller, and former Commissioners Parkes and Vang. Recognized the contributions of Lilia Chavez and the collective effort that led to the current stage of the discussion. Acknowledged Mr. Morales for proposing the inclusion of demographic information for the age group of zero to five, recognizing it as a brilliant idea. Gratitude for the commissioners that worked on the previous and current versions of the plan. The progress made in aligning the plan with the local sentiment and the promises of Measure P. Concerns about the limited connections to educational institutions such as Fresno Unified School District, Fresno City College, and Fresno State. The importance of identifying and targeting specific groups and communities to avoid lip service and ensure inclusivity. Greater outreach to low-income communities, specifically mentioning South Fresno, Southwest, Southeast, and South Central. Private sector involvement and encouraged participation from small organizations and the private sector.*

*The hearing closed at 6:15 p.m.*

**Commissioner Oputa motioned to amend the item to include the zero to five demographics in the plan, Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion which was APPROVED by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chair McCoy, Vice Chair Dohlin, Commissioner Cummings, Commissioner Oputa, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Barraza and Commissioner Ward

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Singh and Commissioner Kucharski

- 12.-B.** [ID 23-1107](#) 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 6:15 p.m.*

*Upon call, no members of the public addressed the Commission. There were no other comments from the public or the commissioners*

*The hearing closed at 6:17 p.m.*

**13. Adjournment**

*Chair McCoy adjourned the meeting at 6:17 p.m.*

**The above minutes were approved by unanimous vote of the Parks, Recreation, and Arts Commission during the August 21, 2023, regular meeting with Chair McCoy and Commissioner Miller absent.**