

TRACY ARTS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
April 13, 2021, 7:00 p.m.
City Hall, 333 Civic Center Plaza

Due to the COVID-19 emergency, the regular meeting was conducted pursuant to the provisions of the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20, which suspends certain requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act. Residents participated remotely via email, phone and WebEx during the meeting.

Chair Lees called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll call found Commissioners Anderson, Bordes, Dhugga, Lees, Reis and Sandhu present..

Staff Present: William Wilson, Cultural Arts Supervisor
Kim Scarlata, Cultural Arts Division Manager

Recorded By: William Wilson, Cultural Arts Supervisor

1. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING ON APRIL 13, 2021

ACTION Motion by Commissioner Bordes, seconded by Commissioner Sandhu to approve the minutes as submitted. Voice vote found all in favor; motion carried 6:0.

3. REVIEW AND APPROVE DEACCESSION OF FABRIC PANEL #5 ARTWORK FROM THE CITY ART COLLECTION

CAS Wilson provided the Staff Report documenting irreparable damage incurred in 2020-21 to *Fabric Panel #5* by Mark Thomas. The artwork was on display in the Lobby at the Grand Theatre Center for the Arts for 13 years and the damage was a result of prolonged humidity, UV, and IR exposure. Commissioners asked about the possibilities to have another artwork occupy the location and CAS Wilson explained the location is an excellent placeholder for a future Civic Art Project.

ACTION Motion by Commissioner Dhugga, seconded by Commissioner Sandhu to approve deaccession of Fabric Panel #5 Artwork from the City Art Collection. Voice vote found all in favor; motion carried 6:0

4. CONTINUE DISCUSSION OF FY20/21 BUDGET AND PROGRAMMING

CAS Wilson provided the Staff Report with programming updates for the Tracy Arts Commission's participation in Tracy Arts Month in April. He reported 11 videos were recieved by artists and arts organizations, in addition to debut of the Window Shades Project video. CAS Wilson also provided an update for the virtual concert (Dancing into Spring – A Time of Renewal and Hope) presented on April 10 featuring the Ken Cefalo Band with special guests.

Commissioners expressed and reported positive feedback for the creative community videos project. Commissioner Dhugga requested Staff to report the views for each video when available.

Commissioners expressed positive feedback for the virtual concert including the set list and vocalist, as well as the Tracy Nursery venue, suggesting that future events could also be held there. Commissioner Bordes commented on the planning and technical challenges. Chair Lees noted 161 views and CAS Wilson asked if Commissioner Bordes could request Mr. Cefalo to continue to host the concert online through the month of April in order to allow more views; he agreed to pursue. Chair Lees asked Commissioners to consider what could be achieved with more timely marketing.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

CAS Wilson read a note card from Abhilasha Natarajan of Chestnut Hill, MA (formerly of Tracy) into the record, thanking the Tracy Arts Commission for their effort to present creative community videos as part of Tracy Arts Month in April, 2021.

6. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

Commissioners gave brief summaries of their activities relating to arts and cultural activities within in the last month.

Commissioner Bordes asked if Staff had any updates regarding City Council's recent changes to the structure of City Commissions, and if it was related to cuts in arts funding. CAS Wilson advised Staff is working on a timeline to update Bylaws, will provide additional updates as they become available, and that a \$3,600 savings was reported to occur with restructure of Boards and Commission. Commissioner Sandhu asked for a clarification regarding the number of Commissioners to serve. CAS Wilson advised that all Commissions are to have five members.

Commissioner Dhugga asked for details for the upcoming Stockton Symphony performance at the Farmers' Market. CADM Scarlata advised the marketing materials are expected soon for a performance on April 24 at 10 am, in front of the Grand, with underwriting support from the Grand Foundation.

7. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Cultural Arts Division Manager Kim Scarlata provided an update to questions from Commissioners about their concerns with City Council changes to Commissions and the 2021-22 budget. She advised that Commissioners could participate in Items from the Audience by phone or by email at City Council in order to effectively advocate for the arts. CADM Scarlata explained the Council Budget Subcommittee may make additional recommendations at the budget meeting, and that we may not know what the budget recommendations are until the agenda is posted for the meeting in May.

In response to questions about the reopening of the Grand, she advised the City is in the process of working on the reopening plan. Collaboration with the Parks and Recreation Department is being considered to bring back the Block Parties this summer. The Grand

is expected to open the 2021-22 Season with modifications in late September with the Grand Foundation's Dancing with the Tracy Stars.

8. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

9. ADJOURNMENT – Time: 7:57 p.m.

ACTION Motion by Chair Lees, seconded by Vice Chair Reis to adjourn.
Roll call vote found all in favor; passed and so ordered.

The above agenda was posted at the Tracy City Hall on April 8, 2021. The above are action minutes. Materials distributed to the majority of the Tracy Arts Commission, staff records and/or audio recording is available in the Cultural Arts Division located at 715 Central Avenue.