



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

Monday, November 20, 2023

5:30 PM

Council Chambers (In
Person and/or Electronic)

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

Vice Chair Dohlin called the meeting to order at 5:36 P.M.

2. 5:30 P.M. Roll Call

Commissioner Chair McCoy arrived at 5:38 p.m

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

Vice Chair Dohlin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approve Agenda

On motion of Commissioner Cummings, seconded by Commissioner Singh, 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 23-1652](#) Approval of the regular meeting minutes of November 6, 2023.

On motion of Vice Chair Dohlin, seconded by Commissioner Cummings, 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

6. Discussion: Subcommittee Reports:

6-A. Cultural Arts Plan:

Commissioner Ward reported the guidelines were approved by the City Council.

6-B. Parks Master Plan:

Commissioner Cummings reported the subcommittee met and discussed chapters 8 and 9 and urban greening.

7. Members Reports and Comments

COMMISSIONER BARRAZA REPORTS AND COMMENTS: expressed excitement that Pilibos Park now has green grass; announced the Southeast Fresno Economic Development Association (SEFCEDA, Inc.) has almost finished planting trees at the, Mosqueda Center, Willow & Balch Park, Al Radka Park, and the irrigation systems are close to completion.

COMMISSIONER CUMMINGS REPORTS AND COMMENTS: announced the first Valley Air District AB617 funded South Central Fresno adopt a tree planting; Central California Environmental Justice Network is eager to work with leaders and community groups to plant 12,000 trees over three years.

8. City Administration and PARCS Staff Reports and Comments

ASSISTANT PARCS DIRECTOR CHINEVERE REPORTS AND COMMENTS: announced the senior center outreach events held, and future pop up events; the Milburn Overlook Rehabilitation Project; the Parks programming activities; and Cultural Arts Plan adopted as amended by the City Council.

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 the Commission.

10. Workshops:

11. Discussion Items:

12. Hearings:

- 12.-A. [ID 23-1649](#)** 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 began at 5:48 P.M.

Upon call, no members of the public addressed the commission.

Commission discussion included: the Cultural Arts Plan public proposal schedule.

The above hearing ended at 5:50 P.M.

- 12.-B. [ID 23-1690](#)** **Hearing** - Actions pertaining to the Parks, After School, Recreation, and Community Services (PARCS) Department's FY 2025 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 2025 budget build process.
 2. Receive public input on expenditures related to the PARCS Department's FY 2025 budget.
 3. Action - Make recommendations to the City Council for adoption of expenditures in connection to the PARCS Department's FY

2025 budget (PARCS).

The above hearing began at 5:50 P.M.

The PARCS department presented the hearing.

Upon call, Trisha Baeza addressed the commission. There were no other comments from the public.

Commission discussion included: the adopt a park program; resources through donations and contributions outside of Measure "P" by those who adopt a park; the love a park program; the arts fund; guidelines for establishing a method for the public to access Measure "P" funding; Commissioner Cummings motion made on November 6, 2023; forming a sub committee.

On Motion of Commissioner Kucharski to APPROVE an amount not to exceed two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) for the PARCS Department develop an Adopt a Park Program, seconded by Commissioner Singh, the motion FAILED by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Commissioner Barraza, Commissioner Kucharski, and Commissioner Ward

Noes: 5 - Chair McCoy, Vice Chair Dohlin, Commissioner Cummings, and Commissioner Singh

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Miller

On Motion of Commissioner Kucharski to APPROVE an amount not to exceed three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000) to begin assessment and development of long-term implementation strategies that positively impact land, air, and water conservation, seconded by Vice Chair Dohlin, the motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 - Vice Chair Dohlin, Commissioner Cummings, Commissioner Singh, Commissioner Barraza, Commissioner Kucharski, and Commissioner Ward

Noes: 1 - Chair McCoy

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Miller

On Motion of Vice Chair Dohlin to APPROVE Three million dollars (\$3,000,000) for non-profits and other community organizations to establish the Dr. Francine Oputa fund to provide after school recreation and community services and workforce development programming through our parks system so they may apply for Measure "P" grant support, with City Council recommendation that guidelines be provided by this Commission for City Council consideration and adoption, seconded by Commissioner Cummings, the motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 8 - Chair McCoy, Vice Chair Dohlin, Commissioner Cummings, Commissioner Singh, Commissioner Barraza, Commissioner Kucharski, and Commissioner Ward

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Miller

The above hearing ended at 6:29 P.M.

13. Adjournment

Chair McCoy adjourned the meeting in Memory of Dr. Francine Oputa, at 6:29 P.M.