



# 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 23, 2024

4:00 PM

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#### A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair HAY called the Regular Meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

#### B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair HAY led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

#### C. ROLL CALL

Ex-Officio Members Present:

Member RODRIGUEZ

Ex-Officio Members Absent:

Member CUCCIA

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

**Absent:** 1 - Member Angelina Thompson

#### D. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were none.

#### E. CONSENT CALENDAR

##### Approval of the Consent Agenda

**A motion was made by Member Hypes, seconded by Member Del Zaragoza, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Member Thompson

##### E.1.

**SUBJECT: Arts and Culture Advisory Commission Minutes of March 21, 2024**

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Arts and Culture Advisory Commission Minutes from the meeting of March 21, 2024.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**Arts and Culture Advisory Commission** - Adopt a motion approving and filing the Arts and Culture Advisory Commission minutes of March 21, 2024.

This Consent Item was approved.

**E.2.**

**SUBJECT:** Annual Arts and Culture Advisory Commission Attendance Report

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Yearly attendance report for the Arts and Culture Advisory Commission.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**Arts and Culture Advisory Commission** - Adopt a motion approving and filing the annual attendance report.

This Consent Item was approved.

**F. REPORTS**

**F.1.**

**SUBJECT:** Staff Recommends Appointing a Subcommittee to Conduct Research and Create a Maintenance Plan for City of Merced Art Projects.

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Staff Recommends Appointing a Subcommittee to Conduct Research and Create a Maintenance Plan for City of Merced Art Projects.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**Art and Culture Advisory Commission** - Adopt a motion appointing members to a Subcommittee to Conduct Research and Create a Maintenance Plan for City of Merced Art Projects.

**ALTERNATIVES**

1. Approve, as recommended by staff; or,
2. Approve, subject to other than recommended by staff (identify specific findings and/or conditions amended to be addressed in the motion); or,
3. Deny; or,
4. Refer to staff for consideration of specific items (specific items to be addressed in the motion); or,

5. Continue to a future meeting (date and time to be specified in the motion).

Commissioners and Senior Management Analyst Jennifer FLACHMAN discussed timeline, funding, purpose and appointing members to the subcommittee.

**A motion was made by Member Hypes, seconded by Vice Chair Dennis, to appoint Chair Hay, Commissioner Tabera, and Ex-Officio Member Rodriguez to the Maintenance Plan subcommittee. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Member Thompson

F.2.

**SUBJECT:** Commission to Review and Approve 20 Photograph Selections for the June 8, 2024, Art Exhibition at Applegate Park Merced Open Air Theater

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Commission to review and approve 20 photograph selections for the June 8, 2024, art expedition at Applegate Park MOAT.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**Arts and Culture Advisory Commission** - Adopt a motion approving 20 photograph selections for the June 8, 2024, art exhibition at Applegate Park MOAT.

Senior Management Analyst Jennifer FLACHMAN presented and discussed the submitted photographs and the photography event.

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

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

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Member Thompson

F.3.

**SUBJECT:** Approval from the Arts and Culture Advisory Commission of a Sixth Heartland Grant Art Project at Carol Gabriault Park by Artist Jose Sanchez

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Arts and Culture Advisory Commission (ACAC) to approve a sixth art

project on the basketball court at Carol Gabriault Park by artist Jose Sanchez, funded by the Heartland Grant

**RECOMMENDATION**

**Arts and Culture Advisory Commission** - Adopt a motion to approve a sixth art project on the basketball court at Carol Gabriault Park by artist Jose Sanchez, funded by the Heartland Grant.

Senior Management Analyst Jennifer FLACHMAN briefly spoke on the Sixth Heartland Grant Art Project.

**Clerk's Note:** Commissioner HYPES recused himself due to a work conflict.

Commissioner's, Director of Parks and Community Services Chris JENSEN, and Ms. FLACHMAN discussed the proposed art designs and colors used.

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Dennis, seconded by Member Rocha-Tabera, to approve design 1 with lighter colors. 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

**Absent:** 1 - Member Thompson

**Recused:** 1 - Member Hypes

**F.4.**

**SUBJECT:** Update on the Status of Art Projects and Funding for Art Projects

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Staff to provide a report on outstanding and completed art projects and the status of funding for art projects.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Information Only.

Senior Management Analyst Jennifer FLACHMAN provided an update on the status of art projects and funding for art projects.

Commissioner's and Ms. FLACHMAN discussed relocation of an art project and forms of art in the new fiscal year.

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

**F.5.**                    **SUBJECT: Staff to Provide an Update on Arts Districts**

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

City staff to provide an update on arts districts.

**RECOMMENDATION**

For information only.

Senior Management Analyst Jennifer FLACHMAN provided an update on the Arts Districts.

Commissioner's and Ms. FLACHMAN discussed focusing on certain district each year, ceremony of established arts districts, and state arts funding.

**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 the Future Arts Project subcommittee to provide the Commission with an update.

**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.

Vice-Chair DENNIS spoke on upcoming art events and a new studio in town.

Ex-Officio Member RODRIGUEZ spoke on the new art studio on Canal Street and an upcoming vendor fair.

Chair HAY spoke on an upcoming art event.

Commissioner TRAN spoke on an upcoming event.

## H. ADJOURNMENT

**Clerk's Note:** The regular Arts and Culture Advisory Commission meeting was adjourned at 4:48 PM.

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

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

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Member Thompson