

TRACY ARTS COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
**October 12, 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, and Reis present. Commissioners Bordes and Sandhu were 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

2. ITEMS FROM STAFF

**ACTION** Motion by Chair Dhugga, seconded by Commissioner Lees to move Item 7. – Items from Staff. Voice vote found all in favor; motion carried 3:0.

Anna Cross, Cultural Arts Division Manager, introduced herself to the Commission.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

**ACTION** Motion by Vice Chair Reis, seconded by Commissioner Lees to approve the minutes as submitted. Voice vote found all in favor; motion carried 3:0.

4. CONTINUE DISCUSSION OF THE 2021 ANNUAL REPORT FOR CITY COUNCIL

CAS Wilson provided the Staff Report and project update. He advised photos of Commissioners Reis and Sandhu, Poetry & Jazz, and the Dancing into Spring virtual concert are still needed. CAS Wilson stated a complete visual draft of the presentation will be available for the November meeting, and the TAC can review and approve at the December meeting. City Council is expected to invite the TAC to present the Annual Report in January or February, 2022.

5. DISCUSSION OF 2021-22 BUDGET AND PROGRAMMING

CAS Wilson provided the Staff Report and advised the Special Events Subcommittee Special Meeting scheduled for October 5 was cancelled. Chair Dhugga stated she would contact Commissioner Bordes and work with CAS Wilson to reschedule in time to

present recommendations to the TAC in November. CAS Wilson advised full recommendations for 2021-22 budget and programming could then be reviewed and approved in December.

Staff and Commissioners supported the expanded structure of Downtown Tracy Arts Month in April, 2022, which coincides with California Arts, Cultural & Creativity Month.

Commissioners discussed ideas for new multicultural programming. Commissioner Lees preferred a series of small events (“Multicultural Monday”) focusing on different aspects of culture (poetry, storytelling, dance, visual art, music, etc.) instead of an all-day festival event. CADM Cross advised the Cultural Arts Division could provide hospitality support, suggesting a “global flavors” theme. Vice Chair Reis voiced support for the inclusion of cultural poetry. Commissioner Lees suggested the majority of the budget for new multicultural programming should go to pay the artists/performers. CADM Cross suggested a film component be added at the Grand.

Commissioners continued discussion about Downtown Tracy Artwalk participation, supporting \$1,800 for the June, 2022 event. Commissioners agreed to budget \$400 for hospitality, and \$1,400 to present artists and performers at the event, including an emerging artists space for first time participants.

Commissioners continued discussion about the Downtown Street Pole Banners Project. CAS Wilson advised he has identified the pilot project locations and that the TAC can opt to commission four artists to create original works of art for the four double-sided banners. Commissioners agreed to bring artist suggestions to the November meeting for continued discussion.

CAS Wilson advised that if the budget augmentation was approved, and that the new Granting Program could be launched in 2022, there would be a need to allow grantees to present their projects across the calendar year. He will consult with the Finance Department as needed to determine the feasibility should funding need to roll into FY22-23.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

None

6. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

Chair Dhugga reported that the Grand Foundation’s Dancing with the Tracy Stars, which opened the new season at the Grand on September 25, was fun and enjoyable for the community. She also asked Staff if there could be training opportunities for Tracy Arts Commissioners to gain knowledge in their role. CADM Cross stated she would review resources and provide recommendations for the Commission’s consideration at a future meeting.

7. ADJOURNMENT – Time: 7:56 p.m.

**ACTION** Motion by Vice Chair Reis, seconded by Commissioner Lees to adjourn.

Roll call vote found all in favor; passed and so ordered.

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