



# CITY OF MERCED

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

## Minutes

### Arts and Culture Advisory Commission

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Thursday, March 16, 2023

4:00 PM

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#### A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair HAY called the regular Arts and Culture Advisory Commission meeting to order at 4:01 PM.

#### B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### C. ROLL CALL

**Clerk's Note:** Commissioner TRAN arrived at 4:03 PM.

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

Ex-Officio's Present:

GARNER  
RODRIGUEZ

**Present:** 7 - Chairperson Colton Dennis, Vice Chair Rob Hypes, Member Maria Del Zaragoza, Member Tommy Tran, Member Gregorio Rocha-Tabera, Member Angelina Thompson, and Member Sandra Hay

**Absent:** 0

#### D. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were none.

#### E. CONSENT CALENDAR

E.1. **SUBJECT:** Arts and Culture Advisory Commission Minutes of November 17, 2022

##### REPORT IN BRIEF

Arts and Culture Advisory Commission Minutes from the meeting of November 17, 2022.

##### RECOMMENDATION

**Arts and Culture Advisory Commission** - Adopt a motion approving and filing the Arts and Culture Advisory Commission minutes of November 17, 2022.

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

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

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Member Del Zaragoza

## F. REPORTS

### F.1.

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Smiley Riley Utility Box and Youth Council Skate Park Mural Art Projects

#### REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers approving the Smiley Riley and Youth Council Art Projects for City Council's Review and Approval.

#### RECOMMENDATION

**Arts and Culture Advisory Commission:** Adopt a motion approving the Smiley Riley and Youth Leadership Institute Art Installations.

Senior Management Analyst Jennifer FLACHMAN gave a brief update on the Smiley Riley Utility Box and the Youth Council Skate Park Mural Art Projects.

Mercedes, Julissa, Ale, and Luciano Merced - spoke on their proposed art project.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Chairperson Dennis, Vice Chair Hypes, Member Del Zaragoza, Member Tran, Member Rocha-Tabera, Member Thompson, and Member Hay

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 0

### F.2.

**SUBJECT:** Update on Subcommittee's Discussions on Future Art Project and Project Budget Recommendations

#### REPORT IN BRIEF

Subcommittee to report on proposed future art projects and project budgets recommendations.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**Arts and Culture Advisory Commission** - Adopt a motion recommending to Council potential art projects and budgets.

Subcommittee members HAY, DENNIS, RODRIGUEZ, and ZARAGOZA provided an update from their discussions from their subcommittee meeting.

Commissioners, Ex-Officio Members, Senior Management Analyst Jennifer FLACHMAN and Assistant City Clerk Jennifer LEVESQUE spoke on city-owned properties for art installation, art budget allocation, Town Halls for public input on art, and Request for Proposal's for various types of art.

**Clerk's Note:** No formal vote was taken.

**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 to add a discussion on the Jazz Mural and possibly funding to help restore the mural.

Senior Management Analyst Jennifer FLACHMAN stated that she has been working with the artist of the Jazz Mural.

**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.

Ex-Officio Member GARNER spoke on bringing more attention to the Commission Meetings.

Chair HAY spoke on upcoming events.

Vice-Chair DENNIS spoke on an arts grant and upcoming events.

Commissioner HYPES spoke on an arts grant.

## H. ADJOURNMENT

**Clerk's Note:** The regular Arts and Culture Advisory Commission meeting adjourned at 4:42 PM.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Chairperson Dennis, Vice Chair Hypes, Member Del Zaragoza, Member Tran, Member Rocha-Tabera, Member Thompson, and Member Hay

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 0