



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, March 27, 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.

Chair McCoy participated remotely via Zoom pursuant to the just cause childcare provisions of Assembly Bill 2449.

1. Call to Order

Chair McCoy called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

2. 5:35 P.M. Roll Call

Present 8 - Chair Kimberly McCoy, Vice Chair Jon Dohlin, Commissioner Francine Oputa, Commissioner Scott Miller, Commissioner Mona Cummings, Commissioner Harman Singh, Commissioner Jose Barraza, and Commissioner Sarah Parkes

Absent 1 - Chair Maiyer Vang

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair McCoy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. **Approve Agenda**

On motion of Vice Chair Dohlin, seconded by Commissioner Cummings, the agenda was APPROVED. 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 - Chair Vang

5. **Approval of Minutes**

5-A. [ID 23-501](#) Approval of the regular meeting minutes of February 27, 2023

On motion of Commissioner Cummings, seconded by Commissioner Miller, the minutes were APPROVED. 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 - Chair Vang

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.

6-C. **Outreach Committee:**

There was no report from the Outreach Subcommittee. This body was dissolved as reported during the February 27, 2023, PRAC meeting.

7. **Members Reports and Comments**

Commissioner Barraza Comments. Requested staff schedule a meeting for

the Parks Master Plan Subcommittee so there would be no delays in the Parks Master Plan process.

Commissioner Oputa Comments. Recognized March as Women's History Month. Congratulated Professor Lee Herrick of Fresno City College for his appointment as California's Poet Laureate.

Commissioner Cummings Comments. Announced Tree Fresno, in partnership with the City of Fresno and the Fresno Chaffee Zoo, planted 79 trees on March 24, 2023. The event utilized volunteers from Golden Charter Academy, the Green Team Youth Ambassador Program and Advance Peace.

8. City Administration and PARCS Staff Reports and Comments

PARCS Director Aguirre Comments. Thanked PARCS Department staff and others for working late nights and weekends to keep the warming centers open continuously from December 21, 2022, thru March 21, 2023. The PARCS Department hosted four well attended community meetings in March to discuss "high needs parks" with community members.

9. Workshops:

9-A. [ID 23-245](#) Workshop - Status of in progress projects funded by Measure P funds. (PARCS)

Assistant PARCS Director Chinevere presented the workshop.

Commission discussion on this item included: improvements at the Hinton Community Center not including the building; why some parks have Measure "P" signs but not others; how multi-year projects are budgeted within the PARCS Department; providing invitations to Commissioners for ribbon cutting and grand opening ceremonies; utilizing the full names of parks with culturally significant names instead of the park initials; which courts at Vinland Park were being resurfaced; the amount of community input received prior to creating new parks and the possibility of utilizing the existing PRAC survey's; priority for groups that reserve park amenities over those groups that do not make reservations; the possibility of Measure "P" Cultural Arts related projects being part of larger capital projects for the economy of scale.

WORKSHOP PRESENTED

- 9-B. [ID 23-508](#) Workshop - Overview of Measure P Ordinance as it pertains to the Commission's authority as outlined in Ordinance Section 7-1509 (e). (PARCS)

PARCS Director Aguirre presented the workshop.

Commission discussion on this item included: the PARCS Department focus on preparing the grant opportunities and guidelines for the Cultural Arts Plan for Commission review; the possibility of Commissioners recommending grant guidelines beyond the Cultural Arts Plan during upcoming budget hearings.

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10. Discussion Items:

11. Hearings:

- 11-A. [ID 23-502](#) 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 6:58 p.m.

Upon call, the following people addressed the Commission: Michaelynn Lewis, Clare Statham, Brandi N., Shannon Thom and Robert McCloskey.

The hearing closed at 7:15 p.m.

- 12. 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: Shannon Tom, Robert McCloskey, Brian Dixon and Brandi N.

13. Adjournment

Chair McCoy adjourned the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

The above minutes were approved by unanimous vote of the Parks, Recreation, and Arts Commission during the April 17, 2023, regular meeting with Commissioner Singh, Commissioner Vang and Chair McCoy absent.