



# CITY OF MERCED

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

## Minutes

### Arts and Culture Advisory Commission

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Thursday, September 19, 2019

4:00 PM

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#### 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