

TRACY ARTS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
February 8, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

Grand Theatre Center for the Arts, 715 Central Avenue

Chair Dhugga called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

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

Staff Present: William Wilson, Cultural Arts Supervisor

Recorded By: William Wilson, Cultural Arts Supervisor
Anna Cross, Cultural Arts Division Manager

1. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING ON JANUARY 11, 2022

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

3. CONTINUE DISCUSSION OF 2021 ANNUAL REPORT FOR CITY COUNCIL

CAS Wilson provided the Staff Report. Chair Dhugga led a review of the Annual Report in preparation for the presentation to City Council on February 15. Chair Dhugga and Vice Chair Reis will both be remotely participating in the presentation as needed. All Commissioners were encouraged to view the meeting.

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

CAS Wilson provided the Staff Report. Vice Chair Reis reported that Darius Waiters has confirmed his availability to participate in a Poetry Workshop on April 9. She is also working to confirm the availability of Miniya Brisbane as second instructor. CAS Wilson is working to confirm the classroom availability for the event, in consideration of the activities.

Discussion continued for Open Mic Night on April 21. Commissioner Skinner confirmed the availability of Aaron Branscum to serve as Emcee and DJ for the event, and Matt Jaffe as a featured performer at the event. Mr. Jaffe is a Bay-area singer/songwriter who is appropriate for periodic performance during the event. CAS Wilson asked the Commission if With Our Words, who are providing the Poetry Workshop instructors, should also be presented. Commissioners supported the idea of having additional acts presented. Chair Dhugga reported she will work to confirm the availability of Diwali dancers. Vice Chair Reis will work to have poets represented.

CAS Wilson advised that the Commission will review and approve recommendations at the March 8 meeting with the details available, and that the Commission can choose to add additional featured performers by amending the recommendations at that time.

Discussion continued with Commissioners voicing support to have the event set up in the round, inside of the Studio with cocktail tables, chairs, and atmospheric lighting. CADM Cross confirmed the event would have technical support and that concessions would be open.

5. CONTINUE DISCUSSION OF DOWNTOWN STREET BANNERS CIVIC ART PROJECT

CAS Wilson provided the Staff Report. Vice Chair Reis reported artists Pamela K. Wilhelm of Tracy, Jacob Alt of Tracy, Jose Luis Pina Moralez of San Francisco, and John Sterry of Lathrop have confirmed their interest in participating in the project. Commissioners reviewed works by these artists and selected two images from each that could be featured on the banners. Vice Chair Reis will work to confirm the artists' willingness to license two works for \$250 in order to stay within the estimated fees of \$1000. CAS Wilson advised that should the artists negotiate for additional fees, the overall TAC programming budget, including a contingency, would allow for additional project expenses.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

None

10. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

None.

11. ITEMS FROM STAFF

CAS Wilson advised the Granting Program Request For Proposals will be on the March 8 agenda for review and approval.

12. ADJOURNMENT – Time: 8:47 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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