



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, February 27, 2023

5:30 PM

Council Chambers (In
Person and/or Electronic)

Regular Meeting

1. **Call to Order**

Vice Chair Dohlin called the meeting to order at 5:33 P.M.

2. **5:34 P.M. Roll Call**

Chair McCoy and Commissioners Vang and Miller were absent during roll call but joined the meeting shortly thereafter. Commissioner Vang joined the meeting at 5:36 P.M. Commissioner Miller joined the meeting at 5:42 P.M. Chair McCoy joined the meeting at 6:05 P.M.

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

Absent 1 - Commissioner Harman Singh

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Vice Chair Dohlin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approve Agenda

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

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

Absent: 4 - Chair McCoy, Vang, Commissioner Miller and Commissioner Singh

5. Approval of Minutes

- 5.-A. [ID 23-340](#) Approval of the regular meeting minutes of February 6, 2023, and January 23, 2023.

Secretary Stermer noted the minutes of January 23, 2023, had been updated as requested by Commissioner Oputa during the previous meeting.

Upon request of Commissioner Parkes, separate votes were taken to approve the minutes of January 23, 2023, and the minutes of February 6, 2023.

On motion of Commissioner Cummings, seconded by Commissioner Oputa, the minutes of January 23, 2023, were APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Vice Chair Dohlin, Commissioner Vang, Commissioner Oputa, Commissioner Cummings and Commissioner Barraza.

Absent: 3 - Chair McCoy, Commissioner Miller and Commissioner Singh

Abstain: 1 - Commissioner Parkes

On motion of Commissioner Cummings, seconded by Commissioner Oputa, the minutes of February 6, 2023, were APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Vice Chair Dohlin, Vang, Commissioner Oputa, Commissioner Cummings, Commissioner Barraza and Commissioner Parkes

Absent: 3 - Chair McCoy, Commissioner Miller and Commissioner Singh

6. Discussion: Subcommittee Reports:

6-A. Cultural Arts Plan:

Commissioner Vang announced the Cultural Arts Plan Subcommittee would meet March 1, 2023, and that the draft Cultural Arts Plan would be released for public review and comment on March 20, 2023.

6-B. Parks Master Plan:

There was no update from the Parks Master Plan Subcommittee.

6-C. Outreach Committee:

Vice Chair Dohlin announced the Outreach Subcommittee had automatically dissolved as there was no longer a specific task to complete. The Outreach Subcommittee could be reformed in the future should the Commission identify a specific task for the body.

7. Members Reports and Comments

Commissioner Barraza Comments. Expressed appreciation to the people that attended the workshop in Southeast Fresno at the Juan Felipe Herrera Elementary School.

Commissioner Oputa Comments. Acknowledged the great local events, activities, lectures, and performances held in celebration of Black History Month.

Commissioner Parkes Comments. Expressed disappointment that Executive Director Chavez of the Fresno Arts Council was not added to the agenda to discuss the organization's intended roll within Measure "P" despite the request coming from two Commissioners. Assistant City Manager Miller responded to Commissioner Parkes concern during City Administration Comments.

Commissioner Cummings Comments. Acknowledged the community events held in celebration of Black History Month including an awards event

and an event held at the Fresno Chaffee Zoo.

Vice Chair Dohlin Comments. Delighted to see his fellow Commissioners in person as well as the great public turn out.

8. City Administration and PARCS Staff Reports and Comments

Assistant City Manager Miller Comments. Responded to Commissioner Parkes comments by noting the Fresno Arts Council presentation was not rejected as an agenda item but was deferred to a future agenda as some details were still being worked out.

PARCS Director Aguirre Comments. Warming center hours had been extended through March 8, 2023, at 8:00 A.M. due to storms and cold temperatures in the forecast. A memorandum was sent to the Commissioners with updates on outreach efforts at the four highest needs parks: Frank H. Ball, Dickey, Holmes and Romain. The second community meeting regarding the Radio Park re-design would be held February 28, 2023, at 5:30 P.M. at the Fresno Art Museum.

Assistant PARCS Director Ramirez Comments. A Senior Dance had been scheduled for March 18, 2023, at the Ted C. Wills Community Center from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. Program Manager Drew Wilson was introduced as he was new to the PARCS Department and would be assisting with Measure "P" and attending Commission meetings.

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 members of the public addressed the Commission: Jose Luis Barraza, Michalelynn Lewis, Lisa Flores, Michael Ledezma, Brandi Nuse-Villegas and Keith Siemen

During unscheduled communication, the following people discussed the involvement of the Fresno Arts Council in relation to the Cultural Arts portion of Measure "P:" Lilia Chavez, Chester Mizowitz, Gerald Palladino, Michelle Pracy, Steven Wilson, Bruce Kallowski, Vivian Velasco Paz, Julia

Copeland, Nafesha Yisrael, Marion Karian, Victor Chavez, Lori Hunter, Jose Luis Barraza, Matthew Gillian, Caleb Durate, Tiffany Mangum, Daniel Jensen, David A. Fox, Francine Farber, Anthony Molina, Lisa Flores, Kay Bertken, Nicholas Rasmussen, Eric Payne, Brandi Nuse-Villegas, Keith Siemen and Melanie Glass.

10. Workshops:

- 10.-A. [ID 23-309](#)** Workshop - On the park classification of a pocket park as defined in the Parks Master Plan and the number of City of Fresno pocket parks (PARCS)

Assistant PARCS Director Chinevere presented the workshop for the Commission.

Commission discussion on this item included: restrooms at pocket parks; the difference between pocket park and a new development park; the criteria needed to update previous green space area with structures; policies on funding and how to encourage developers to create park projects; the percentage of park space dedicated to building pocket parks in the city; the park score for the City of Fresno, and; the disparity between North and South Fresno when it comes to pocket parks.

WORKSHOP HELD

11. Discussion Items:

There were no discussion items on the agenda.

12. Hearings:

- 12.-A. [ID 23-310](#)** HEARING - Actions Pertaining the Parks, Recreation and Art Commission's Meetings for Calendar Year 2023.
1. Discuss - in person meetings for future meetings.
 2. Discuss - Updating the meeting schedule for CY 23 PRAC.
 3. Action - Adopt meeting schedule for CY 23.

The above hearing began 7:23 P.M.

Assistant PARCS Director Ramirez presented the revised 2023 regular meeting calendar.

Commission discussion on this item included the timing of meetings, Commissioner availability, the ability to call special meetings and listing future items at the end of each agenda.

Upon call, there was no public comment for this item. The public comment period closed at 7:30 P.M.

APPROVED

On motion of Vice Chair Dohlin, seconded by Commissioner Cummings, to approve the calendar changes. The carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Chair McCoy, Vice Chair Dohlin, Vang, Commissioner Oputa, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Cummings, Commissioner Barraza and Commissioner Parkes

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Singh

- 12.-B.** [ID 23-341](#) 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 7:33 P.M.

Upon call, there was no public comment for this item. Public comment closed at 7:34 P.M.

Commission discussion on this item included: clarification of the different agenda sections that allow public comment and when the public should speak under each section; Measure "P" policy concerns, and the Commission's role in regards to Measure "P" funds.

DISCUSSED

13. Adjournment

Chair McCoy adjourned the meeting at 7:41 P.M.

The above minutes were approved by unanimous vote of the Parks, Recreation, and Arts Commission during the March 27, 2023, regular meeting with Commissioner Vang absent.