



# CITY OF MERCED

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

## Minutes

### Arts and Culture Advisory Commission

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Thursday, August 15, 2019

4:00 PM

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#### A. CALL TO ORDER

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

#### B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### C. ROLL CALL

Present Ex-Officio Members:

Kim GARNER

Absent Ex-Officio Members:

Harley HERMOSILLO

Patricia PRATT

**Clerk's Note:** Ex-Officio Member MARTINEZ arrived the Special Meeting at 4:09 PM.

**Present:** 5 - Chairperson Colton Dennis, Rob Hypes, Monika Modest, Vice Chair Diana Odom Gunn and Maria Del Zaragoza

**Absent:** 2 - Dob Francise and Monika Saini

#### D. PUBLIC COMMENT

Heike HAMBLEY, Merced - spoke on the programs and events the Merced Shakespeare Festival holds. She also spoke on the maintenance of the Merced Outdoor Amphitheater (MOAT) and the hardship of publicizing their programs.

Jane VANN-BRYAN, Merced spoke on the programs and events the Merced Academy of Dance and Merced Civic Ballet holds. She also spoke on establishing a community calendar.

Manuel ALVARADO, Merced - spoke on the importance of arts in th City. He spoke on the commissioned art the Merced Main Street Association has done for the downtown area and collaborated projects. He also spoke on fundraising for future projects.

## E. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

### REPORT IN BRIEF

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

### RECOMMENDATION

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

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

**Aye:** 5 - Dennis  
Member Hypes  
Member Modest  
Vice Chair Odom Gunn  
Member Del Zaragoza

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Member Francise  
Member Saini

## F. REPORTS

- F.1. **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 a presentation updating the Commission on Official Public Art Inventory.

Assistant City Manager Stephanie DIETZ, Ex-Officio Member GARNER and Commissioner discussed the condition of the current art the city has, the next steps of the public art inventory, and bringing more content to the next meeting.

- F.2. **SUBJECT:** Update on Future Funding Discussion

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Update on the discussed future funding for art projects in the City.

**RECOMMENDATION**

For Information-Only.

Assistant City Manager Stephanie DIETZ gave a presentation updating the Commission on future art funding regarding the Our Town grant and discussions with the National Endowment of Arts.

Commissioners and Ms. DIETZ discussed funding for the Veterans Bridge art project, process of choosing an artist, and developing a policy.

**G. BUSINESS**

**G.1.**

**SUBJECT:** Chair Dennis' Request to Discuss and Nominate a Commissioner to Attend a Grant Meeting on Preparedness for a Disaster

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Discussion and possible nomination to attend a County Grant Meeting on Preparedness for a Disaster in Mariposa.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**Arts and Culture Advisory Commission** - Adopt a motion appointing a member to attend the grant meeting.

Chair DENNIS discussed the grant meeting on preparedness for a disaster.

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Odom Gunn, seconded by Member Modest, to nominate Member Hypes to attend the County Grant meeting on September 16, 2019. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Dennis  
Member Hypes  
Member Modest  
Vice Chair Odom Gunn  
Member Del Zaragoza

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Member Francise  
Member Saini

**G.2. Commission Comments**

Chair DENNIS congratulated Ex-Officio Member GARNER on her new

position at UC Merced.

G.3. Request to Add Item to Future Agenda

Member MODEST requested to add an item on the cost breakdown of the underpass art maintenance and the Bob Hart Square concrete staining.

**H. ADJOURNMENT**

**Clerk's Note:** The Special Meeting was adjourned at 5:02 PM.

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

**Aye:** 5 - Dennis  
Member Hypes  
Member Modest  
Vice Chair Odom Gunn  
Member Del Zaragoza

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Member Francise  
Member Saini

By:

Approved:

Jennifer Levesque  
Deputy City Clerk

Diana Odom Gunn  
Vice-Chair