

City of Fresno

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Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 15, 2022

5:30 PM

Regular Meeting

Council Chambers (In Person and/or Electronic)

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

1. Call to Order

Vice Chair Dohlin called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

2. 5:30 P.M. Roll Call

Commissioner Singh joined the meeting at 5:34 P.M. and Commissioner Vang joined the meeting at 5:35 P.M.

Present 8 - 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

Absent 1 - Chair Kimberly McCoy

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance led by Vice Chair Dohlin.

4. Approve Agenda

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

Aye: 7 - Vice Chair Dohlin, Commissioner Oputa, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Cummings, Commissioner Singh, Commissioner Barraza and Commissioner Parkes

Absent: 2 - Chair McCoy and Commissioner Vang

5. Approval of Minutes

5.-A. [ID 22-1293](#) Approval of Minutes for August 1, 2022, Regular Meeting.

On motion of Commissioner Barraza, seconded by Commissioner Cummings, that the Minutes be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Vice Chair Dohlin, Commissioner Oputa, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Cummings, Commissioner Singh and Commissioner Barraza

Absent: 2 - Chair McCoy and Commissioner Vang

Abstain: 1 - Commissioner Parkes

6. Discussion: Subcommittee Reports:

a. Cultural Arts Plan:

b. Parks Master Plan:

c. Outreach Committee:

Commissioner Parkes noted the Cultural Arts Plan update would be presented by staff as part of agenda item 12-A (ID 22-1290).

There were no updates regarding the Parks Master Plan.

Commissioner Oputa gave an update on the Outreach Committee. She clarified the role of the Committee was to review current processes for communicating to the broader community with a goal to increase citizen participation. Staff provided the subcommittee a list of actions and timelines to help facilitate the mission. The Committee also discussed utilizing themes for PRAC meetings in order to give the public as much notice as possible about the topics to be discussed. The possibility of Commissioners directly providing staff with contact information for groups and individuals interested in receiving PRAC related materials was also discussed. The Committee found the participatory budget process was not compatible with the current City of Fresno budget process and discussed the best way to maximize public participation for the budget. Finally, the Committee noted the proper way for the Commission to support a request for funding was to recommend a particular type of programming and a funding amount for that programming. If the City of Fresno were to approve the programming recommendation, the requesting entity would apply for the funding through a bid process.

7. Members Reports and Comments

Commissioner Barraza thanked Commissioner Oputa for the clarification on recommending programming.

Commissioner Cummings thanked Commissioner Oputa for her

programming clarification but questioned if recommendations would actually be considered by the City of Fresno.

Commissioner Oputa suggested the Commissioners capture public comment recommendations made during Commission meetings. The purpose of tracking recommendations would be to determine if the Commission should take future action on those recommendations.

8. City Administration and PARCS Staff Reports and Comments

Director Aguirre provided the Commission with an update on the opening of the cooling centers and stated FAX transportation and water would be available. He mentioned senior water aerobics had been extend through September 26, 2022. Recreational swim and swim lessons were also extended through September 4, 2022.

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: Elliot Blatch and Brandi Nuse-Villegas.

10. Workshops:

10.-A. [ID 22-1291](#) Workshop - To provide an update on the PARCS Department Fiscal Year 2023 Budget. (PARCS)

The above workshop was presented to the Commission by Director Aguirre. Assistant Director Ramirez, Assistant City Manager Miller and Public Works Director Mozier also addressed the Commission.

Discussion on this item included: properties to be acquired with the \$10 million dollars listed in the presentation; the planed use for UGM funds, park development fees and annual PARCS revenue; where non-Measure P revenue were allocated and how grants were shown in the FY 23 Budget; the status of the 29 new staff positions; the projects to be funded as new capital projects; the Park Ranger Program under the Fresno Police Department; pilot program funding and recommendations; the need for a

process to allow the Commission to make recommendations related to "funding buckets" 1, 2, and 3; revenue and expenditures regarding the Cultural Arts Plan; discussing programs together as a whole as opposed to discussing each program individually, and; which Measure P recommendations were approved by the Fresno City Council as part of the FY 23 Budget.

11. Discussion Items:

There were no discussion items on the agenda.

12. Hearings:

- 12-A.** [ID 22-1290](#) Hearing - To provide an update on the development of the Cultural Arts Plan. (PARCS)

The above hearing was presented to the Commission by Senior Management Analyst Soliz.

Upon call, the following members of the public addressed the Commission: Sylvesta Hall, Lisa Flores, Brandi Nuse-Villegas, and Michaelynn Lewis.

Discussion on this item included: ensuring diversity and inclusion in all aspects beyond race and ethnicity; utilizing outreach aimed at people that do not utilize technology; compensating Community Based Organizations selected through a Request for Qualification process; communicating in multiple languages; piggybacking on the outreach efforts of the Master Plan, and; the possibility of partnering with schools and school districts for outreach.

- 12-B.** [ID 22-1292](#) 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)

Upon call, the following members of the public addressed Council: Brandi Nuse-Villegas, Lisa Flores, and Michaelynn Lewis.

- 12-C.** [ID 22-1294](#) Hearing - Adopt the Calendar Year 2023 Parks Recreation and Arts Commission Meeting Calendar. (PARCS)

There was no staff presentation on the above item. Upon call, there was no public comment.

Discussion on this item included the PRAC meeting tentatively scheduled for June 19, 2023, which is the Juneteenth holiday.

On motion of Commissioner Oputa, seconded by Vice Chair Dohlin, that the above Action Item be APPROVED AS AMENDED to move the June 19, 2023, meeting date to June 26, 2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Chair McCoy

13. Adjournment

The Parks, Recreation, and Arts Commission adjourned at 8:02 P.M.

The above minutes were approved by unanimous vote of the Commission during the September 12, 2022, Commission meeting with Chair McCoy abstaining and Commissioners Barraza and Vang absent.