

City of Gilroy
Arts and Culture Commission
Draft Minutes
Tuesday, June 9, 2026 | 6:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Villa at 6:31 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Attendance	Attendee Name
Present	Commissioner Ruben Dario Villa Commissioner Subul Siddiqui Commissioner Makhan Gupta Commissioner Rabia Shahid Commissioner Meena Vijaykar
Absent	Commissioner Camille McCormack Commissioner Wendy Zamora

3. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Staff Member Katsuyoshi reported that the agenda was posted on Friday, June 5th, 2026, at 4:40 P.M.

4. INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMISSIONER

1. Introduction of Commissioner Meena Vijaykar

Commissioner Vijaykar introduced herself to the Commission.

5. ORDERS OF THE DAY

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of the Minutes from the May 12, 2026, Special Meeting of the Arts and Culture Commission

Motion

Approve

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Commissioner Villa

SECONDER: Commissioner Gupta

AYES: Commissioner Villa, Commissioner Siddiqui, Commissioner Gupta, Commissioner Shahid, Commissioner Vijaykar

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner McCormack, Commissioner Zamora

7. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Chair Villa opened public comment at 6:35 P.M.

With no speakers, Chair Villa closed public comment.

8. OLD BUSINESS

1. Review of Fiscal Year 2026 and 2027 Work Plan

The Commission reviewed the Fiscal Year 2026 and 2027 work plan. The Commission decided to award 4 of the 14 winners for the For the Love of Gilroy art campaign to youth participants (age 0 to 18). Commissioner Shahid provided an update on the work plan item related to Multicultural Community Days.

2. Discussion on Arts and Culture Commission Annual Presentation

Chair Villa provided an update on the Arts and Culture Commission's annual presentation. The Commission still plans to present to Council at the August 17th Council meeting and will have the presentation ready for review by August 10th. Commissioners provided input on the presentation and the attendance at the Council meeting.

9. NEW BUSINESS

1. Quarterly Report from the Gilroy Center for the Arts/Gilroy Arts Alliance

Sharon Albert with the Gilroy Center for the Arts/Gilroy Arts Alliance provided a report.

Report received.

2. Informational Report on the City of Gilroy Donation and Fundraising Policy

Staff member Katsuyoshi provided a report.

Report received.

3. Discussion on Commission Participation and Tabling at the Party in the Park Event

The Commission discussed ideas they would like to see and what they would present at a tabling event.

10. GILROY ART-RELATED COMMUNITY EVENT UPDATES

Chair Villa mentioned the Third Friday Art Walk in Downtown Gilroy on June 19th.

11. COMMISSION COMMENTS

None.

12. STAFF COMMENTS

None.

13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS

Commissioner Rabia requested that we include an item to discuss how the Commission

would like to prepare for future tabling events.

14. ADJOURNMENT

With no additional business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

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