# TRACY ARTS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES November 9, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

City Hall, 333 Civic Center Plaza

Chair Dhugga called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

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

Staff Present: William Wilson, Cultural Arts Supervisor

Anna Cross, Cultural Arts Division Manager

Recorded By: William Wilson, Cultural Arts Supervisor

1. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING ON OCTOBER 12, 2021

**ACTION** 

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

CONTINUE DISCUSSION OF THE 2021 ANNUAL REPORT FOR CITY COUNCIL

CAS Wilson provided the Staff Report and presentation slides. Requested minor edits will be made and talking point notes will be added. CAS Wilson advised the review and approval of the 2021 Annual Report will be on the December 14 Agenda, with City Council presentation to follow in January or February.

4. DISCUSSION OF 2021-22 BUDGET AND PROGRAMMING

CAS Wilson provided the Staff Report. Commissioners continued discussion of ideas for new multicultural programming. Commissioners agreed that using the existing platforms of Tracy Arts Month and the Downtown Tracy Art Walk, in order to create a series of cultural experiences, is preferred. Event components can include dance, poetry, visual art, movies, and food. Movie screenings at the Grand can provide a framework to add such elements as displays, competitions, photo opportunities, and snacks in a three-hour time frame. Commissioners then discussed how to identify and invite community groups to participate. Chair Dhugga requested continued discussion at the December 14 meeting in order to clarify who should be presented, and if groups should be from Tracy-only, or to also consider local-area groups.

Commissioners continued discussion about the Downtown Street Pole Banners Project. Vice Chair Reis suggested artists Pam Wilhelm, Jose Pena Moralez, Jacob Alt, and J-Squared Creations. Commissioners voiced support for contrasting and bold styles in order to have more impact on the streetscape. Commissioners agreed to further research local-area visual artists, in anticipation of inviting four artists to be featured on four banners in the downtown district.

CAS Wilson advised the TAC budget augmentation request is scheduled to go before City Council on December 7, as part of a larger City budget update. He will prepare the 2021-22 budget and programming recommendations using \$10,500 for review and approval at the December 14 meeting. Commissioners will have the ability to amend the recommendations at the meeting as needed, in relationship to the final amount of approved 2021-22 funding.

## 5. CORRESPONDENCE

None

#### 6. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

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

## 7. ITEMS FROM STAFF

CADM Cross provided requested information regarding professional development and arts advocacy for TAC consideration.

8. ADJOURNMENT – Time: 8:45 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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