

**City of Gilroy
Arts and Culture Commission
Minutes
Tuesday, March 10, 2026 | 6:30 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Villa at 6:35 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Attendance	Attendee Name
Present	Commissioner Ruben Dario Villa Commissioner Camille McCormack Commissioner Makhan Gupta Commissioner Wendy Zamora
Absent	Commissioner Steven Porter

3. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Staff Member Katsuyoshi reported that the agenda was posted on Friday, March 6th, 2026 at 5:20 PM.

4. INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMISSIONER

1. Introduction of Commissioner Makhan Gupta

Commissioner Gupta introduced himself to the Commission.

5. ORDERS OF THE DAY

The Commission agreed to combine Items 8.1 and 8.2.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of the Minutes from the January 13, 2026, Regular Meeting of the Arts and Culture Commission

Motion: Approve

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Commissioner Wendy Zamora

SECONDER: Commissioner Ruben Dario Villa

AYES: Commissioner Villa, Commissioner Camille McCormack, Commissioner Makhan Gupta, Commissioner Wendy Zamora

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Steven Porter

7. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Greg Felios - commented on March being recognized as Youth Arts Month.

8. OLD BUSINESS

1. Fiscal Year 2026 and 2027 Work Plan

The Commission reviewed the Fiscal Year 2026 and 2027 Work Plan.

For the Love of Gilroy Art Campaign — It was reported that the unveiling event was successful. The Commission agreed that they would like to have all art submissions for the next campaign by December of 2026, make their recommendations to council by the first Council Meeting in February, and hold the unveiling event in March.

Multi-Cultural Community Days — The Commission discussed the possibility of joining an existing event as opposed to creating their own.

Fundraising Gala — Commissioners agreed to come back to the meeting next month with two ideas to share with the rest of the commission.

Arts & Cultural Strategic Plan — It was recommended that Commissioners go and review the document prior to next month's meeting so that they may have a discussion around the Strategic Plan.

Public Art Resource Document — Chair Villa plans to bring back the City of San Jose's Public Art Resource Document as an example.

Prior to assigning commissioners to subcommittees, they decided to wait to see if new commissioners would be seated in time for their next meeting.

2. For the Love of Gilroy Public Art Campaign and Unveiling Event

It was agreed upon by the Commission during Orders of the Day to include this item in item 8.1.

9. NEW BUSINESS

1. Exploration of Art In-Lieu Fees

Staff Member Henig led by explaining what Art In-Lieu Fees are. The Commission then held a discussion on Art In-Lieu Fees and then requested that information be shared on the funds that the Commission has access to and their acceptable uses.

10. GILROY ART-RELATED COMMUNITY EVENT UPDATES

Commissioner Zamora - Shared that there was a Christopher High School Choir Concert happening during the commission meeting and also mentioned how they will be participating at a Choir Exchange at Cal poly San Luis Obispo as well as performing at Disneyland this weekend.

Chair Villa - Announced La Marcha Sigue being held at La Casa de Cultura y Arte at the Willey House in Gilroy on Friday, March 20th. He also shared that the Third Friday Downtown Art Walks begin Friday, March 20th.

Commissioner McCormack - Announced that the Arts Alliance will be displaying student art on Saturday, March 14th.

11. COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner McCormack expressed her gratitude and thanks to all those within the commission and staff that are present to assist the Commission. Commissioner Gupta shared his appreciation for the Arts & Culture Commission. Chair Villa encouraged the Commission to review the Environmental Impact Report pertaining to the Civic Center Masterplan.

12. STAFF COMMENTS

Staff Member Katsuyoshi shared that March 27th is the last day to submit comments on the Civic Center Masterplan's Environmental Impact Report.

13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS

None.

14. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 PM.