

**City of Gilroy
Downtown Committee Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 10, 2023 | 8:00 AM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Marques at 8:00 AM.

2. ROLL CALL

Attendance	Attendee Name
Present	Rebeca Armendariz (Council Member), Committee Member Fran Beaudet, Committee Member Marie Blankley (Mayor), Committee Member Toni Bowles, Committee Member Dion Bracco (Mayor Pro Tempore), Committee Member Frank Johnson, Committee Member Dave Leal, Committee Member Savanah Logenbach, Committee Member Carol Marques (Council Member), Chair Emily McEwan-Upright, Committee Member Jeanie Rizzuto, Committee Member Fred M. Tovar (Council Member), Vice-Chair Victoria Valencia, Committee Member
Absent	Matt Gallion, Committee Member

Chair Marques introduced new Committee Members Savanah Logenbach and Frank Johnson to the rest of the committee.

3. Public Comment

Chair Marques opened Public Comment.

Rob Weaver voiced concerns about the demolition of a notable downtown building, inquiring about the permit involved and proposing an ordinance to ensure adequate funds for reconstruction pre-demolition to avoid persistent ruins.

There being no further speakers, Chair Marques closed Public Comment.

4. Approval of the Minutes:

Motion: Approve the August 15, 2023 and September 12, 2023 Meeting Minutes

- RESULT:** Pass
- MOVER:** Emily McEwan-Upright
- SECONDER:** Fred M. Tovar
- AYES:** Rebeca Armendariz, Fran Beaudet, Marie Blankley, Toni Bowles, Dion Bracco, Frank Johnson, Dave Leal, Savanah Logenbach, Emily McEwan-Upright, Jeanie Rizzuto, Victoria Valencia, Fred M. Tovar, Carol Marques
- NAYS:** None
- ABSENT:** Matt Gallion

5. **Replacement of Two Committee Members**

Two openings on the Committee were acknowledged due to members' departures. Preference for replacements will be given to downtown building or business owners. Members are tasked to nominate candidates, with the process remaining as per existing bylaws.

6. **Report Out from Sub-Committees**

a) Beautification of Downtown (Beaudet and Tovar)

- Discussed upcoming Gourmet Alley construction, pop-up park enhancements, and interactive art installations.
- Addressed vandalism affecting downtown lighting and discussed maintenance.
- Explored landscape, infrastructure, signage improvements, and advertising strategies.
- Talked about the possibility of cleaning fees for events and outdoor dining establishments.
- Reviewed challenges with the existing facade improvement grant and permit funding, suggesting a review for possible fund increase.

b) Subcommittee Report on Noise (Blankley and Bowles)

- Presented a comparative analysis of noise codes in neighboring cities.
- Recommended revising Gilroy's noise ordinance for clarity and simplicity.
- Proposed a downtown-specific noise ordinance, with specific noise levels and hours to balance business interests with resident comfort.
- Suggested urban design interventions for traffic noise reduction.
- Discussed complaint-based enforcement and acknowledged the need for more specific enforcement mechanisms.
- Agreed to refine the proposed noise ordinance based on feedback, aiming for a final review by November 14th and a potential council review on November 20th.
- The committee directed the sub-committee to amend the report by changing "music" to "noise" in point 5(a) and "4th" to "3rd" in point 8(a). Further discussion is needed on point 8(c) regarding the timeframe and point 9, Traffic Noise.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Marques adjourned the meeting at 9:02 AM.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing minutes were duly and regularly adopted at a regular meeting of the Gilroy Downtown Committee of the City of Gilroy.

/s/Thai Nam Pham, MMC, CPMC
City Clerk