



# CITY OF MERCED

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

## Minutes

### Arts and Culture Advisory Commission

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Thursday, November 16, 2023

4:00 PM

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#### A. CALL TO ORDER

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

#### B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### C. ROLL CALL

**Present:** 5 - Vice Chair Colton Dennis, Member Maria Del Zaragoza, Member Tommy Tran, Member Gregorio Rocha-Tabera, and Chair Sandra Hay  
**Excused:** 2 - Member Rob Hypes, and Member Angelina Thompson  
**Absent:** 0

**Clerk's Note:** Commissioner ZARAGOZA arrived at 4:03PM.

Ex-Officio Members Present:

Member CUCCIA  
Member RODRIGUEZ

Ex-Officio Members Absent:

Member GARNER

#### D. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were none.

#### E. CONSENT CALENDAR

E.1. **SUBJECT:** Arts and Culture Advisory Commission Minutes of September 21, 2023

##### REPORT IN BRIEF

Arts and Culture Advisory Commission Minutes from the meeting of September 21, 2023.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**Arts and Culture Advisory Commission** - Adopt a motion approving and filing the Arts and Culture Advisory Commission minutes of September 21, 2023.

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Dennis, seconded by Chair Hay, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Chair Dennis, Member Del Zaragoza, Member Tran, Member Rocha-Tabera, and Chair Hay

**No:** 0

**Excused:** 2 - Member Hypes, and Member Thompson

**Absent:** 0

**F. REPORTS**

**F.1.**

**SUBJECT:** Report on the Condition of Murals Painted on City of Merced Utility Boxes

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Staff to provide a report on the condition of murals painted on City of Merced Utility Boxes.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Information Only.

Senior Management Analyst Jennifer FLACHMAN provided an update on the condition of murals painted on City of Merced's utility boxes.

Commissioners, Ex-Officio Members, and Ms. FLACHMAN discussed the current condition of the utility boxes, materials used, weather conditions, location of the boxes that get more direct sunlight, and maintenance of the utility boxes.

Ms. FLACHMAN stated that she will provide more information and outreach to the artist to fix and maintain the utility boxes and will report back to the commission at the regular meeting scheduled in January.

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

**F.2.**

**SUBJECT:** Appoint a Subcommittee to Review and Make Recommendations for the 2023/2024 Art Project

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Considers appointing a subcommittee to review and make recommendations for the 2023/2024 art project.

Senior Management Analyst Jennifer FLACHMAN briefly spoke on creating a subcommittee for any future 2023/2024 Arts Project for artist selection.

Commissioners and Ex-Officio Members discussed who will be on the subcommittee.

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Dennis, seconded by Chair Hay, to appoint Vice Chair Dennis, Commissioners Zaragoza and Tran, and Ex-Officio Member Cuccia to the 2023/2024 Art Project subcommittee. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Chair Dennis, Member Del Zaragoza, Member Tran, Member Rocha-Tabera, and Chair Hay

**No:** 0

**Excused:** 2 - Member Hypes, and Member Thompson

**Absent:** 0

**G. BUSINESS**

**G.1.**

**SUBJECT:** Appoint a Subcommittee to Review and Score Submissions for Heartland Grant Project

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Subcommittee to review and score artist submissions for seven projects funded by the Heartland Grant.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**Arts and Culture Advisory Commission - Adopt a motion:**

A. Appointing a subcommittee to review and score artist submissions for the seven projects funded by the Heartland Grant; and,

B. Setting a Special Meeting date to review scored submissions for recommendation to City Council.

Commissioners and Ex-Officio Members discussed who will be on the subcommittee.

**A motion was made by Chair Hay, seconded by Vice Chair Dennis, to appoint Chair Hay, Commissioner Tabera, and Ex-Officio Member Rodriguez to the**

**Heartland Grant Project subcommittee. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Chair Dennis, Member Del Zaragoza, Member Tran, Member Rocha-Tabera, and Chair Hay

**No:** 0

**Excused:** 2 - Member Hypes, and Member Thompson

**Absent:** 0

**A motion was made by Chair Hay, seconded by Member Rocha-Tabera, to schedule a Special Meeting for November 30, 2023 to select artist for the Heartland Grant Project and make a recommendation to the City Council. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Chair Dennis, Member Del Zaragoza, Member Tran, Member Rocha-Tabera, and Chair Hay

**No:** 0

**Excused:** 2 - Member Hypes, and Member Thompson

**Absent:** 0

**G.2.**

**SUBJECT:** Request from Vice Chair Dennis to Review Council Member Boyle's Discussion on Art in Council Districts

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Considers reviewing Council Member Boyle's Discussion on Art in Council Districts.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Information only. Should the Commission want to take further action a separate agenda item will be prepared for consideration and possible action.

Vice Chair DENNIS and Senior Management Analyst Jennifer FLACHMAN discussed Council Member BOYLE'S discussion on Art in Council Districts and the discussion Council had regarding that item.

Ms. FLACHMAN discussed creating a comprehensive list of public spaces for art, having the 2023/2024 Art Project Subcommittee be involved, and using a portion of the funding allocated by Council for art projects in Council districts.

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

**G.3.**                    **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.

There were none.

**G.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.

Chair HAY spoke on upcoming art events.

Vice Chair DENNIS spoke on the new Local publication circulating around town.

Ex-Officio Member RODRIGUEZ spoke on upcoming art events.

Ex-Officio Member CUCCIA spoke on upcoming art events.

**H. ADJOURNMENT**

**Clerk's Note:** The Regular Arts and Culture Advisory Commission meeting adjourned at 4:37PM.

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Dennis, 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 Del Zaragoza, Member Tran, Member Rocha-Tabera, and Chair Hay

**No:** 0

**Excused:** 2 - Member Hypes, and Member Thompson

**Absent:** 0