

**CITY OF FOLSOM  
ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION  
MAY 9, 2024  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

The Arts and Culture Commission meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. with Chair Maribel Wyatt presiding.

**2. ROLL CALL:**

Commission Members Present: Marc Allaman, Commissioner  
Kat Bahry, Vice-Chair  
Jacob Cantu, Commissioner  
Chad Vander Veen, Commissioner  
Maribel Wyatt, Chair

Commission Members Absent: Shivesh Sinha, Commissioner  
Lucinda Winward, Commissioner

Staff Present/Speaking: Tom Hellmann, Community & Cultural Services  
Manager  
Cindy Abraham, Recreation Coordinator

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A. March 14, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Kat Bahry, second by Commissioner Marc Allaman to approve the Meeting Minutes of March 14, 2024. The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner(s): Allaman, Bahry, Cantu, Vander Veen, Wyatt

NOES: Commissioner(s): None

ABSENT: Commissioner(s): Sinha, Winward

ABSTAIN: Commissioner(s): None

**5. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:**

None

**6. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS:**

**A. Presentation by Placerville & Sacramento Valley Railroad (PSVR)**

The president of PSVR Jim Harville was present in the chambers and gave a presentation about the history and purpose of PSVR. He shared their mission to protect, preserve, and develop the Folsom-Placerville railroad right-of-way, celebrating its legacy through the creation and operation of a sustainable community heritage railroad for the benefit, use, education, and enjoyment of the general public.

PSVR operates scenic train excursions and motorcar rides year-round over 15 miles of track between Folsom and Latrobe on Southern Pacific Railroad's historic Placerville Branch in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada mountains of northern California.

PSVR is a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving California's rich railroad history.

**7. DISCUSSION ITEM:**

**A. Train and Railroad as historical and cultural significance in the City of Folsom**

Community and Cultural Services Manager, Tom Hellmann, opened a discussion amongst the commission on the role of this commission regarding this topic. Commissioners asked various questions. Tom answered some of the questions posed and encouraged commissioners to talk to their perspective representatives for more information and discussion.

**8. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

**A. Gallery at 48 Natoma Exhibit**

Tom thanked Sarah Trobee and Nadia Khokhhar Roberts for their efforts in hanging the most recent exhibit and encouraged the commissioners to visit the exhibit. A postcard was distributed for the upcoming "Things with Wings" exhibit. The exhibit "Things with Wings" will run from April 26 through June 30, 2024.

**B. Manager's Report**

Community and Cultural Services Manager, Tom Hellmann, provided a written report to the commission. Tom reviewed the items on his written report and updated the commission on upcoming events.

**9. COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Marc Allaman mentioned the weekend of April 26-28 Pallido hosted the jazz championships, and it was very impressive, there were four stages and over 1,500 people in attendance. He also mentioned he was excited about the train situation and it's a fascinating thing to think about moving forward.

Commissioner Kat Bahry had no comments.

Commissioner Jacob Cantu thanked Tom for scheduling tonight's presentation, he mentioned Community Service Day is coming up and encouraged ideas and ways we can serve.

Commissioner Shivesh Sinha was absent.

Commissioner Chad Vander Veen thanked Tom for having Jim Harville here to give tonight's presentation. He had a list of questions and said Jim answered all of his questions during his presentation.

Commissioner Lucinda Winward was absent.

Commissioner Maribel Wyatt thanked Tom for the couple of events they were invited to as an opportunity by the community. It makes her proud to be invited and be a part of these community events. She noted she attended the international night event at Vista, the event was put on by students and it was a diverse, well-planned, organized event. She encouraged commissioners to keep their eyes open around town and attend/join and be a part of it. She also thanked Tom for the very informative presentation.

**10. ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no more business brought before the Folsom Arts and Culture Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

ATTEST:



Dawn Klamm,  
Administrative Assistant  
Parks and Recreation Department



Maribel Wyatt, Chair