



CITY OF MERCED

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

Minutes

Arts and Culture Advisory Commission

Thursday, January 23, 2020

4:00 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair DENNIS called the Arts and Culture Advisory Commission Meeting to order at 4:04 PM.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. ROLL CALL

Present Ex-Officio Members:

Kim GARNER
Anthony MARTINEZ
Patricia PRATT

Clerk's Note: Ex-Officio Member MARTINEZ arrived at 4:27 PM.

Present: 5 - Chairperson Colton Dennis, Member Dob Francise, Vice Chair Rob Hypes, Member Diana Odom Gunn, and Member Maria Del Zaragoza

Absent: 2 - Member Monika Modest, and Member Monika Saini

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

E. CONSENT CALENDAR

E.1. **SUBJECT:** Arts and Culture Advisory Commission Minutes of November 21, 2019

REPORT IN BRIEF

Arts and Culture Advisory Commission Minutes from the meeting of November 21, 2019.

RECOMMENDATION

Arts and Culture Advisory Commission - Adopt a motion approving and filing the Arts and Culture Advisory Commission minutes of November 21, 2019.

A motion was made by Chairperson Dennis, seconded by Member Francise, that

this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairperson Dennis, Member Francise, Vice Chair Hypes, Member Odom Gunn,
and Member Del Zaragoza

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Member Modest, and Member Saini

F. REPORTS

F.1. 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

Assistant City Manager Stephanie DIETZ gave a slide show presentation updating the Commission on the Community Calendar.

Commissioners and Ms. DIETZ discussed adding events to the community calendar and guidelines for adding events.

Clerk's Note: This item was information-only no formal action was taken.

F.2. SUBJECT: Update on Establishing an Arts and Culture Policy

REPORT IN BRIEF

Update and discussion on creating and establishing an Arts and Culture Policy.

RECOMMENDATION

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

Chair DENNIS gave a brief update on the Arts Policy.

F.3. 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 brief presentation on

future funding opportunities.

Ex-Officio Member PRATT spoke on her time as extra help for the County regarding art projects.

Joel AGUILAR, Livingston - spoke on a mural he will be working on in Merced and other art projects he's worked on in Livingston.

F.4.

SUBJECT: Consideration of a Draft Annual Report

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers a draft annual report.

RECOMMENDATION

For Information-Only.

Assistant City Manager Stephanie DIETZ gave a slide show presentation on the Arts and Culture Advisory Commission Annual Report.

Ex-Officio Member GARNER discussed the Levitt AMP Grant.

A motion was made by Member Francise, seconded by Vice Chair Odom Gunn, to approve the draft annual report and to nominate Chair Dennis to present the annual report to Council. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairperson Dennis, Member Francise, Vice Chair Hypes, Member Odom Gunn, and Member Del Zaragoza

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Member Modest, and Member Saini

G. BUSINESS

G.1.

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 PRATT asked about applications for the Arts and Culture Advisory Commission. She also spoke on upcoming trainings.

Chair DENNIS reported on attending the Merced Symphony. He also spoke on upcoming art events.

Member HYPES spoke on upcoming art events.

Ex-Officio Member GARNER spoke on upcoming art events.

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.

Chair DENNIS requested to add an item discussing Assembly Bill 5.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Clerk's Note: The Arts and Culture Advisory Commission adjourned at 4:56 PM.

A motion was made by Member Francise, seconded by Chairperson Dennis, to adjourn the Regular Arts and Culture Advisory Commission Meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairperson Dennis, Member Francise, Vice Chair Hypes, Member Odom Gunn, and Member Del Zaragoza

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Member Modest, and Member Saini