



CITY OF MERCED

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

Minutes

Arts and Culture Advisory Commission

Thursday, September 19, 2019

4:00 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair ODOM-GUNN called the regular Arts and Culture Advisory Commission meeting to order at 4:02 PM.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. ROLL CALL

Present Ex-Officio Members:

Kim GARNER
Patricia PRATT

Absent Ex-Officio Members:

Harley HERMOSILLO
Anthony MARTINEZ

Clerk's Note: Commissioner HYPES arrived at 4:04 PM.

Present: 5 - Dob Francise, Rob Hypes, Monika Saini, Vice Chair Diana Odom Gunn and Maria Del Zaragoza

Absent: 2 - Chairperson Colton Dennis and Monika Modest

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

Gina PETERS, Merced - spoke in opposition of the proposed location of a homeless tile mosaic.

Wayne EISENHART, Merced - spoke on behalf of the Downtown Neighborhood Association supporting an Arts District in the Downtown Area.

E. CONSENT CALENDAR

E.1. **SUBJECT:** Arts and Culture Advisory Commission Minutes of August 15, 2019

REPORT IN BRIEF

Arts and Culture Advisory Commission Minutes from the meeting of August 15, 2019.

RECOMMENDATION

Arts and Culture Advisory Commission - Adopt a motion approving and filing the Arts and Culture Advisory Commission minutes of August 15, 2019.

A motion was made by Member Francise, seconded by Vice Chair Odom Gunn, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Member Francise
Member Hypes
Member Saini
Vice Chair Odom Gunn
Member Del Zaragoza

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Dennis
Member Modest

F. REPORTS

F.1.**SUBJECT: City of Merced Entry Signs**

REPORT IN BRIEF

Discuss options for the City of Merced entry signs.

RECOMMENDATION

Provide a formal recommendation to City Council for next steps on entry signs and archway.

City Manager Steve CARRIGAN gave a slide show presentation on City of Merced Entry Signs.

Commissioners, Ex-Officio Members, and Mr. CARRIGAN discussed the proposed Welcome Signs and the proposed archway design.

Clerk's Note: Commissioners directed staff to remove the Gateway to Yosemite slogan and add Welcome to Merced, to extend and place the sign on both sides of the archway.

F.2.**SUBJECT: Update on the Official Public Art Inventory**

REPORT IN BRIEF

Update on the official list of public art inventory.

RECOMMENDATION

For Information - Only

Ex-Officio Member GARNER gave an update on the progress of the Official Art Inventory.

Vice-Chair ODOM-GUNN asked about a final report for the Commission to review.

Assistant City Manager Stephanie DIETZ stated that a final report will be brought to the Commission for adoption.

F.3.

SUBJECT: Update on the Community Calendar

REPORT IN BRIEF

Staff will give an update on the progress of the community calendar.

RECOMMENDATION

For Information-Only

Senior Management Analyst Mike CONWAY gave an update on the progress of the community calendar.

Commissioners, Ex-Officio Members, Mr. CONWAY, and Assistant City Manager Stephanie DIETZ discussed linking websites and social media in the calendar, re-occurring events, various times and days of plays, consistent staff approval, and completion timeline.

G. BUSINESS

G.1.

SUBJECT: Discussion on Establishing an Arts and Culture Policy

REPORT IN BRIEF

Discussion on creating and establishing an Arts and Culture Policy.

RECOMMENDATION

Direct Staff on the next steps in establishing an Arts and Culture Policy.

Assistant City Manager Stephanie DIETZ gave a brief presentation on the Arts and Culture Policy and suggested Commissioners and Ex-Officio Members review and give feedback at a future meeting.

G.2.

SUBJECT: Request to Add Item to Future Agenda

REPORT IN BRIEF

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

Commissioner FRANCISE requested to add an item on the Merced Open Air Theater maintenance.

G.3.

SUBJECT: Commission Comments

REPORT IN BRIEF

Provides an opportunity for the Chair and/or Commission 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 GARNER discussed a grant for a ten concert series for the Merced Open Air Theater that she will be submitting.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Clerk's Note: The Arts and Culture Advisory Commission meeting was adjourned at 4:51 PM.

A motion was made by Member Francise, seconded by Member Saini, to adjourn the Arts and Culture Advisory Commission meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Member Francise
Member Hypes
Member Saini
Vice Chair Odom Gunn
Member Del Zaragoza

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Dennis
Member Modest