



CITY OF MERCED

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

Minutes

Arts and Culture Advisory Commission

Thursday, January 18, 2024

4:00 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Vice Chair Colton Dennis, Member Rob Hypes, Member Maria Del Zaragoza, Member Tommy Tran, and Chair Sandra Hay

Absent: 2 - Member Gregorio Rocha-Tabera, and Member Angelina Thompson

Clerk's Note: Commissioner ZARAGOZA arrived to the Regular Meeting at 4:03 PM.

Ex-Officio Members Present:

Member RODRIGUEZ

Ex-Officio Members Absent:

Member GARNER

Member CUCCIA

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no Public Comment.

E. CONSENT CALENDAR

E.1. **SUBJECT:** Arts and Culture Advisory Commission Minutes of November 16, 2023 and November 30, 2023

REPORT IN BRIEF

Arts and Culture Advisory Commission Minutes from the meeting of November 16, 2023 and November 30, 2023.

RECOMMENDATION

Arts and Culture Advisory Commission - Adopt a motion approving and filing the Arts and Culture Advisory Commission minutes of November 16, 2023 and November 30, 2023.

Clerk's Note: There was no Commissioner discussion.

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

Aye: 5 - Vice Chair Dennis, Member Hypes, Member Del Zaragoza, Member Tran, and Chair Hay

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Member Rocha-Tabera, and Member Thompson

F. REPORTS

F.1.

SUBJECT: Approving an Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Local Photography Submissions and Approving the Planning of a Summer Art Exhibition at the Applegate Park Merced Open Air Theater (MOAT)

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers approving an RFQ call for local photography and a summer art exhibition at the Applegate Park MOAT.

RECOMMENDATION

Arts and Culture Advisory Commission - Adopt a motion:

A. Approving an RFQ for original works of photography by local artists featuring sunrises and sunsets in Merced; and,

B. Approving the designation of two members of the Arts and Culture Advisory Commission to serve on a subcommittee with the Senior Management Analyst/PIO and Director of Parks and Community Services to plan a summer art exposition event for artists to exhibit their original local sunrise and sunset photography.

Senior Management Analyst Jennifer FLACHMAN and Director of Parks and Community Services Christopher JENSEN gave a presentation on the Request for Qualification (RFQ) for local photography submissions and planning of a Summer Art Exhibition.

Commissioners, Mr. JENSEN, and Mr. FLACHMAN discussed the usage of the Merced Open Air Theatre in Applegate Park, highlighting local agencies, businesses, winners, and top submissions, collaborating with

Merced County Arts Council, details of the event, and creating a potential Subcommittee.

A motion was made by Chair Hay, seconded by Member Del Zaragoza, to create a Subcommittee to include Arts and Culture Advisory Commissioner Hypes and Arts and Culture Advisory Commissioner Dennis. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Vice Chair Dennis, Member Hypes, Member Del Zaragoza, Member Tran, and Chair Hay

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Member Rocha-Tabera, and Member Thompson

F.2.

SUBJECT: Continued Report to Provide an Update on the Condition of Murals Painted on City of Merced Utility Boxes

REPORT IN BRIEF

Staff to provide an update on the condition of murals painted on City of Merced Utility Boxes.

RECOMMENDATION

Information Only.

Senior Management Analyst Jennifer FLACHMAN requested to continue this item to the March Commission meeting.

Clerk's Note: There was no Commissioner discussion.

Clerk's Note: There was no formal vote taken, item was for information only.

G. BUSINESS

G.1.

SUBJECT: Request to Add Item to Future Agenda

REPORT IN BRIEF

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

Vice Chair DENNIS requested to discuss the consideration of re-thinking how artists are paid for art projects and to discuss a potential maintenance fund.

Ex-Officio Member RODRIGUEZ and Commissioner HYPES requested to

discuss clarification on the \$100,000 allocation to art projects and how it can be spent.

Senior Management Analyst Jennifer FLACHMAN spoke on the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) and stated she will obtain the information requested.

G.2.

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.

Ex-Officio Member RODRIGUEZ spoke on upcoming art events.

Vice Chair DENNIS spoke on upcoming art events.

Commissioner TRAN spoke on details of an upcoming Opera event and fundraiser.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Clerk's Note: The regular Arts and Culture Advisory Commission meeting adjourned at 4:28 PM.

A motion was made by Member Hypes, seconded by Chair Hay, to adjourn the Regular Arts and Culture Advisory Commission meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Vice Chair Dennis, Member Hypes, Member Del Zaragoza, Member Tran, and Chair Hay

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Member Rocha-Tabera, and Member Thompson