

City of Gilroy
Arts and Culture Commission
Draft Minutes
Tuesday, July 14, 2026 | 6:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Villa at 6:30 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Staff Member Mercer reported that the agenda was posted on Friday, July 10th, 2026 at 5:08 PM.

4. ORDERS OF THE DAY

None.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of the Minutes from the June 9, 2026, Regular Meeting of the Arts and Culture Commission

Motion

Approve

RESULT: **Passed**

MOVER: Vice Chair Gupta

SECONDER: Commissioner Siddiqui

AYES: Chair Villa, Commissioner Vijaykar, Commissioner McCormack,
Commissioner Shahid

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Zamora

6. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

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

Greg Felios - Spoke on Tie Dye making a comeback. In addition, he encouraged the Commission to attend the Downtown Live Music Series on Thursday evenings, as well as other community events to show their support.

With no further speakers, Chair Villa closed public comment.

7. OLD BUSINESS

1. Review of Fiscal Year 2026 and 2027 Work Plan

The Commission reviewed marketing materials for the For the Love of Gilroy Public Art Campaign and provided feedback to Chair Villa. Chair Villa shared examples of community engagement activities from a previous For the Love of Gilroy campaign. The Commission agreed to close the online art submission period on December 4, 2026, at midnight. The Commission also provided staff with input on the content they would like included on the For the Love of Gilroy project webpage.

Commissioner Shahid provided an update on the Multicultural Community Days work plan item. The subcommittee agreed to begin creating a fundraising proposal.

2. Discussion on Arts and Culture Commission Annual Presentation

Commissioner Zamora provided background information on the Commission's tabling participation at the Great Garlic Halloween Fun Run last year. The Commission discussed other items to include in the presentation. Chair Villa plans to provide the draft PowerPoint presentation for the Commission to review at the next meeting on August 11.

8. NEW BUSINESS

1. Ratification of Donation Fund Expenditures for the Party in the Park Tabling Event

Staff member Katsuyoshi provided a report.

The Commission received the report.

2. Discussion on Past Tabling Events and Preparation for Future Tabling Events

The Commission discussed the Party in the Park event, including what went well and areas for improvement for future tabling events. The Commission discussed and coordinated tabling at the National Night Out event, including identifying staffing assignments, coverage times, planned activities, and handouts.

9. GILROY ART-RELATED COMMUNITY EVENT UPDATES

Chair Villa mentioned a Cumbia and Country event at La Casa de Cultura y Arte on Friday, July 17. He also mentioned the Third Friday Art Walk and a band performance at the Gilroy Center for the Arts, both on Friday, July 17. Commissioner Vijaykar encouraged the Commission to attend the upcoming Downtown Live event on Thursday, July 16th.

10. COMMISSION COMMENTS

None.

11. STAFF COMMENTS

None.

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS

None.

13. ADJOURNMENT

With no additional business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 P.M.

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