



CITY OF MERCED

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

Minutes

Arts and Culture Advisory Commission

Thursday, September 17, 2020

4:00 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson DENNIS called the virtual meeting to order at 4:01 PM.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. ROLL CALL

Present Ex-Officio Members:

Patricia PRATT
Eddie RODRIGUEZ

Absent Ex-Officio Members:

Kim GARNER
Anthony MARTINEZ

Present: 7 - Chairperson Colton Dennis, Member Dob Francise, Vice Chair Rob Hypes, Member Monika Saini, Member Diana Odom Gunn, Member Maria Del Zaragoza, and Member Michelle Morgante

Absent: 0

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

Clerk's Note: The Clerk's Office did not receive any public comments for this meeting.

E. CONSENT CALENDAR

E.1. **SUBJECT:** Arts and Culture Advisory Commission Minutes of July 16, 2020

REPORT IN BRIEF

Arts and Culture Advisory Commission Minutes from the meeting of July 16, 2020.

RECOMMENDATION

Arts and Culture Advisory Commission - Adopt a motion approving and filing the Arts and Culture Advisory Commission minutes of July 16, 2020.

A motion was made by Member Francise, seconded by Member Odom Gunn, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chairperson Dennis, Member Francise, Vice Chair Hypes, Member Saini, Member Odom Gunn, Member Del Zaragoza, and Member Morgante

No: 0

Absent: 0

F. REPORTS

F.1.

SUBJECT: Brown Act Training for Committee Members

REPORT IN BRIEF

Training will include an overview of the Brown Act.

RECOMMENDATION

Information - Only

City Attorney Phaedra NORTON gave a slide show presentation on the Brown Act Training Committee Members.

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

F.2.

SUBJECT: Discussion on the \$4,000 Estimated Cost of Repairing the Tile on the G Street Underpass Art Piece and Funding Resources

REPORT IN BRIEF

Discuss the \$4,000 estimated cost of repairing the tile on the G Street Underpass and potential funding sources.

RECOMMENDATION

Provide staff direction on the funding sources to repair the tile on the G Street Underpass.

Interim City Manager Stephanie DIETZ gave a brief report on the estimated cost of repairing the tile on the G Street Underpass art piece and funding resources.

Commissioners, Ex-Officio Members, and Ms. DIETZ discussed redirecting the water flow to prevent future water damage on the art pieces,

donations to cover the cost of repairing the tiles, changing the ground fill to prevent damage, and a cover to protect the art pieces.

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

G. BUSINESS

G.1.

SUBJECT: Consideration of the Recommended Policy for Public Arts Projects on City Property and in City Rights-of-Way as Directed by the City Council

REPORT IN BRIEF

Requests the Arts and Culture Advisory Commission consider the recommended Policy for Public Arts Projects on City property or within the City rights-of-way as directed by the City Council.

RECOMMENDATION

Arts and Culture Advisory Commission - Adopt a motion:

- A. Approving the Policy for Public Arts Projects on City properties and in City rights-of-way as directed by the City Council; or,
- B. Making additional recommendations and approving the Policy for Public Arts Projects on City properties and in City rights-of-way as directed by the City Council.

Interim City Manager Stephanie DIETZ gave a brief report on the Council's consideration of the recommended policy for public arts projects on City property and in City rights-of-way.

Commissioners, Ex-Officio Members, and Ms. DIETZ discussed the policy applying to City property and rights-of-way only, annual work plan and public art project plan, project approval process, and an application process. They also discussed the City Council's final approval, insurance on temporary art work, the application process, and the removal of art.

A motion was made by Member Francise, seconded by Member Del Zaragoza, to approve this item with the modification of the definition of the term public art to include "or art that is divisive and/or not consistent with the purpose and mission of this policy. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chairperson Dennis, Member Francise, Vice Chair Hypes, Member Saini, Member Odom Gunn, Member Del Zaragoza, and Member Morgante

No: 0

Absent: 0

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.

There were none.

G.3. **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.

Ex-Officio Member PRATT requested the cleaning of the legacy bricks.

Interim City Manager Stephanie DIETZ discussed the community calendar and stated it will be on the next agenda.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Clerk's Note: The Arts and Culture Advisory Commission virtual meeting adjourned at 5:02 PM.

A motion was made by Member Francise, seconded by Member Odom Gunn, to adjourn the virtual meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chairperson Dennis, Member Francise, Vice Chair Hypes, Member Saini, Member Odom Gunn, Member Del Zaragoza, and Member Morgante

No: 0

Absent: 0