

**City of Gilroy  
Arts and Culture Commission  
Minutes  
Tuesday, May 12, 2026 | 6:31 PM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. ROLL CALL**

<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Attendee Name</b>
Present	Commissioner Ruben Dario Villa Commissioner Subul Siddiqui Commissioner Camille McCormack Commissioner Makhan Gupta Commissioner Rabia Shahid Commissioner Wendy Zamora

**3. SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Staff Member Katsuyoshi reported that the agenda was posted on Monday, May 11th 2026 at 10:18 AM.

**4. ORDERS OF THE DAY**

None.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**1. Approval of the Minutes from the April 14, 2026, Regular Meeting of the Arts and Culture Commission**

**Motion**

Approve

**RESULT: Passed**

**MOVER:** Commissioner Ruben Dario Villa

**SECONDER:** Commissioner Makhan Gupta

**AYES:** Commissioner Ruben Dario Villa, Commissioner Subul Siddiqui, Commissioner Wendy Zamora, Commissioner Camille McCormack, Commissioner Makhan Gupta, Commissioner Rabia Shahid

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Chair Villa opened public comment at 6:32 P.M.

With no speakers, Chair Villa closed public comment.

**7. OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Review of Fiscal Year 2026 and 2027 Work Plan**

The Commission reviewed the Fiscal Year 2026 and 2027 Work Plan. A Sub-Committee was created for the Multicultural Community Days Project with Commissioner Siddiqui and Commissioner Zamora as members and Commissioner Shahid as the lead Commissioner. In addition, a Sub-Committee consisting of Commissioner McCormack and Commissioner Siddiqui with Chair Villa as the lead was created for the For the Love of Gilroy public art campaign.

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

The Commission discussed the timeline for the For the Love of Gilroy public art campaign. The Commission decided that they would open the submission period for art pieces on Monday, August 31st and close the submission period on Friday, December 4th. Per Council's request to separate youth and adult submissions, the Commission decided to have a submission grouping for ages 0 to 18-year-olds and a submission grouping for ages 19 and over. In addition, the Commission requested information on the previous projects regarding the number of youth and adult submissions. The Subcommittee will come back to the July 14th meeting with marketing materials for the Commission to review.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Appointment of Vice-Chair of the Arts and Culture Commission**

**Motion**

Appoint Commissioner Makhan Gupta as Vice-Chair of the Arts & Culture Commission

**RESULT:** Passed

**MOVER:** Commissioner Ruben Dario Villa

**SECONDER:** Commissioner Camille McCormack

**AYES:** Commissioner Ruben Dario Villa, Commissioner Subul Siddiqui, Commissioner Wendy Zamora, Commissioner Camille McCormack, Commissioner Makhan Gupta, Commissioner Rabia Shahid

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**2. Update on Art-Related Funds**

The Commission received a report on where the Commissions' Art-Related Funds currently stand.

**3. Discussion on Tabling at the Public Works Week Community Open House**

The Commission discussed tabling at the Public Works Week Community Open House. They decided against tabling at the Open House due to not having materials to give away at a tabling event.

**4. Discussion on Arts and Culture Commission Annual Presentation**

The Commission chose the August 17th Council Meeting to provide the annual Arts and Culture Commission presentation to Council. The Commission requested to have staff pull highlights from previous meeting minutes to review them in

preparation for their August presentation to Council.

**5. Discussion of the Civic Center Master Plan**

The Commission discussed the Civic Center Master Plan. Chair Villa shared with the Commission his comments that he made on the Environmental Impact Report.

**9. GILROY ART-RELATED COMMUNITY EVENT UPDATES**

Chair Villa - Mentioned this Friday May 15th, 2026 was the 3rd Friday Art walk and that it was "Youth Night" at La Casa de Cultura y Arte. In addition, it was also mentioned that the upcoming weekend was the last chance to see the play "Bandido" at Gavilan College.

Commissioner Zamora - Spoke on the GUSD Retirement Concert that was set for Monday, May 18th, 2026 and a Christopher High School Choir Concert being held on Tuesday, May 26th, 2026.

**10. COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Commissioner Zamora - Posed the question how much leeway does the Commission have to make adjustments to the workplan?

**11. STAFF COMMENTS**

Executive Sponsor Sangha introduced himself to the Commission.

**12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS**

The Commission requested an informational item to review the current fundraising policy that was adopted by City Council.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:08pm.