

TRACY ARTS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
January 11, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

Grand Theatre Center for the Arts, 715 Central Avenue

Vice Chair Reis called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Roll call found Commissioners Lees, Reis, Sandhu, and Skinner present.
Commissioner Dhugga 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

2. INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMISSIONER TREVOR SKINNER

Commissioners and Staff welcomed Commissioner Skinner to the Tracy Arts Commission. Commissioners introduced themselves. Commissioner Skinner shared that he moved to Tracy three years ago and is a musician and artist.

3. SUBCOMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS FOR 2022

CAS Wilson provided the Staff Report. Vice Chair Reis called for volunteers and seated the Subcommittees of the Tracy Arts Commission for 2022:

Budget:	1. Dhugga	2. Reis	Alternate: Lees
Civic Art:	1. Lees	2. Reis	Alternate: Sandhu
Special Events:	1. Dhugga	2. Skinner	Alternate: Sandhu

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE CIVIC ART SUBCOMMITTEE – SPECIAL MEETING ON DECEMBER 14, 2021

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

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING ON DECEMBER 14, 2021

ACTION CAS Wilson advised the Commission of a typo for correction. Motion by Commissioner Lees, seconded by Commissioner Sandhu to approve the minutes as amended. Voice vote found all in favor; motion carried 4:0

6. CONTINUE DISCUSSION OF 2021 ANNUAL REPORT FOR CITY COUNCIL

CAS Wilson advised the presentation of the 2021 Annual Report has been scheduled for March 1, and asked the Commission if they wanted to table this item until the meeting of February 8 to included Chair Dhugga. Vice Chair Reis agreed and called for a motion.

ACTION

Motion by Commissioner Lees, seconded by Commissioner Sandhu to move continued discussion of the 2021 Annual Report for City Council to the meeting of February 8. Voice vote found all in favor; motion carried 4:0.

7. CONTINUE DISCUSSION OF NEW MULTICULTURAL PROGRAMMING

CAS Wilson provided the Staff Report. Vice Chair Reis reported she spoke with Chair Dhugga, and stated it has been difficult to identify groups specific to a culture. Commissioners continued discussion of ideas for new multicultural programming and confirmed their support to utilize the existing Cultural Arts Division platforms of Downtown Tracy Arts Month in April, and the Artwalk events.

Commissioners voiced support of featuring dance, music, visual art, poetry, spoken word, and food. Commissioners agreed to consider creating an open mic night and a poetry workshop. CADM Cross encouraged the Commission to be conscious of the multicultural theme and inclusion throughout the year. Commissioners agreed and discussed the goal of the programming is to be of community benefit. Community groups and artists can be from the local-area and the events do not need to generate revenue.

Commissioners supported the idea of scheduling an open mic night event on a Thursday evening during Arts Month. CADM Cross confirmed the availability of the Grand on Thursday, April 21 and 28. Commissioners agreed to further the details under New Business, Item 9.A., Discussion of Programming for Downtown Tracy Arts Month, April 2022.

8. DISCUSSION OF PROGRAMMING FOR DOWNTOWN TRACY ARTS MONTH, APRIL 2022

CAS Wilson provided the Staff Report and explained the purpose of the discussion is to develop programming recommendations for review and approval at the meeting on March 8.

Commissioners further discussed an all ages, free, open mic night event that could include all disciplines including music, poetry, spoken word, and variety acts. Commissioner Skinner advised he can invite an emcee and DJ, and will research the associated costs. Commissioners agreed the event should be scheduled for Thursday, April 21 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Studio Theatre. CADM Cross advised the Grand can provide concessions service for the event.

Commissioners then discussed developing a free poetry workshop. Vice Chair Reis advised she can invite a poet or two to provide instruction. Commissioners agreed the event should be scheduled for Saturday, April 9, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Grand.

CAS Wilson advised he will confirm classroom availability and that light complimentary hospitality can be provided for attendees.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

None

10. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Skinner gave a brief summary of his activities relating to arts and cultural within the last month.

Vice Chair Reis advised she is ready to report on recommended artists in order to continue discussion for the Downtown Street Banners Civic Art Project at the meeting of February 8.

11. ITEMS FROM STAFF

None

12. ADJOURNMENT – Time: 8:45 p.m.

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

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