



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, November 4, 2024

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**

Present 5 - Chair Kimberly McCoy, Commissioner Jose Barraza, Commissioner Kelly Kucharski, Commissioner Scott Miller, and Commissioner Christina Soto

Absent 4 - Vice Chair Laura E. Ward, Commissioner Rose Caglia, Commissioner Jon Dohlin, and Commissioner Harman Singh

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair McCoy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. **Approve Agenda**

On motion of Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner

Barraza, the Agenda was APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair McCoy, Commissioner Barraza, Commissioner Kucharski, Commissioner Miller and Commissioner Soto

Absent: 4 - Vice Chair Ward, Commissioner Caglia, Commissioner Dohlin and Commissioner Singh

5. Approval of Minutes

5.-A. [ID 24-1485](#) Approval of the regular meeting minutes of October 28, 2024.

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

Aye: 5 - Chair McCoy, Commissioner Barraza, Commissioner Kucharski, Commissioner Miller and Commissioner Soto

Absent: 4 - Vice Chair Ward, Commissioner Caglia, Commissioner Dohlin and Commissioner Singh

6. Discussion: Subcommittee Reports:

6-A. Parks Master Plan:

There was no update from the Parks Master Plan.

6-B. Highest Needs Neighborhoods:

There was no update from the Highest Needs Neighborhoods

6-C. San Joaquin River Parkway:

There was no update from the San Joaquin River Parkway.

6-D. Cultural Arts Grant Fund Subcommittee

There was no update from the Cultural Arts Grant Fund Subcommittee.

7. Members Reports and Comments

There were no reports and comments from the commissioners.

8. City Administration and PARCS Staff Reports and Comments

PARCS DIRECTOR AGUIRRE REPORTS AND COMMENTS: Noted a tray

memo was sent out to the commission with follow-up responses to questions from last week's meeting.

- 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 with unscheduled communication: Brandi N, and Sarah Parks.

10. Workshops:

- 10.-A. [ID 24-1494](#)** Workshop - Overview of FY 2025 Landscape, Trails, Beautification, & San Joaquin River Parkway to inform the FY 2026 budget. (Public Works Department)

The above item was presented to the Commission by Public Works Director Mozier, and assistant Director Russell.

Commission discussion on this item included: Measure "P" serving as a contingency fund, and future projects. San Joaquin River Parkway Conservancy's issues being addressed. Keeping Measure "P" funds in Southwest Fresno for other projects. Types of maintenance crews working on projects. Greatest needs for maintenance throughout the city. Peach Avenue Widening project. Beautification efforts in Southwest Fresno, and deferred maintenance. Initiating meetings with the Public Works Department and the San Joaquin River Conservancy.

PRESENTED

- 10.-B. [ID 24-1495](#)** Workshop- Overview of FY 2025 Park Ranger Program to inform the FY 2026 budget. (Police Department)

The above item was presented to the Commission by Deputy Police Chief Landon.

Commission discussion on this item included: Badge numbers of park rangers, and time of service. Shifts and hours Park Rangers work. Park Rangers working by themselves or with a partner. Crime prevention training for Park Rangers. Incorporating culture diversity training for Park Rangers. Public safety and benchmarks to assess the additional funding from Measure "P". Tools the Police Department uses to measure benchmarks, and improvements. How parks are monitored by Park Rangers. Engagement

with residents in city parks.

PRESENTED

- 10.-C.** [ID 24-1496](#) Workshop- Overview of FY 2025 Beautify Fresno to inform the FY 2026 budget. (Department of Public Utilities)

The above item was presented to the Commission by Beautify Fresno Director Standriff.

Commission discussion on this item included: Focusing on the highest needs neighborhoods. Discussions with Fresno Unified School District for partnerships. New focus of Beautify Fresno 2.0, and past focus. Testing soil at community gardens. Private owner compensation for city projects on private property. Partnership with Fresno Building Healthy Communities. Adopt a park project now called Love Fresno. Funding for Beautify Fresno. New mural policy for the city. Graffiti on murals. Inclusion of younger volunteers. Not discouraging private property owners. Measure "P" category five funding allocated to Beautify Fresno. Number of parks adopted, responsibility of the adopter, and who adopted parks.

PRESENTED

11. Discussion Items:

12. Hearings:

- 12.-A.** [ID 24-1490](#) Hearing - Actions pertaining to the Parks, After School, Recreation, and Community Services (PARCS) Department's FY 2026 Budget Build as it relates to capital projects; after school, recreation, and community services programs; and trails, beautification, and the San Joaquin River Parkway
1. Presentation - Overview of the FY 2026 budget build process.
 2. Receive public input on expenditures related to the PARCS Department's FY 2026 budget.
 3. Action - Make recommendations to the City Council for adoption of expenditures in connection to the PARCS Department's FY 2026 budget (PARCS).

The above item was called to order at 7:33 P.M. and was presented to the Commission by PARCS Department Assistant Director Chinevere. Upon call, the following members of the public addressed the Commission: Kari Daniska, and Brandi N. Public comment closed at 7:48 P.M.

Commission discussion on this item included: Amount of funding allocated to the San Joaquin River Conservancy, and the amount generated annually. Unexpended balance available. PARCS Department support for projects. Moving forward with projects, community outreach, and funding. Making recommendations to City Council. Various projects for the San Joaquin River Conservancy. Making expenditure requests, and recommendations for next years budget. Subcommittee support for projects.

Commissioner Kucharski motioned to allocate up to \$150,000 for the Camp Pashayan project as part of bucket five for the San Joaquin Parkway. Commissioner Barraza seconded the motion which PASSED by the following vote:

*Aye: 5 - Chair McCoy, Commissioner Barraza, Commissioner Kucharski, Commissioner Miller, and Commissioner Soto
Absent: 4 - Vice Chair Ward, Commissioner Caglia, Commissioner Dohlin, and Commissioner Singh*

Chair McCoy motioned to allocate \$75,000 for a mentorship program targeting youth ages 9 to 17, with a focus on academic support, workforce readiness, and general mentorship. Commissioner Barraza seconded the motion which PASSED by the following vote:

*Aye: 5 - Chair McCoy, Commissioner Barraza, Commissioner Kucharski, Commissioner Miller, and Commissioner Soto
Absent: 4 - Vice Chair Ward, Commissioner Caglia, Commissioner Dohlin, and Commissioner Singh*

Commissioner Kucharski motioned to allocate up to \$75,000 to engage a consultant to evaluate the sustainability and conservation aspects related to the park landscape maintenance operations. Chair McCoy seconded the motion which PASSED by the following vote:

*Aye: 5 - Chair McCoy, Commissioner Barraza, Commissioner Kucharski, Commissioner Miller, and Commissioner Soto
Absent: 4 - Vice Chair Ward, Commissioner Caglia, Commissioner Dohlin, and Commissioner Singh*

- 12.-B.** [ID 24-1486](#) 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 8:18 P.M. Upon call, no members of the public addressed the Commission: Public comment closed at 8:18 P.M.

There was no commission discussion on this item.

13. Adjournment

Chair McCoy adjourned the meeting in Memory of Dr. Francine Oputa, at 8:18 P.M.

The above minutes were approved by unanimous vote of the Parks, Recreation, and Arts Commission during the November 18, 2024, regular meeting with Commissioner Singh absent.