



# City of Fresno

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## Meeting Minutes

### Parks, Recreation, and Arts Commission

*Chair – Kimberly McCoy*

*Vice Chair – Jon Dohlin*

*Commissioner – Maiyer Vang*

*Commissioner – Dr. Francine Oputa*

*Commissioner – Scott Miller*

*Commissioner – Mona Nyandoro Cummings*

*Commissioner – Harman Singh*

*Commissioner – Jose Leon Barraza*

*Commissioner – Sarah Parkes*

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**Monday, December 19, 2022**

**5:30 PM**

**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 and remotely via Zoom, on December 19, 2022, at 5:30 P.M.

**1. Call to Order**

*Chair McCoy called the meeting to order at 5:36 P.M.*

**2. 5:36 P.M. Roll Call**

*Commissioner Miller was absent during roll call but joined the meeting at 6:00 P.M.*

**Present** 8 - Chair Kimberly McCoy, Commissioner Maiyer Vang, Commissioner Francine Oputa, Commissioner Scott Miller, Commissioner Mona Cummings, Commissioner Harman Singh, Commissioner Jose Barraza, and Commissioner Sarah Parkes

**Absent** 1 - Vice Chair Jon Dohlin

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

*Chair McCoy led the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**4. Approve Agenda**

*Commission Secretary Stermer announced the following change to the agenda:*

*Hearing item 12-A (ID 22-1884), regarding the PARCS Department Master Fee Schedule, had been removed from the agenda by staff and would return on the January 9, 2023, agenda.*

**On motion of Commissioner Cummings, seconded by Commissioner Oputa, the agenda was APPROVED AS AMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chair McCoy, Commissioner Vang, Commissioner Oputa, Commissioner Cummings, Commissioner Singh, Commissioner Barraza and Commissioner Parkes

**Absent:** 2 - Vice Chair Dohlin and Commissioner Miller

**5. Approval of Minutes**

**5-A.** [ID 22-1888](#) Approval of the regular meeting minutes of December 5, 2022.

**On motion of Commissioner Barraza, seconded by Commissioner Cummings, the minutes were APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Chair McCoy, Commissioner Vang, Commissioner Cummings, Commissioner Singh, Commissioner Barraza and Commissioner Parkes

**Absent:** 2 - Vice Chair Dohlin and Commissioner Miller

**Abstain:** 1 - Commissioner Oputa

**6. Discussion: Subcommittee Reports:**

**6-A. Cultural Arts Plan:**

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

**6-B. Parks Master Plan:**

*Commissioner Cummings and Barraza reported that a Parks Master Plan Subcommittee meeting was scheduled for early January to begin working on chapters two and three.*

**6-C. Outreach Committee:**

*There was no update from the Outreach Subcommittee.*

**7. Members Reports and Comments**

*Commissioner Barraza Comments. Complimented the PARCS Department for a job well done on the Christmas event at Romain Park the previous Friday.*

*Commissioner Cummings Comments. Recognized the PARCS Department for several recent holiday events and for raising Measure "P" awareness. Announced Tree Fresno was about to complete the planting of one hundred trees at a park in Malaga.*

*Commissioner Oputa Comments. Received comments from a member of the public concerned that programming at the Sunset Community Center had been negatively impacted after losing a partnership with the Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission Street Saints.*

*Commissioner Vang Comments. Announced the Hmong Cultural New Year Celebration would be held at the Fresno Fairgrounds from December 29, 2022, through January 1, 2023. Reported the Hmong Story Legacy Project had completed the Hmong Refugee Experience, "Vinai," which could be viewed until January 1, 2023, in the Commerce Building at the Fairgrounds.*

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

*Assistant City Manager Miller Comments. Updated the Commission on the administration's preparation for the FY 2024 budget. Expressed the administration's appreciation for the dedicated work of the Commissions as well as for the members of the public that show up at the meetings to make their voices heard.*

*PARCS Director Aguirre Comments. Announced the Commissioners would receive a copy of the annual audit that had been submitted to the Fresno City Council during the December 15, 2022, City Council meeting. Discussed the success of the warming centers which were activated*

*December 13, 2022. Reported that Edward Chinevere had been promoted and was now the second Assistant Director in the 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 for unscheduled communication, the following people addressed the Commission: Brandi N., Latanya Beamon and Dr. Carolina Simunovic.*

**10. Workshops:**

**11. Discussion Items:**

**12. Hearings:**

- 12-A.** [ID 22-1884](#) Hearing - Actions Pertaining to Proposed Changes to the PARCS Department Master Fee Schedule (PARCS)
1. Review - Recommended Proposed Changes to the PARCS Department Master Fee Schedule including Riverside Municipal Golf Course-Green Fees, General Recreation, Neighborhood Center, Parks and Playground Facilities, General Recreation Fees, and Camp Fresno Fees.
  2. Action - Recommend to City Council Adoption of the Proposed Changes to the PARCS Department Master Fee Schedule.

**TABLED TO JANUARY 9, 2023.**

- 12-B.** [ID 22-1909](#) Hearing - To provide an update on the development of the Cultural Arts Plan. (PARCS)

*The above hearing began at 6:02 P.M.*

*Senior Management Analyst Soliz presented the above item to the Commission.*

*Upon call the following people addressed the Commission: Dr. Carolina Simunovic, Latanya Beamon and Brandi N.*

*Public comment was closed at 6:32 P.M.*

*Commissioner discussion on this item included whether there would be a*

*focus on certain aspects of arts and culture and how best to represent the diverse community of Fresno.*

- 12-C.** [ID 22-1886](#) 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. (PARCS)

*The above hearing began at 6:38 P.M.*

*Upon call, the following people addressed the Commission: Brandi N., Latanya Beamon and Dr. Carolina Simunovic.*

*Public comment was closed at 6:48 P.M.*

*Commission discussion on this item included: the status of the Sunset Community Center and the changes to programming at the facility; the lack of restrooms at the pocket park on West Almy; funding sources for activities at Sunset Community Center and how the Hands On group was involved.*

*Chair McCoy desired a further discussion on pocket parks and stated she would place the topic on a future agenda to Brown Act complications. Commissioner Vang requested the PARCS Department provide additional details about the agreement with Hands On at a future meeting.*

**13. Adjournment**

*Chair McCoy adjourned the meeting at 6:58 P.M.*

**The above minutes were approved by unanimous vote of the Parks, Recreation, and Arts Commission during the January 9, 2023, regular meeting with Commissioner Vang absent.**