



**CITY OF MODESTO
CULTURE COMMISSION**

Held via Teleconference

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Wednesday, February 1, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.**

*Please Note: In order to respond to COVID-19, and pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20, the City will hold this meeting via teleconference and Committee Members will be calling in.

*Roll Call – Culture Commission

Julie Scherer, Chair
Patrick Cavanah, Vice Chair
Rebecca Harrington
Monica Valencia
Elena Martinez
Katherine Zagone

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AGENDA

(NOTE: Any and all of the following agenda items are subject to action being taken by the Culture Commission.)

I. CALL TO ORDER – Via Teleconference (ZOOM)

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION: Consider approving the minutes of the January 25, 2023 meeting.

III. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- A. 2023 Goals and Objectives
- B. Current and Potential Community Partnerships
- C. Landmark Preservation Committee Member Selection

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. 2023 Chair and Vice Chair Selection

VI. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

These may be presented only by interested persons in the audience. Under State law, Committee members may respond to matters being presented under this item only as follows:

- A. Briefly respond to statements made or questions asked.
- B. Ask a question for clarification.
- C. Provide a reference to staff or other resources for factual information.
- D. Request staff to report back at a subsequent meeting.
- E. Finally, a Committee member or the Committee itself may take action to direct staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda.

VII. MATTERS TOO LATE FOR THE AGENDA

(These may be presented by members of the Culture Commission and staff, upon determination by a majority vote that an emergency exists, as defined by State law, or by a 2/3 vote that [1] there is a need to take immediate action and [2] that the need for action came to the Committee’s attention after the agenda was posted.)

VIII. CURRENT AND UPCOMING CULTURAL EVENTS

Downtown Modesto Art Walk – 3rd Thursday of the Month –<http://modestoartwalk.com>
Hispanic Heritage Music in the Plaza – September 17th

Event Media Sites:

<http://www.modestoview.com/catetory/event-calendar>

<https://www.galloarts.org>

<http://www.thestate.org>

<http://visitmodesto.com/calendar/default.asp>

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The next scheduled Culture Commission meeting will be held via teleconference on Wednesday, March 1, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

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City of Modesto
CULTURE COMMISSION
Wednesday, January 25, 2023
3:30 PM
Held via Teleconference

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Chair Julie Scherer at 3:35 PM.

Commissioners Present: Julie Scherer, Rebecca Harrington, Monica Valencia, Katherine Zagone

Commissioners Absent: Patrick Cavanah (excused), Elena Martinez (unexcused)

Staff Present: Ashley Weaver, Cambria Pollinger, Diane Sheatsley, Stephanie Navarro, Valerie Garcia

Public Present: Salvatore Salerno

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION: Motion (Scherer/Harrington) 3 approving, 1 abstain, of the minutes of the October 5, 2022 meeting.

III. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Welcome New Members

Chair Scherer lead introductions by all Commissioners and staff present in order to welcome new Commissioner Zagone. All provided background and history of living in and around Modesto, along with their participation within the community.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Bylaw Review and Updates

Chair Scherer lead a line by line review of the current bylaws with update suggestions. Staff tracked redlines to review with legal prior to implementation. Key proposed changes include adding the caveat that unexcused absences are limited to three per calendar year.

Administrative items were discussed during the review: vacancies, attendance, availability and meeting schedule.

ACTION: Motion (Scherer/Zagone) 4/0 approving the meeting time adjusted to 4:00PM to 4:45PM moving forward.

B. Landmark Preservation Committee (LPC) Member Selection

Chair Scherer polled the Commissioners for their availability and desire to serve on the LPC. It was tabled to next week to include Commissioner Cavanah, who has previously served on the committee.

C. Representative Update: Landmark Preservation Committee

VI. NEW BUSINESS

B. Administrative Items

All administrative items were discussed during the Bylaws review.

C. 2023 Goals and Objectives

- Chair Scherer lead discussion on goals and projects to prioritize for 2023. Public member Salvatore Salerno renewed his desire to make the yellow-billed magpie the City Bird of Modesto. Commissioners discussed the City Bird and other projects and determined to finalize their priority list at the next meeting.
- D. Current and Potential Community Partnerships
Chair Scherer asked the commissioners to review their partnerships within the community and report back at the next meeting.

VII. ORAL COMMUNICATION
None.

VIII. MATTERS TOO LATE FOR THE AGENDA
None.

IX. CURRENT AND UP-COMING CULTURAL EVENTS
None.

X. ADJOURNMENT
The meeting was adjourned at 5:01 PM. The next scheduled Culture Commission meeting will be held via teleconference on Wednesday, February 1, 2023 at 4:00PM