



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 – Kelly Kucharski

Commissioner - Laura Ward

Monday, June 26, 2023

5:30 PM

Council Chambers

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. 5:30 P.M. Roll Call

Vice Chair Dohlin arrived at 5:35 p.m., Commissioner Oputa arrived at 5:38 p.m., Commissioner Singh arrived at 5:46 p.m., Commissioner Kucharski arrived at 5:51 p.m.

Present 9 - Chair Kimberly McCoy, Vice Chair Jon Dohlin, Commissioner Mona Cummings, Commissioner Francine Oputa, Commissioner Scott Miller, Commissioner Harman Singh, Commissioner Jose Barraza, Commissioner Kelly Kucharski, and Commissioner Laura E. Ward

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair McCoy led the Pledge of Allegiance

4. Approve Agenda

On motion of Commissioner Cummings, seconded by Commissioner

Miller, the AGENDA was APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair McCoy, Commissioner Cummings, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Barraza and Commissioner Ward

Absent: 4 - Vice Chair Dohlin, Commissioner Oputa, Commissioner Singh and Commissioner Kucharski

5. Approval of Minutes

- 5.-A.** [ID 23-1036](#) Approval of the regular meeting minutes of May 30, 2023, and the special meeting of June 6, 2023.

On motion of Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Cummings, the MINUTES were APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair McCoy, Commissioner Cummings, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Barraza and Commissioner Ward

Absent: 4 - Vice Chair Dohlin, Commissioner Oputa, Commissioner Singh and Commissioner Kucharski

6. Discussion: Subcommittee Reports:

6-A. Cultural Arts Plan:

There was no update from the Cultural Arts Plan Subcommittee.

6-B. Parks Master Plan:

Commissioner Barraza gave an update regarding the last meeting and thanked staff for listing future items on the agenda.

7. Members Reports and Comments

COMMISSIONER CUMMINGS REPORTS AND COMMENTS: attended the South Central Commission for AB-617 and gave updates from the meeting.

CHAIR MCCOY REPORTS AND COMMENTS: discussed a Fresno Bee article written by a Edison High School student regarding parks and Measure P. There were no other comments from the commissioners.

8. City Administration and PARCS Staff Reports and Comments

Assistant City Manager Miller reports and comments: welcomed Laura Ward to the commission, and noted the City adopted a budget at the June 22, 2023, Council Meeting.

Parks Director Aguirre reports and comments: plans on bringing an agenda item to the commission regarding the Parks budget highlights and capital update. There were not other comments from staff.

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.

10. Workshops:

11. Discussion Items:

11.-A. [ID 23-1034](#) Cultural Arts Plan Subcommittee member nomination by Chairperson

Chair McCoy appointed Commissioner Oputa and Commissioner Ward to the Cultural Arts Plan Subcommittee

11.-B. [ID 23-1035](#) To establish a timeline for the Cultural Arts Subcommittee to complete their review of all comments received and revise the Cultural Arts Plan accordingly and present an updated draft for PRAC consideration at the July 17, 2023, meeting.

Parks Program Manager Wilson gave the presentation.

Commission discussion on this item included: requested more information regarding subparagraph (B) from the ordinance, and the Fresno Arts Council's involvement with the commission; request for better information regarding the 12% relating to nonprofits and arts related items; thanked staff for the wonderful job seeking out input from the community; request for more discussion regarding the Fresno Arts Council's involvement moving forward; requested citizens can get advanced notice of documents prior to the commission making recommendations; praised the timeline, and

encouraged the Arts Council and the arts Subcommittee to also work on the guidelines associated with the granting program; concerned lack of event held for the community to provide input, specifically the Punjabi community.

On motion of Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Barraza, the TIMELINE noted in the attached presentation was APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Chair McCoy, Vice Chair Dohlin, Commissioner Cummings, Commissioner Oputa, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Barraza, Commissioner Kucharski and Commissioner Ward

Abstain: 1 - Commissioner Singh

12. Hearings:

- 12.-A.** [ID 23-1037](#) 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 hearing was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

Upon call, Lilia Gonzales Chavez, Jose Luis Barraza, Hugo Morales, Keith Seaman, Amy Kitchener, Pedro Navarro Cruz addressed the Commission. There were no other comments from the public.

Commissioner Barraza requested a copy of the agreement with the Fresno Arts Council.

The hearing closed at 6:35 p.m.

13. Adjournment

Chair McCoy adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.