

TRACY ARTS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
May 10, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

Grand Theatre Center for the Arts, 715 Central Avenue

Chair Dhugga called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Roll call found Commissioners Dhugga, Lees, Reis, and Sandhu present. Commissioner Skinner 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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING ON APRIL 12, 2022

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

3. CONTINUE DISCUSSION OF TRACY ARTS MONTH, APRIL 2022

CAS Wilson provided the Staff Report. Commissioners and Staff discussed the positive outcomes of the Open Mic Night presented on April 21. A new discussion item will be added to the June 14 meeting agenda for the consideration of a new Open Mic Night event series in collaboration with the 2022-23 Presenting Season at the Grand Theatre Center for the Arts.

4. REVIEW AND APPROVE 2022 GRANTING PROGRAM APPLICANT PROPOSALS

CAS Wilson provided the Staff Report and called for any conflicts of interests. Commissioner Lees stated she would recuse herself from the review of the Tracy Art League's proposal. CAS Wilson advised with Commissioner Skinner absent, total possible scores for proposals from Tiffanie Heben, Virginia Segur (2), and the Sister City Association of Tracy would a maximum of 60 points, and from the Tracy Art League a maximum of 45 points. He further explained the rank of all of the proposals will be determined by total scores with percentage to ensure equity in review process.

Commissioners reviewed five proposals requesting \$1,000 grants. No proposals were received requesting \$250 grants.

Review determined that proposals from the Tracy Art League (*Expressions!* exhibition 2023) 44/45 – 97.7%, Tiffanie Heben (*What I Want to Say* exhibition 2022) 57/60 – 95%, and Sister City Association of Tracy (*Eat, Drink, Explore Memuro, Japan... Tracy's*

Sister City! Workshop Series 2022) 55/60 – 91.6% should be recommended for \$1,000 grants.

Audience members Mike McLellan, Debbie Jones, and Gene Jones affiliated with the Tracy Art League, thanked the Commission and Staff for the support and affirmation of organization's 30 years of presenting the *Expressions!* community exhibit.

ACTION Motion by Commissioner Lees, seconded by Vice Chair Reis to approve proposals from the Tracy Art League, Tiffanie Heben, and Sister City Association of Tracy to receive \$1,000 grants from the 2022 Granting Program. Voice vote found all in favor; motion carried 4:0

5. REVIEW AND APPROVE DOWNTOWN TRACY ARTWALK EMERGING ARTISTS SELECTION PROCESS

CAS Wilson provided the Staff Report. Commissioners discussed and supported the Staff recommendation to award the first six, first-time June 17 Artwalk participants \$200 each in event support. CAS Wilson will work to create signs that identify them as Emerging Artists presented by the Tracy Arts Commission for visibility at the event.

ACTION Motion by Chair Dhugga, seconded by Commissioner Lees to approve the Downtown Tracy Emerging Artists Selection Process. Voice vote found all in favor; motion carried 4:0

6. CORRESPONDENCE

None

7. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Lees gave a brief summary of her experience visiting the *Expressions!* Gallery Talk on April 23 at the Grand. She encouraged Commissioners to consider all of the ways a community can support artists.

8. ITEMS FROM STAFF

CADM Cross congratulated and thanked Commissioners for successful events in support of Tracy Arts Month in April.

9. ADJOURNMENT – Time: 8:30 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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