



City of Fresno

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Meeting Minutes

Parks, Recreation, and Arts Commission

Chair – Kimberly McCoy

Vice Chair – Jon Dohlin

Commissioner – Maiyer Vang

Commissioner – Dr. Francine Oputa

Commissioner – Scott Miller

Commissioner – Mona Nyandoro Cummings

Commissioner – Harman Singh

Commissioner – Jose Leon Barraza

Commissioner – Sarah Parkes

Monday, February 6, 2023

5:30 PM

**Council Chambers (In
Person and/or Electronic)**

Regular Meeting

1. Call to Order

Chair McCoy called the meeting to order at 5:32 P.M.

2. 5:32 P.M. Roll Call

Present 9 - Chair Kimberly McCoy, Vice Chair Jon Dohlin, Commissioner Maiyer Vang, Commissioner Francine Oputa, Commissioner Scott Miller, Commissioner Mona Cummings, Commissioner Harman Singh, Commissioner Jose Barraza, and Commissioner Sarah Parkes

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair McCoy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approve Agenda

On motion of Commissioner Oputa, seconded by Vice Chair Dohlin, the agenda were **APPROVED**. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Chair McCoy, Vice Chair Dohlin, Commissioner Vang, Commissioner Oputa, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Cummings, Commissioner Singh, Commissioner Barraza and Commissioner Parkes

5. Approval of Minutes

- 5-A.** [ID 23-217](#) Approval of the regular meeting minutes of January 23, 2023, Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Oputa requested her comments on page 4 of the draft minutes be updated. Her comments were not about gender differences, but about the PARCS Department eliminating redundancies in the softball program.

On motion of Commissioner Oputa, seconded by Vice Chair Dohlin, the meeting was TABLED to February 27, 2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Chair McCoy, Vice Chair Dohlin, Commissioner Vang, Commissioner Oputa, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Cummings, Commissioner Singh, Commissioner Barraza and Commissioner Parkes

6. Discussion: Subcommittee Reports:

6-A. Cultural Arts Plan:

Commissioner Vang reported the next Cultural Arts Plan Subcommittee meeting would be held Friday, February 10, 2023.

6-B. Parks Master Plan:

There was no update from the Parks Master Plan Subcommittee.

6-C. Outreach Committee:

There was no update from the Outreach Subcommittee.

Chair McCoy questioned the need for this subcommittee to continue. Commissioner Oputa and Commissioner Singh spoke in favor of continuing with the subcommittee. Deputy City Attorney Karst stated she would review

the by-laws.

7. Members Reports and Comments

Commissioner Oputa Reports and Comments. It was pleasant to see fellow commissioners out in the community and supporting the cultural events occurring in the city of Fresno.

Commissioner Vang Reports and Comments. Recognized Maggie Navarro for all her excellent work for the City of Fresno and her connections with Fresno Unified School District.

Commissioner Parkes Reports and Comments. Requested an update on the Park Ranger Program and Measure P funding for trails and parkways at a future meeting.

Commissioner Barraza Reports and Comments. Announced a meeting hosted by the PARCS Department at Juan Felipe Herrera Elementary School to seek input on a new 8.5 million dollar park. Suggested PARCS provide information about safety and security at the meeting.

Vice Chair Dohlin Reports and Comments. Requested discussion on returning to in person meetings.

8. City Administration and PARCS Staff Reports and Comments

Assistant City Manager Miller Reports and Comments. Announced the warming centers at Maxie L Parks, Mosqueda and Ted C. Wills would be open through February 28, 2023.

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: Oscar Rodriguez, Brandi Nuse-Villegas, Clare Statham, Lisa Flores, and Josefa Vega.

10. Workshops:

11. Discussion Items:

12. Hearings:

- 12-A. [ID 23-218](#)** 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 6:13 PM. Upon call, the following members of the public addressed the Commission: Oscar Rodriguez, Lisa Flores, and Clare Statham.

Public comment was closed at 6:22 PM. There was no Commission discussion.

- 12-B. [ID 23-244](#)** Hearing - Actions Pertaining the Parks, Recreation and Art Commission's Meetings for FY 23.
1. Discuss - in person meetings for future meetings.
 2. Discuss - Updating the meeting schedule for FY 23 PRAC.
 3. Action - Adopt meeting schedule for FY 23.

The above hearing was called to order at 6:23 PM. Upon call, Lisa Flores and Clare Statham addressed the Commission.

Public comment closed at 7:11 PM.

Commission discussion of the above included: the end of California's emergency declaration regarding Covid-19 and the impact of meeting remotely; Assembly Bill 2449 rules and regulations; Brown Act rules and regulations; the ability for the public to continue participating through Zoom; whether or not staff will be required to attend the meetings in person; the requirements to call a special meeting and; the pros and cons of having fewer meetings.

Following a motion by Chair McCoy to update the regular meeting schedule, she clarified the updated schedule should be placed on the next agenda for final approval by the Commission.

On motion of Chair McCoy, seconded by Vice Chair Dohlin, that the regular meeting schedule be amended to every third Monday of the

month at 5:30 PM instead of every first and third Monday. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Vang

13. Adjournment

Chair McCoy adjourned the meeting at 7:14 PM.

The above minutes were approved by unanimous vote of the Parks, Recreation, and Arts Commission during the February 27, 2023, regular meeting with Chair McCoy, Commissioner Miller and Commissioner Singh absent.