

City of Fresno

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Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 19, 2022

5:30 PM

Regular Meeting

Council Chambers (In Person and/or Electronic)

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

The Parks, Recreation, and Arts Commission (PRAC) met in regular session in the Council Chamber at Fresno City Hall and remotely via Zoom, on September 19, 2022, at 5:30 P.M.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 P.M.

2. 5:30 P.M. Roll Call

Present 7 - Chair Kimberly McCoy, Vice Chair Jon Dohlin, Commissioner Maiyer Vang, Commissioner Mona Cummings, Commissioner Harman Singh, Commissioner Jose Barraza, and Commissioner Sarah Parkes

Absent 2 - Commissioner Francine Oputa, and Commissioner Scott Miller

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair McCoy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approve Agenda

On motion of Commissioner Parkes, seconded by Vice Chair Dohlin, that the agenda be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair McCoy, Vice Chair Dohlin, Commissioner Vang, Commissioner Cummings, Commissioner Singh, Commissioner Barraza and Commissioner Parkes

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Oputa and Commissioner Miller

5. Approval of Minutes

5-A. [ID 22-1446](#) Approval of Minutes for September 12, 2022, Regular Meeting.

On motion of Commissioner Cummings, seconded by Chair McCoy, that the minutes be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair McCoy, Vice Chair Dohlin, Commissioner Vang, Commissioner Cummings, Commissioner Singh, Commissioner Barraza and Commissioner Parkes

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Oputa and Commissioner Miller

6. Discussion: Subcommittee Reports:

a. Cultural Arts Plan:

b. Parks Master Plan:

c. Outreach Committee

CULTURAL ARTS PLAN - Commissioner Vang made several announcements. The Cultural Arts Plan subcommittee evaluated the three proposals from the "Boots on the Ground Outreach Implementation" Request for Proposals (RFP). The RFP led to agreements with Southeast Fresno Economic Development Association and Reading and Beyond for door to door outreach. The Cultural Arts Plan survey was set for a September 22 launch and would be available in English, Spanish, Hmong and Punjabi. Communications would be sent to promote the survey and community meetings in October.

PARKS MASTER PLAN - there were no updates for the Parks Master Plan.

OUTREACH SUBCOMMITTEE - there were no updates for the Outreach Subcommittee.

7. Members Reports and Comments

Commissioner Vang - asked for a plan to better support the community with regards to publicizing cooling centers as not everyone utilized social media. She suggested involving more people and utilizing posters and non-profits to spread the word.

8. City Administration and PARCS Staff Reports and Comments

Assistant City Manager Miller reminded the Commission the November 21, 2022, meeting would be the time to provide the PARCS Department with recommendations for the FY 24 budget.

Assistant Director Ramirez announced the City of Fresno website was up-to-date with Cultural Arts Plan information and included a new video from the Mayor.

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, the following members of the public addressed the Commission:
Lisa Flores, Brandi Nuse-Villegas, Pedro Navarro Cruz, Sean Sagardia and
Sue Farmer.*

10. Workshops:

11. Discussion Items:

12. Hearings:

12-A. [ID 22-1447](#) 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)

*Upon call, the following members of the public addressed the Commission:
Lisa Flores, Brandi Nuse-Villegas, Sue Farmer and Sean Sagardia.*

Commission discussion on this item included: the status of the Parks Master Plan update; the technical nature of the Parks Master Plan update to clean up language within the document; receiving input from the Cultural Arts Plan subcommittee on the Parks Master Plan update; needing additional information regarding the ability to use funds on a ball field not owned by the City of Fresno, and; needing to ask additional questions of the Sunnyside Lonestar Little League.

12-B. [ID 22-1448](#) Hearing - to receive public input on the development of a youth fee waiver program in the PARCS Department.

*Upon call the following members of the public addressed the Commission:
Setareh Tais, Pedro Navarro Cruz, Sean Sagardia and Sue Farmer.*

Commission discussion on the above item included: how the \$300,000 approved for waivers was to be used; the City offsetting fee based City programs with the waiver funds; determining the demand for fee waivers; addressing waivers in the FY 2024 budget so long as a dollar amount is

associated with the recommendation; future expansion of fee waivers; the possibility of utilizing a Request for Proposal to get an understanding of the number of groups and amount of demand for fee waivers.

13. Adjournment

Chair McCoy adjourned the meeting at 6:37 P.M.

The above minutes were approved by unanimous vote of the Parks, Recreation, and Arts Commission during the October 17, 2022, regular meeting with Commissioners Vang, Miller, and Singh absent.