



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 – Sarah Parkes

Commissioner - Vacant

Monday, May 15, 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

Chair McCoy called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

2. 5:33 P.M. Roll Call

Commissioner Singh was absent during roll call and joined the meeting at 5:36 p.m.

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

Absent 1 - Commissioner Francine Oputa

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair McCoy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approve Agenda

On motion of Vice Chair Dohlin, seconded by Commissioner

Cummings, that 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 Parkes

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Oputa and Commissioner Singh

5. Approval of Minutes

5.-A. [ID 23-752](#) Approval of the regular meeting minutes of April 17, 2023.

On motion of Commissioner Cummings, seconded by Vice Chair Dohlin, that the above minutes were APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Vice Chair Dohlin, Commissioner Cummings, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Barraza and Commissioner Parkes

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Oputa and Commissioner Singh

Abstain: 1 - Chair McCoy

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. Announced her term on the commission has ended, acknowledged the commissioners, and acknowledged city staff.

Commissioner Singh Reports and Comments. Thanked Chair McCoy for serving on the commission.

Commissioner Parks Reports and Comments. Announced her term on the

board has ended, and acknowledged the commissioners and city staff. Discussed her takeaway is every meeting she learned about a new program, or organization, or incredible person serving in the City of Fresno to make sure children growing up in the community have access to sports and arts programs and opportunities to grow. Will stay as an advocate for Measure P and stay involved. It's been an honor to serve the City of Fresno. Thanked the Public Works Department for the improvements made to Eaton Trail.

Commissioner Barraza Reports and Comments. Thanked Chair McCoy and Commissioner Parks for a wonderful job. Is very impressed with the commitment of the Commissioners improving conditions if the community and the quality of life.

Vice Chair Dohlin Reports and Comments. Reported it's been great serving together and looks forward to getting together when they don't have to conform to the Brown Act.

Commissioner Cummings Reports and Comments. Thanked everyone for their service, is sorry to see Commissioner Parks go, and appreciates her expertise brought to the commission and continues to bring to the community. Looks forward to spending more time with her on the trail.

Commissioner Miller Reports and Comments. Echoed Commissioner Cummings comments, and looks forward to seeing the Commissioners in some city parks.

8. City Administration and PARCS Staff Reports and Comments

Deputy City Manager Ruiz Reports and Comments. Reported this Thursday, May 18, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. there will be a Special City Council Meeting for the Mayor's Fiscal Year 2024 Budget.

PARCS Director Aguirre Reports and Comments. Thanked Chair McCoy and Commissioner Parks for their dedication and leadership and the tough questions for the department. Announced registration begins this Friday, May 19, 2023, ages 3 and up for swim lessons, recreation swim begins June 12, 2023. Reported the May 30, 2023 meeting will present the Mayor's

Fiscal Year 2024 Budget, it will be a hearing for the commission can give their second and final recommendations. Will also have a hearing on that day for input for the draft Cultural Arts Plan.

- 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 during unscheduled communication: Lillia Gonzalez Chavez, Lisa Flores, and Ariana Chavez.

10. Workshops:

- 10.-A. [ID 23-601](#)** Workshop - Review of the Cultural Arts Plan Public Review Draft Comment Period Process and Schedule. (PARCS)

The above workshop was presented by Parks Department Senior Management Analyst Soliz.

Commission discussion on this item included: The committee did not have ample time to review the draft plan and was not happy with the current draft and was hoping for a revision before it went out the community; Agreed the Fresno Arts Council is the expert so they should be included and have active participation in the public in arts projects in the community in the parks; wants to have a good cultural arts plan for the community and kids, and seniors.

11. Discussion Items:

12. Hearings:

- 12.-A. [ID 23-754](#)** 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 was called to order at 6:08 p.m. Upon call, the following people addressed the Commission: Lisa Flores. The hearing closed at 6:11 p.m.

13. Adjournment

Chair McCoy adjourned the meeting at 6:12 p.m