CITY OF MERCED

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

Minutes

Arts and Culture Advisory Commission

Thursday, June 20, 2019 **4:00 PM**

A. CALL TO ORDER

Clerk's Note: The Special Meeting was called to order at 4:02 PM.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. ROLL CALL

Present Ex-Officio Members:

Kim GARNER
Patricia PRATT

Present: 5 - Chairperson Colton Dennis, Dob Francise, Rob Hypes, Monika Modest and Vice Chair Diana Odom Gunn

Absent: 1 - Monika Saini

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were none.

E. CONSENT CALENDAR

E.1. **SUBJECT:** Arts and Culture Advisory Commission Minutes of April 18, 2019

REPORT IN BRIEF

Arts and Culture Advisory Commission Minutes from the meeting of April 18, 2019.

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a motion approving and filing the Arts and Culture Advisory Commission minutes of April 18, 2019.

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

Aye: 5 - Dennis
Member Francise
Member Hypes
Member Modest
Vice Chair Odom Gunn

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Member Saini

F. REPORTS

F.1. **SUBJECT:** Future Funding Discussion

REPORT IN BRIEF

Discussion on future funding for art projects in the City.

RECOMMENDATION

Direct Staff on the next steps to secure future funding.

City Manager Steve CARRIGAN gave an update on his meeting with the National Endowment for the Arts.

Jayson BEASTER-JONES, UC Merced - spoke on the National Endowment for the Arts "Our Town" grant and partnership between UC Merced and the City of Merced.

Vice-Chair GUNN discussed the Burners Without Borders grant that she applied to on behalf of the Arts and Culture Advisory Commission.

Assistant City Manager Stephanie DIETZ explained the process for the Commission to apply for grants and obtaining Council approval.

Clerkk's Note: Commissioners and Ex-Officio members continued discussion of the proposed project.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Odom Gunn, seconded by Member Francise, to retroactively approve the grant application and to request authority from Council to submit similar grant applications for future projects. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Dennis
Member Francise
Member Hypes
Member Modest
Vice Chair Odom Gunn

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Member Saini

F.2.

SUBJECT: Request from Ex-Officio Member Pratt for a Report on Areas Highly Impacted by Graffiti and Vandalized in the City

REPORT IN BRIEF

Discuss the areas in the City that are highly impacted by graffiti and vandalism.

RECOMMENDATION

Information-Only

Deputy City Clerk Jennifer LEVESQUE gave a presentation on the impacted areas in the City that are affected by graffiti.

Assistant City Manager Stephanie DIETZ discussed different art options for the graffiti structures in the City.

Commissioners, Ex-Officio Memebr PRATT, Ms. LEVESQUE, and Ms. DIETZ discussed the commonly graffiti areas, and creative ways to prevent graffiti.

Clerk's Note: No formal action was taken.

G. BUSINESS

G.1. Commission Comments/Closing Comments

Commissioners and Deputy City Clerk Jennifer Levesque discussed the approved resolution for the change in the day and time of the Arts and Culture Advisory Commission.

G.2. Request to Add Item to Future Agenda

Commissioners and Ms. DIETZ discussed adding the following items to the June 20, 2019 agenda:

Follow-up on the G Street Undercrossing Art Maintenance and the Bob Hart Square cement staining
Update on the Art Inventory
Welcome Signs
Discussion on Stakeholders Meeting

H. ADJOURNMENT

Clerk's Note: The Special Meeting was adjourned at 4:56 PM.

A motion was made by Member Francise, seconded by Chairperson Dennis, to adjourn the Special Meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Dennis
Member Francise
Member Hypes
Member Modest
Vice Chair Odom Gunn

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Member Saini

By: Approved:

Jennifer Levesque
Deputy City Clerk

Colton Dennis
Chair