



# CITY OF MERCED

Merced Civic Center  
678 W. 18th Street  
Merced, CA 95340

## Minutes

### Arts and Culture Advisory Commission

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Tuesday, November 26, 2024

4:00 PM

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#### A. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair DENNIS called the regular Arts and Culture Advisory Commission meeting to order at 4:01 PM.

#### B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### C. ROLL CALL

Ex-Officio Members Present:

Member RODRIGUEZ

Member CUCCIA

**Present:** 6 - Member Tommy Tran, Member Gregorio Rocha-Tabera, Member Angelina Thompson, Vice Chair Colton Dennis, Member Glen Camarda, and Member Rob Hypes

**Excused:** 1 - Member Maria Del Zaragoza

**Absent:** 0

#### D. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were none.

#### E. CONSENT CALENDAR

E.1. **SUBJECT:** Arts and Culture Advisory Commission Minutes of September 19, 2024

##### REPORT IN BRIEF

Arts and Culture Advisory Commission Minutes from the meeting of September 19, 2024.

##### RECOMMENDATION

**Arts and Culture Advisory Commission** - Adopt a motion approving and filing the Arts and Culture Advisory Commission minutes of September 19, 2024.

A motion was made by Member Hypes, seconded by Member Rocha-Tabera, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 6 - Member Tran, Member Rocha-Tabera, Member Thompson, Vice Chair Dennis, Member Camarda, and Member Hypes

**No:** 0

**Excused:** 1 - Member Del Zaragoza

**Absent:** 0

## F. ACTION ITEMS

**F.1.** SUBJECT: Commission to Review and Approve Photograph Selections for the December 14, 2024, Art Exhibition, Falling in Love with Merced, at the Merced Civic Center

### REPORT IN BRIEF

Reviews and approves photography selections for display at the December 14, 2024, Art Exhibition, Falling in Love with Merced at the Merced Civic Center.

### RECOMMENDATION

**Arts and Culture Advisory Commission** - Adopt a motion approving 15 photography submissions for production and display at the Second Annual Photography Exhibition, Falling in Love with Merced on Saturday, December 14, 2024, at the Merced Civic Center.

Senior Management Analyst Jennifer FLACHMAN gave a brief presentation of the photographs submitted for the December 14, 2024 Art Exhibit.

**Clerk's Note:** There was no discussion.

**A motion was made by Member Camarda, seconded by Member Hypes, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Member Tran, Member Rocha-Tabera, Member Thompson, Vice Chair Dennis, Member Camarda, and Member Hypes

**No:** 0

**Excused:** 1 - Member Del Zaragoza

**Absent:** 0

## G. REPORTS

**G.1.** SUBJECT: Report from Staff on Deaccession of Utility Box Art and Utility Box Refresh Project

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Staff to provide a report on the deaccession of 15 utility box art projects and an update on the status of the Utility Box Refresh Project.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Information Only.

Senior Management Analyst Jennifer FLACHMAN gave a brief presentation on the de accession of Utility Box Art and Utility Box Refresh Project.

Commissioners and Ms. FLACHMAN discussed potentiall removing current art on boxes, guidelines of wrapping the boxes, and location of boxes to be refreshed.

**Clerk's Note:** This was for information only.

**H. BUSINESS**

**H.1.**

**SUBJECT:** Appointing a Future Arts Projects Subcommittee to Review and Recommend 2024/2025 Art Projects

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Considers appointing a Future Arts Projects Subcommittee that will review and recommend future 2024/2025 art projects.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**Arts and Culture Advisory Commission** - Adopt a motion appointing up to three voting members to a subcommittee to review and recommend future 2024/2025 Art Projects.

**Clerk's Note:** There was no discussion.

A motion was made by Member Hypes, seconded by Member Camarda, to appoint Commissioner Camarda, Thompson, Tabera, and Ex-Officio Cuccia to the Future Arts Projects Subcommittee. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 6 - Member Tran, Member Rocha-Tabera, Member Thompson, Vice Chair Dennis, Member Camarda, and Member Hypes

**No:** 0

**Excused:** 1 - Member Del Zaragoza

**Absent:** 0

**H.2.**                      **SUBJECT: Selection of Chair and Vice-Chair**

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Selects Chair and Vice-Chair of the Arts and Culture Advisory Commission for fiscal year 24/25.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**Arts and Culture Advisory Commission** - Adopt a motion nominating and appointing a Chair and Vice-Chair.

**A motion was made by Member Camarda, seconded by Member Rocha-Tabera, to appoint Commissioner Hypes as Chair. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Member Tran, Member Rocha-Tabera, Member Thompson, Vice Chair Dennis, Member Camarda, and Member Hypes

**No:** 0

**Excused:** 1 - Member Del Zaragoza

**Absent:** 0

**A motion was made by Member Camarda, seconded by Member Hypes, to appoint Commissioner Dennis as Vice-Chair. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Member Tran, Member Rocha-Tabera, Member Thompson, Vice Chair Dennis, Member Camarda, and Member Hypes

**No:** 0

**Excused:** 1 - Member Del Zaragoza

**Absent:** 0

**H.3.**                      **SUBJECT: Request to Add Item to Future Agenda**

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Provides members of the Arts and Culture Advisory Commission to request that an item be placed on a future Arts and Culture Advisory Commission agenda for initial consideration by the Boards/Commissions.

Vice-Chair DENNIS requested to add an item on the Arts and Culture District next steps and an item on maintenance funds.

Commissioner CAMARDA requested to discuss the revitalization of the Merced Art Hop and painting wooden covered windows.

H.4. SUBJECT: Commission Comments

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Provides an opportunity for the Chair and/or Member(s) to make a brief announcement on any activity(ies) she/he has attended on behalf of the Commission and to make a brief announcement on future community events and/or activities. The Brown Act does not allow discussion or action by the legislative body under this section.

Commissioner CAMARDA spoke on the Christmas parade.

Ex-Officio Member CUCCIA spoke on upcoming events.

Commissioner HYPES spoke on upcoming events.

Vice-Chair DENNIS spoke on upcoming events.

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

**Clerk's Note:** The Regular Arts and Culture Advisory Commission Meeting adjourned at 4:29 PM.

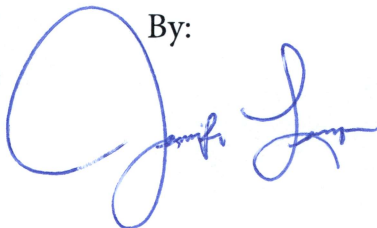
**A motion was made by Member Hypes, seconded by Member Thompson, to adjourn the Arts and Culture Advisory Commission Meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Member Tran, Member Rocha-Tabera, Member Thompson, Vice Chair Dennis, Member Camarda, and Member Hypes

**No:** 0

**Excused:** 1 - Member Del Zaragoza

**Absent:** 0

By: 

Jennifer Levesque  
Assistant City Clerk

Approved By:



Rob Hypes  
Chair