



City of Fresno

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Meeting Minutes Parks, Recreation, and Arts Commission

Chair - Kimberly McCoy

Vice Chair - Laura Ward

Commissioner - Jose Leon Barraza

Commissioner - Rose Caglia

Commissioner - Jon Dohlin

Commissioner - McKay A. Duran

Commissioner - Kelly Kucharski

Commissioner - Scott Miller

Commissioner - Vincent L. Trillo

Monday, October 27, 2025

5:30 PM

**Council Chambers (In
Person and/or Electronic)
<https://www.fresno.gov/prac-meeting/>**

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 5:31 P.M.

2. 5:31 P.M. Roll Call

Commissioner Kucharski joined the meeting at 5:32 P.M.

On motion of Commissioner Dohlin, seconded by Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Barraza's absence was EXCUSED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chair McCoy, Vice Chair Ward, Commissioner Dohlin, Commissioner Duran, Commissioner Miller, and Commissioner Trillo.

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Barraza, Commissioner Caglia, Commissioner Kucharski

On motion of Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Dohlin, Commissioner Caglia's absence was EXCUSED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chair McCoy, Vice Chair Ward, Commissioner Dohlin, Commissioner Duran, Commissioner Miller, and Commissioner Trillo.

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Barraza, Commissioner Caglia, Commissioner Kucharski

Present 7 - Chair Kimberly McCoy, Vice Chair Laura E. Ward, Commissioner Jon Dohlin, Commissioner McKay A. Duran, Commissioner Kelly Kucharski, Commissioner Scott Miller, and Commissioner Vincent L. Trillo

Absent 2 - Commissioner Jose Barraza, and Commissioner Rose Caglia

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair McCoy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approve Agenda

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

Aye: 7 - Chair McCoy, Vice Chair Ward, Commissioner Dohlin, Commissioner Duran, Commissioner Kucharski, Commissioner Miller and Commissioner Trillo

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Barraza and Commissioner Caglia

5. Approval of Minutes

5.-A. [ID 25-1368](#) Approval of the regular meeting minutes of October 13, 2025.

On motion of Commissioner Trillo, seconded by Commissioner Dohlin, that the above Action Item be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair McCoy, Vice Chair Ward, Commissioner Dohlin, Commissioner Duran, Commissioner Kucharski, Commissioner Miller and Commissioner Trillo

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Barraza and Commissioner Caglia

6. Discussion: Subcommittee Reports

7. Members Reports and Comments

COMMISSIONER KUCHARSKI REPORTS AND COMMENTS. Expressed appreciation for community participation in providing feedback on arts grants, and the Arts Council was acknowledged for attentively taking notes during follow-up discussions. Expressed anticipation for improvements based on the feedback received, and the feedback will be considered in the next subcommittee phase.

CHAIR MCCOY REPORTS AND COMMENTS. Announced an upcoming community event on, Dr. Bruce Strouble, a community organizer, environmental justice advocate, and professor at Tallahassee University, will be the featured guest. Dr. Strouble will speak on community empowerment, power-building strategies, and data-driven organizing. The event will include a panel of speakers discussing advocacy work in West Fresno. Expressed enthusiasm about sharing Dr. Strouble's insights and encouraged commissioners and the community to attend.

8. City Administration and PARCS Staff Reports and Comments

PARCS DIRECTOR AGUIRRE REPORTS AND COMMENTS. Provided updates on recent and upcoming Halloween events across the city, and expressed gratitude to staff, volunteers, and community members for their support and participation.

9. Unscheduled Communication

Upon call, no members of the public addressed the Commission with unscheduled communication:

10. Workshops

11. Discussion Items

12. Hearings

- 12.-A. [ID 25-1484](#) Hearing - Actions pertaining to the Parks, After School, Recreation, and Community Services (PARCS) Department's FY 2027 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 2027 budget build process.
 2. Receive public input on expenditures related to the PARCS Department's FY 2027 budget.
 3. Action - Make recommendations to the City Council for adoption of expenditures in connection to the PARCS Department's FY 2027 budget (PARCS).

The above item was called to order at 5:40 P.M. and was presented to the Commission by PARCS Business Manager Xiong. Upon call, no members of the public addressed the Commission: Public comment closed at 6:26 P.M.

Commission discussion on this item included: request for new commissioners to be guided through the budget motion process, as this is their first time participating in the cycle; request for data on the percentage or number of their recommendations approved by Council; clarification on crime reduction statistics in parks, including how they compare to citywide crime trends; request for access to park-specific crime data, including a spreadsheet or memo detailing reductions by category and location; concerns about an 18% increase in assaults at parks, the timing and context of incidents; update requested on Park Ranger staffing, confirming that 20 positions are budgeted, 17 are filled, and hiring is ongoing to reach full staffing; inquiry about ranger assignments by district, including which districts have the most calls and how staffing shortages are affecting coverage in areas like Southwest and Northwest Fresno; clarification on the meaning of the "previous balance" in the budget worksheet, including whether it reflects unspent funds from prior allocations and why those funds remain unspent; clarification on Category 4 budget figures; request for clarification on the financial planning for the Cultural Arts Plan, specifically regarding expenditures projected for fiscal year 2027 and the update scheduled for 2028; Clean California Community Day events, including

which BIPOC farmers were involved and whether both events were classified as special or community events; increased participation in future cleanups, including outreach through West Fresno community centers, flyers, and partnerships with local organizations; collaboration with local groups to provide transportation for youth to participate in cleanups, highlighting organizations with electric vans and community interest in supporting such efforts; proposed mural project in West Fresno, with a focus on reflecting the diversity of the 93706 community and uniting residents through public art and youth engagement; challenge issued for Parks Commissioners to participate in a community cleanup, with support expressed for broader commissioner involvement in beautification efforts, and; definition of “community cleanup” expanded, with emphasis on not only removing trash but also improving the appearance and condition of buildings and public spaces.

On motion of Commissioner Dohlin to allocate funding not to exceed \$100,000 to the PARCS Department for the installation of a shade structure at the small dog park in Roeding Park, seconded by Chair McCoy, that the above Action Item be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair McCoy, Vice Chair Ward, Commissioner Dohlin, Commissioner Duran, Commissioner Kucharski, Commissioner Miller and Commissioner Trillo

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Barraza and Commissioner Caglia

- 12.-B.** [ID 25-1369](#) Hearing - Receive public input on Expanded Access to Arts and Culture Grant Program.

The above item was called to order at 6:29 P.M. and there was no presentation to the Commission. Upon call, the following members of the public addressed the Commission: Lisa Flores. Public comment closed at 6:31 P.M.

There was no Commission discussion on this item.

- 12.-C.** [ID 25-1370](#) 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 item was called to order at 6:31 P.M. and there was no presentation to the Commission. Upon call, the following members of the public addressed the Commission: Lisa Flores. Public comment closed at 6:32 P.M.

There was no Commission discussion on this item.

13. Adjournment

Chair McCoy adjourned the meeting in Memory of Dr. Francine Oputa, and Dr. James Aldredge at 6:32 P.M.