

TRACY ARTS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
December 14, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

Grand Theatre Center for the Arts, 715 Central Avenue

Chair Dhugga called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Roll call found Commissioners Dhugga, Lees, Reis, and Sandhu present. Commissioner Bordes was absent.

Staff Present: William Wilson, Cultural Arts Supervisor

Recorded By: William Wilson, Cultural Arts Supervisor

1. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE CIVIC ART SUBCOMMITTEE – SPECIAL MEETING ON NOVEMBER 9, 2021

ACTION Motion by Commissioner Lees, seconded by Vice Chair Reis to approve the minutes as submitted. Voice vote found all in favor; motion carried 4:0.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING ON NOVEMBER 9, 2021

ACTION Motion by Chair Dhugga, seconded by Commissioner Sandhu to approve the minutes as submitted. Voice vote found all in favor; motion carried 4:0.

4. CONTINUE DISCUSSION OF NEW MULTICULTURAL PROGRAMMING

CAS Wilson provided the Staff Report. Commissioners continued discussion of ideas for new multicultural programming, with a focus on how to determine who should be invited to be presented. CAS Wilson suggested reviewing recent U.S. Census data in order to review the demographics of the City, as well as communicating directly with community groups to better understand their needs or how to best support them.

Commissioners agreed the best approach would be one of broad arts and culture recognition, where the community-at-large could share a cultural experience, rather than presenting a specific performance or event already with established, related audiences. Commissioners Dhugga, Lees, and Reis continued to support the incorporation of new multicultural programming within the existing Cultural Arts Division platforms of Downtown Tracy Arts Month and Artwalk which have diverse audiences, and felt the Grand Theatre Center for the Arts is the best venue. Commissioner Sandhu disagreed and felt another, larger event should be created instead.

Commissioners agreed to contact cultural organizations in and near Tracy that they are aware of, and bring feedback for continued discussion at the meeting on January 11, 2022.

5. REVIEW AND APPROVE FY2021-22 BUDGET AND PROGRAMMING RECOMMENDATIONS

CAS Wilson provided the Staff Report and advised the City Council approved a budget augmentation of \$9,000, resulting in a total FY21-22 Tracy Arts Commission budget of \$11,114. As a result, the expenditures for project contingency and the Civic Art Program were amended from \$1,100 to \$1,714.

Commissioners reviewed and approved the following amended FY2021-22 Budget and Programming Recommendations:

Downtown Tracy Arts Month	\$2,000
• Event Components/Presented Artists	\$2,000 (4 @ \$500 each)
Downtown Tracy Artwalk – June	\$1,800
• Participant Hospitality	\$400
• Event Components/Presented Artists	\$1,400
Downtown Street Banners	\$1,600
• Design & Production	\$400
• Artist’s Fees	\$1,200 (4 @ \$300 each)
Granting Program	\$4,000
• Grants	\$3,000 (3 @ \$1,000 each)
• Mini-Grants	\$1,000 (4 @ \$250 each)
Contingency & Civic Art Program	\$1,714
Total Estimated Expenditures	\$11,114

ACTION Motion by Commissioner Lees, seconded by Vice Chair Reis to approve the FY2021-22 Budget and Programming Recommendations as amended. Voice vote found all in favor; motion carried 4:0.

6. REVIEW AND APPROVE 2021 ANNUAL REPORT FOR CITY COUNCIL

CAS Wilson provided the Staff Report and updated presentation slides with talking points. Chair Dhugga requested a continued discussion item to best prepare for of the presentation to City Council in the first quarter of 2022.

ACTION Motion by Chair Dhugga, seconded by Commissioner Lees to approve the 2021 Annual Report for City Council as submitted. Voice vote found all in favor; motion carried 4:0.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

None

8. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

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

7. ITEMS FROM STAFF

None

8. ADJOURNMENT – Time: 8:40 p.m.

ACTION Motion by Chair Dhugga, seconded by Commissioner Sandhu to adjourn.
Roll call vote found all in favor; passed and so ordered.

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