



# CITY OF MERCED

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

## Minutes

### Arts and Culture Advisory Commission

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Thursday, May 18, 2023

4:00 PM

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#### A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair HAY called the Arts and Culture Advisory Commission meeting to order at 4:02 PM.

#### B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### C. ROLL CALL

**Present:** 4 - Chairperson Colton Dennis, Member Tommy Tran, Member Gregorio Rocha-Tabera, and Member Sandra Hay

**Absent:** 3 - Vice Chair Rob Hypes, Member Maria Del Zaragoza, and Member Angelina Thompson

Ex-Officio Members Present:

RODRIGUEZ  
SMITH

Ex-Officio Members Absent:

GARNER

#### D. PUBLIC COMMENT

Peggy HSU and Jean OKUEY, Merced - spoke on crosswalk art and street art and requested the Commission lifting the ban on crosswalk and street art.

#### E. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

##### REPORT IN BRIEF

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

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

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

**Aye:** 4 - Chairperson Dennis, Member Tran, Member Rocha-Tabera, and Member Hay

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 3 - Vice Chair Hypes, Member Del Zaragoza, and Member Thompson

**F. REPORTS**

**F.1.****SUBJECT: Provide Update on Status of City Sponsored Art Projects**

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Update on status of City sponsored art projects.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Information Only.

Senior Management Analyst Jennifer FLACHMAN gave an update on the status of City sponsored Art Projects.

Commissioner DENNIS and Ms. FLACHMAN discussed material used for the art projects.

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

**F.2.****SUBJECT: Review a List of City-Owned Properties Available for City-Sponsored Art Projects**

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Staff to provide a list of city-owned locations for potential art projects.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Information Only.

Senior Management Analyst Jennifer FLACHMAN discussed the list of City-Owned properties for City sponsored Art Projects.

**Clerk's Note:** This item was information only. No formal vote was taken.

## G. BUSINESS

- G.1.**                    **SUBJECT:** At the City Council's Direction, Develop a Subcommittee to Identify and Recommend Potential Areas for up to Three Arts Districts within the City of Merced

### **REPORT IN BRIEF**

Form a subcommittee to review and recommend potential areas for up to three arts districts within the City of Merced.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**Arts and Culture Advisory Commission** - Adopt a motion appointing members to an Arts District Subcommittee.

**A motion was made by Member Hay, seconded by Member Rocha-Tabera, to appoint Commissioner Tran, Vice-Chair Dennis, Chair Hay and Ex-Officio Member Smith to the Arts District Subcommittee. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 4 - Chairperson Dennis, Member Tran, Member Rocha-Tabera, and Member Hay

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 3 - Vice Chair Hypes, Member Del Zaragoza, and Member Thompson

- G.2.**                    **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.

Chair HAY requested to add an item from the Art District Subcommittee to update the Commission.

- G.3.**                    **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.

Vice-Chair DENNIS spoke on Arts grants, participated in an artist

fellowship grant panelist, and upcoming art events.

Ex-Officio Member RODRIGUEZ spoke on upcoming art events.

Ex-Officio Member SMITH spoke on the upcoming Merced Symphony event.

## H. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

**Aye:** 4 - Chairperson Dennis, Member Tran, Member Rocha-Tabera, and Member Hay

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 3 - Vice Chair Hypes, Member Del Zaragoza, and Member Thompson