

**City of Gilroy
Arts and Culture Commission
Minutes
Tuesday, August 12, 2025 | 6:30 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:43 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Attendance	Attendee Name
Present	Commissioner Ruben Dario Villa Commissioner Camille McCormack Commissioner Steven Porter Commissioner Wendy Zamora
Absent	Commissioner Melanie Reynisson Commissioner Adilene Moreno Commissioner Steven Taylor

3. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Bryce Atkins reported that the agenda for this meeting was posted on Friday, August 8, 2025, at 1:51 PM.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion

Approve

RESULT: **Passed**

MOVER: Commissioner Wendy Zamora

SECONDER: Commissioner Steven Porter

AYES: Commissioner Ruben Dario Villa, Commissioner Camille McCormack,
Commissioner Steven Porter, Commissioner Wendy Zamora

NAYS: None

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of the Minutes from the June 10, 2025 Regular Meeting of the Arts and Culture Commission

Motion

Approve

RESULT: **Passed**

MOVER: Commissioner Ruben Dario Villa

SECONDER: Commissioner Steven Porter

AYES: Commissioner Ruben Dario Villa, Commissioner Camille McCormack, Commissioner Steven Porter, Commissioner Wendy Zamora

NAYS: None

6. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

7. OLD BUSINESS

1. Update on Art-Related Funds

The Commission discussed the financial position of the funds, and that the balances available will cause adjustments to the work plan as a result. The update was received, and the Commission asked for a report on the bench plaque program, including completed plaques and available bench plaque locations for future requests.

2. Fiscal Year 2026 and 2027 Work Plan

Discussion was held regarding the impact of the funds available to fund the Commission's work plan items and the need to make adjustments. Additionally, the Commission identified the need for separate reports on two work plan items to provide a more detailed history and development of the events. These include For the Love of Gilroy and Fundraising. The Commission tasked Commissioner Zamora to bring back a recommendation regarding the ability to sell merchandise as a fundraising method.

8. NEW BUSINESS

1. Overview of the Process to Request the Council to Dedicate Surplus Funds to Arts and Culture Purposes

Staff presented information regarding the method of communicating requests to the City Council for funding, and the history of discussions regarding other requests to use General Fund surplus for funding capital projects or programs. The Commission tasked Commissioner Zamora to produce a Commission communication regarding a request for the designation of surplus funds for arts and culture purposes.

9. GILROY ART-RELATED COMMUNITY EVENT UPDATES

The Commissioners discussed updates regarding arts-related events in the community, including a soft-opening being held at the Willey House.

10. COMMISSION COMMENTS

None.

11. STAFF COMMENTS

Staff introduced Stefan Mercer as the Staff Liaison for the Commission. Updates were also provided regarding the Interim City Administrator and the art commissioner boot camp training dates, which have changed.

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS

None.

13. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 PM.