



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 - Kelly Kucharski

Commissioner - Scott Miller

Commissioner - Harman Singh

Commissioner - Christina Soto

Monday, January 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 5:32 P.M.

2. 5:32 P.M. Roll Call

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

*Aye: 6 - Chair McCoy, Vice Chair Ward, Commissioner Barraza, Commissioner Caglia, Commissioner Dohlin, and Commissioner Singh
Absent: 3 - Commissioner Kucharski, Commissioner Miller, and Commissioner Soto*

On motion of Vice Chair Ward, seconded by Commissioner Dohlin, Commissioner Kucharski, and Commissioner Miller absence was EXCUSED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chair McCoy, Vice Chair Ward, Commissioner Barraza, Commissioner Caglia, Commissioner Dohlin, and Commissioner Singh
Absent: 3 - Commissioner Kucharski, Commissioner Miller, and Commissioner Soto

Commissioner Singh joined the meeting at 5:34 P.M, Commissioner Kucharski joined the meeting at 5:39 P.M, and Commissioner Miller joined the meeting at 5:43 P.M

Present 8 - Chair Kimberly McCoy, Vice Chair Laura E. Ward, Commissioner Jose Barraza, Commissioner Rose Caglia, Commissioner Jon Dohlin, Commissioner Kelly Kucharski, Commissioner Scott Miller, and Commissioner Harman Singh

Absent 1 - Commissioner Christina Soto

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair McCoy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approve Agenda

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

Aye: 6 - Chair McCoy, Vice Chair Ward, Commissioner Barraza, Commissioner Caglia, Commissioner Dohlin and Commissioner Singh

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Kucharski, Commissioner Miller and Commissioner Soto

5. Approval of Minutes

5.-A. [ID 25-119](#) Approval of the regular meeting minutes of December 16, 2024.

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

Aye: 6 - Chair McCoy, Vice Chair Ward, Commissioner Barraza, Commissioner Caglia, Commissioner Dohlin and Commissioner Singh

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Kucharski, Commissioner Miller and
Commissioner Soto

6. Discussion: Subcommittee Reports:

6-A. San Joaquin River Parkway:

There was no update from the San Joaquin River Parkway.

6-B. Cultural Arts Grant Fund Subcommittee

Vice Chair Ward reported the updated guidelines and policies will be presented to the city council at the January 30, 2024, meeting and encouraged the public to participate.

7. Members Reports and Comments

COMMISSIONER DOHLIN REPORTS AND COMMENTS: Acknowledged the first meeting of 2025, and wished a Happy New Year to the Commissioners, City staff, and the public. Noted 2025 is going to be an excellent year for the commission.

COMMISSIONER CAGLIA REPORTS AND COMMENTS: Echoed Commissioner Dohlin's comments.

COMMISSIONER SINGH REPORTS AND COMMENTS: Acknowledged it's good to be back and wished a Happy New Year to the Commission.

COMMISSIONER BARRAZA REPORTS AND COMMENTS: Reported observing open consumption of alcohol in public parks, and emphasize the importance of safety. Noted poor grass conditions at Pilibos Park. Acknowledged the recent investment of over \$500,000 in park improvements, and noted the need for additional parks.

COMMISSIONER KUCHARSKI REPORTS AND COMMENTS: Announced recent international travels, love for America, and the work done by the Commission.

CHAIR MCCOY REPORTS AND COMMENTS: Wished a Happy New Year to everyone, and acknowledged the first meeting of the year.

8. City Administration and PARCS Staff Reports and Comments

PARCS DIRECTOR AGUIRRE REPORTS AND COMMENTS: Wished the commission Happy New Year, and a successful year.

- 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 with unscheduled communication.

10. Workshops:

- 10.-A. [ID 25-151](#)** Workshop - Quarterly progress overview of the Expanded Access to Arts and Culture Grant Program Process. Q4 - 2024. (Fresno Arts Council).

The above item was presented to the Commission by Fresno Arts Council Director Lilia Gonzales Chavez.

Commission discussion on this item included: Appreciation for the work preformed. Request for an update on the new grants process. Time frame of grants for rural Fresno County arts programs.

11. Discussion Items:

12. Hearings:

- 12.-A. [ID 25-153](#)** Hearing - Receive public input on Expanded Access to Arts and Culture Grant Program.

The above item was called to order at 5:48 P.M. and there was no staff presentation. Upon call, no members of the public addressed the Commission: Public comment closed at 5:49 P.M.

There was no Commission discussion on this item.

- 12.-B. [ID 25-120](#)** 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 5:49 P.M. and there was no staff presentation. Upon call, no members of the public addressed the Commission: Public comment closed at 5:50 P.M.

There was no Commission discussion on this item.

13. **Adjournment**

Chair McCoy adjourned the meeting in Memory of Dr. Francine Oputa, at 5:50 P.M.