



# CITY OF MERCED

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

## Minutes

### Arts and Culture Advisory Commission

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Thursday, September 19, 2024

4:00 PM

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#### A. CALL TO ORDER

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

#### B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### C. ROLL CALL

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

**Excused:** 1 - Member Angelina Thompson

**Absent:** 0

Ex-Officio Members Present:

Member CUCCIA

Member RODRIGUEZ

#### D. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no Public Comments.

#### E. CONSENT CALENDAR

**E.1.** **SUBJECT:** Arts and Culture Advisory Commission Minutes of July 18, 2024

##### REPORT IN BRIEF

Arts and Culture Advisory Commission Minutes from the meeting of July 18, 2024.

##### RECOMMENDATION

**Arts and Culture Advisory Commission** - Adopt a motion approving and filing the Arts and Culture Advisory Commission minutes of July 18, 2024.

Staff requested the Commission to table this item due to the wrong attachment.

**A motion was made by Member Hypes, seconded by Member Camarda, that this agenda item be tabled to the next regular Arts and Culture Advisory Commission meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**No:** 0

**Excused:** 1 - Member Thompson

**Absent:** 0

## F. ACTION ITEMS

**F.1.** **SUBJECT:** Commission to Review and Approve the Display of Art Projects Created by Youth at Merced City Schools on the First Floor of the Civic Center

### REPORT IN BRIEF

Review and approve the display of art projects created by youth at Merced City Schools on the first floor of the Civic Center.

### RECOMMENDATION

**Arts and Culture Advisory Commission** - Adopt a motion approving a project that allows youth at Merced City Schools to display art projects on the first floor of the Civic Center.

Senior Management Analyst Jennifer FLACHMAN gave a brief presentation on the display of art projects created by Youth at Merced City Schools on the first floor of the Civic Center.

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

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

**No:** 0

**Excused:** 1 - Member Thompson

**Absent:** 0

**F.2.** **SUBJECT:** Commission to Review and Approve Mural Design on

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Dumpster Enclosure in the 18th Street City Parking Lot

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Review and approve a mural design on the dumpster enclosure in the 18th Street City Parking Lot.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**Arts and Culture Advisory Commission** - Adopt a motion approving a mural design on the dumpster enclosure in the 18th Street City Parking Lot.

Senior Management Analyst Jennifer FLACHMAN gave a brief presentation on the mural design on dumpster enclosure in the 18th Street City Parking Lot.

Commissioners, Ex-Officio Members, and Ms. FLACHMAN discussed the proposed mural designs.

**A motion was made by Member Camarda, seconded by Member Rocha-Tabera, to approve the first design option with the bobcat. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**No:** 0

**Excused:** 1 - Member Thompson

**Absent:** 0

**G. BUSINESS**

**G.1.**

**SUBJECT:** Commission to Review and Approve Utility Box Refresh Project

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Review and approve the Utility Box Refresh Project as one of the 2024/25 City Council sponsored art projects.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**Arts and Culture Commission** - Adopt a motion approving the Utility Box Refresh Project as one of the 2024/25 City Council sponsored art projects.

Senior Management Analyst Jennifer FLACHMAN gave a brief presentation on the Utility Box Refresh Project.

Commissioners, Ex-Officio Members, and Ms. FLACHMAN discussed the

utility box refreshing project, discussions with Public Works, proposed themes, adding details to the Request for Proposal for what the artist are responsible for, lifespan of the boxes, and possibly wrapping the utility boxes.

**A motion was made by Member Hypes, seconded by Member Rocha-Tabera, to direct staff to investigate further on process. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**No:** 0

**Excused:** 1 - Member Thompson

**Absent:** 0

**G.2.**

**SUBJECT:** Commission to Review and Approve Three Brown Bag Lunch Concerts

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Review and approve three Brown Bag Lunch Concerts at Bob Hart Square

**RECOMMENDATION**

**Arts and Culture Commission** - Adopt a motion approving and approve three Brown Bag Lunch Concerts in Downtown Merced at Bob Hart Square or the Civic Center as part of the 2024/25 City Council sponsored art projects.

Vice Chair DENNIS and Senior Management Analyst Jennifer FLACHMAN gave a brief presentation holding three brown bag lunch concerts.

Commissioners, Ex-Officio Members, Ms. FLACHMAN, and Parks and Community Services Director Chris JENSEN discussed amplified music during business hours, the cost per concert, access to power for equipment, and locations.

**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 Del Zaragoza, Member Tran, Member Rocha-Tabera, Vice Chair Dennis, Member Camarda, and Member Hypes

**No:** 0

**Excused:** 1 - Member Thompson

**Absent:** 0

**G.3.**                    **SUBJECT: Commission to Review and Approve a Public Art Mural to be Installed Along the R Street and Fahrens Park Multiuse Path Undercrossing**

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Review and approve a public art mural installation along the R Street and Fahrens Park multiuse path undercrossing.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**Arts and Culture Advisory Commission** - Adopt a motion approving a public art mural installation along the R Street and Fahrens Park multiuse path undercrossing.

Senior Management Analyst Jennifer FLACHMAN gave a brief presentation on the Public Art Mural to be installed along the R Street and Fahrens Park multiuse path undercrossing.

Commissioners, Ex-officio Members, and Ms. FLACHMAN discussed cost for the project, if it will go out for a request for proposal, and signage for the mural describing what the mural works.

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

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

**No:** 0

**Excused:** 1 - Member Thompson

**Absent:** 0

**G.4.**                    **SUBJECT: Commission to Review and Approve a Sculpture Project in Fahrens Park Made From Recycled Materials Found In The Park**

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Review and approve a sculpture project in Fahren's Park made from recycled materials found in park.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**Arts and Culture Commission** - Adopt a motion approving a sculpture project in Fahren's Park made from recycled materials found in park.

Parks and Community Services Director Chris JENSEN gave a brief presentation on the proposed sculpture project in Fahrens Park.

Commissioners and Mr. JENSEN discussed the possibilities of the sculpture, the cost of the project, the details of the request for proposals, possible vandalism issues, and location.

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

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

**No:** 0

**Excused:** 1 - Member Thompson

**Absent:** 0

**G.5.**

**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.

Ex-Officio Member RODRIGUEZ requested to possibly have a Request for Proposals for a potential mural location.

Commissioner TABERA spoke concerns regarding a mural at McNamara Park.

Vice-Chair DENNIS - follow up on utility box art options, update on utility box refresh, maintenance fund, splash pad redo, and Bob Hart Square sound tubes.

**G.6.**

**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 TABERA spoke on an event he attended.

Ex-Officio Member CUCCIA spoke on an upcoming event.

Commissioner CAMARDA spoke on an upcoming event.

Commissioner TRAN spoke on an upcoming event.

Ex-Officio Member RODRIGUEZ spoke on upcoming events.

Vice-Chair DENNIS spoke on an upcoming event.

## H. ADJOURNMENT

**Clerk's Note:** The regular Arts and Culture Advisory Commission meeting adjourned at 5:13PM.

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

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

**No:** 0

**Excused:** 1 - Member Thompson

**Absent:** 0