

City of Gilroy
Arts and Culture Commission
Draft Minutes
Tuesday, August 11, 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
Absent	Commissioner Wendy Zamora

3. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Staff Member Mercer reported that the agenda was posted on Friday, August 8th, 2026 at 5:20 PM.

4. ORDERS OF THE DAY

None.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Motion

Approve

RESULT: PASSED

MOVER: Vice Chair Gupta

SECONDER: Commissioner Shahid

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

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 - Encouraged the Commission to visit Council meetings and other Commission meetings to notify the Commissioners of upcoming arts events.

With no further speakers, Chair Villa closed public comment.

7. OLD BUSINESS

1. Review of Fiscal Year 2026 and 2027 Work Plan

The Commission discussed marketing materials for the For the Love of Gilroy public art campaign and talked about leaving flyers in various locations throughout Gilroy.

The Multicultural Community Days subcommittee provided an update. Commissioner Siddiqui looked into permitting information, Commissioner Zamora took on reaching out to the Gilroy Farmer's Market and Commissioner Shahid gathered information from the Gilroy Downtown Business Association on how best to plan events Downtown. In addition, the Commission had a discussion on how to fundraise for events.

2. Discussion on Arts and Culture Commission Annual Presentation

Chair Villa shared his outline for the Annual Arts & Culture Commission Presentation to Council. The Commission provided feedback and requested having banners from previous For the Love of Gilroy Campaigns available to be shown during the presentation.

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

The Commission was reminded that volunteers and tabling materials must be approved by city staff prior to the tabling events. Future tabling event options were discussed, and the Commission agreed to look for additional opportunities to table before their September meeting.

8. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion Regarding the Placement and Use of City-Owned Art within City Hall, Including Council Chambers

Staff Member Katsuyoshi provided a report.

The Commission expressed their interest in bringing this item back in the future to create a plan on how they would like to display city-owned art throughout City Hall and the City Council Chambers.

2. Information Regarding City's Recreation Division Assessment

Staff member Katsuyoshi provided a report.

The Commission received the report.

9. GILROY ART-RELATED COMMUNITY EVENT UPDATES

Chair Villa shared that the "Fox on the Fairway" play has showings coming up. It was also mentioned that La Casa has live wrestling on August 15th and that La Casa will be celebrating their 1 year anniversary on August 22nd. Lastly, it was noted that August 13th is the final Downtown Live event until next Summer.

10. COMMISSION COMMENTS

Chair Villa stated that the La Ofrenda Festival is open to having vendors table at their upcoming event this Fall.

11. STAFF COMMENTS

Staff Member Sangha made sure that those who are attending the August 17th City Council Meeting are aware that there would be people joining the meeting via Zoom, which is a new policy that was implemented at the start of July 2026.

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS

The Commission would like to bring back Item 8.1 as a future agenda topic.

13. ADJOURNMENT

With no additional business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 P.M.

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