

# NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING

Pursuant to Section 54954.2 of the Government Code of the State of California, a Regular Meeting of the **TRACY ARTS COMMISSION** is hereby called for:

**Date/Time:** Tuesday, September 13, 2022, 7:00 p.m.  
(or as soon thereafter as possible)

**Location:** Grand Theatre Center for the Arts, Visual Arts 1  
715 Central Avenue, Tracy, CA 95376

**THIS MEETING WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR IN-PERSON PARTICIPATION. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH GUIDELINES, UNIVERSAL MASKING IS RECOMMENDED FOR ALL PERSONS REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS.**

Government Code Section 54954.3 states that every public meeting shall provide an opportunity for the public to address the Tracy Arts Commission on any item, before or during consideration of the item, however, no action shall be taken on any item not on the agenda.

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Items from the Audience - *In accordance with Procedures for Preparation, Posting and Distribution of Agendas and the Conduct of Public Meetings, adopted by Resolution 2019-240, any item not on the agenda brought up by the public at a meeting shall be automatically referred to staff. If staff is not able to resolve the matter satisfactorily, the member of the public may request a Tracy Arts Commission member to sponsor the item for discussion at a future meeting.*
4. Approval of Minutes from the Meeting of August 9, 2022
5. Old Business
  - A. Continue Discussion of 2022-23 Open Mic Night Event Series
  - B. Continue Discussion of Multi-Generational Recreation Center in consideration of Civic Art Projects
6. Correspondence
7. Items from the Commission
8. Items from Staff
9. Adjournment

**POSTED: September 8, 2022**

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TRACY ARTS COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
August 9, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

Grand Theatre Center for the Arts, 715 Central Avenue

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

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

Staff Present: William Wilson, Cultural Arts Supervisor

Recorded By: William Wilson, Cultural Arts Supervisor

1. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Tiffanie Heben of Tracy thanked the Tracy Arts Commission (TAC) for their support in receiving a 2022 Granting Program \$1,000 award for her upcoming photography exhibition at the Grand Theatre Center for the Arts. Ms. Heben stated the funding is being used for the creation of a small book that compliments the show, as well as for the preparation of works for display. She invited Commissioners to attend a reception at her home at 3:30 pm on Saturday, September 10, prior to the public reception at the Grand at 5:00 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE CIVIC ART SUBCOMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING ON JULY 12, 2022

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING ON JULY 12, 2022

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

4. CONTINUE DISCUSSION OF 2022-23 OPEN MIC NIGHT EVENT SERIES

CAS Wilson provided the Staff Report. Commissioners estimated the Emcee services for the event series to be \$200 plus the cost of a feature act/performer. CAS Wilson reported that Cultural Arts Division (CAD) Staff will work to contract with Mr. Aaron Branscum to provide these services in support of the nine-event series.

5. CONTINUE DISCUSSION OF MULTI-GENERATIONAL RECREATION CENTER IN CONSIDERATION OF CIVIC ART PROJECTS

CAS Wilson provided the Staff Report and explained the need to prioritize locations and impact, themes and concepts. Commissioner Lees suggested an interesting invitation to the building that might be able to incorporate the driveway, parking, exterior congregation points, and entry. Chair Reis suggested artist-designed shade structures

and a historical wall featuring people from Tracy. Commissioner Skinner suggested the incorporation of green building materials such as hemp and lime plaster into facility and the projects.

CAS Wilson advised the Commission to think about the recommendations as a two-part process. The first evaluates the exterior entry, exterior of the facility, interior of the facility, and the surrounding grounds of the park as locations for projects, and the potential impact of each these locations. The second determines which themes or concepts would be important or valuable for artists to incorporate in their proposals. CAS Wilson will email links to the Commission in order to provide samples of other, similar public art projects to help them focus and/or simulate ideas as they work to create recommendations.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

None

7. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

Chair Reis gave a brief summary of her activities relating to arts and culture within the last month.

8. ITEMS FROM STAFF

CAS Wilson scheduled a Budget Subcommittee Special Meeting at 6:00 pm on September 13, and will communicate with the members of the Special Events Subcommittee to schedule a Special Meeting during the week of September 19.

9. ADJOURNMENT – Time: 8:34 p.m.

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

The above agenda was posted at the Tracy City Hall on August 5, 2022. The above are action minutes. Materials distributed to the majority of the Tracy Arts Commission, staff records and/or audio recording is available in the Cultural Arts Division located at 715 Central Avenue.

**CITY OF TRACY  
TRACY ARTS COMMISSION MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 13, 2022**

**AGENDA ITEM 5.a.**

REQUEST

**CONTINUE DISCUSSION OF 2022-23 OPEN MIC NIGHT EVENT SERIES**

DISCUSSION

The Tracy Arts Commission (TAC) presented a successful Open Mic Night event as part of Tracy Arts Month in April, 2022. The TAC is interested in continuing to support this type of programming to the benefit of the local area creative community. CADM Cross has expressed interest in developing similar programming as an event series in the 2022-23 Presenting Season at the Grand Theatre Center for the Arts.

At the meeting of June 14, the TAC voiced support to participant in the co-presentation of an Open Mic Night event series by providing funding for Emcee services. The TAC and Staff agreed that Aaron Branscum, who provided Emcee services in April, would be an appropriate collaborator in support of this new programming. Commissioner Skinner and CAD Staff communicated with Mr. Branscum to confirm his interest and availability to support the event series, as well as providing a featured performer/act at each event.

Nine Open Mic Night events are scheduled at 7:00 pm in the Studio Theatre at the Grand Theatre Center for the Arts: September 15, 2022, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Discussion in consideration of this new programming will continue as needed. Recommendations will be incorporated as part of FY2022-23 budget and programming process.

FISCAL IMPACT

Mr. Branscum's Emcee and featured performer/act services for the nine-event series will be contracted in the amount of \$3,150.

RECOMMENDATION

Continue Discussion of 2022-23 Open Mic Night Event Series

Prepared By: William Wilson, Cultural Arts Supervisor

Reviewed By: Anna Cross, Cultural Arts Division Manager

Approved By: Anna Cross, Cultural Arts Division Manager

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**AGENDA ITEM 5.b.**

REQUEST

**CONTINUE DISCUSSION OF MULTI-GENERATIONAL RECREATION CENTER IN  
CONSIDERATION OF CIVIC ART PROJECTS**

DISCUSSION

In 2018, the City Council approved the Multi-Generational Recreation Center (Rec Center) as a major amenity that would be funded by Measure V sales tax revenue providing a space to serve a broad spectrum of the City's demographics, including families, teen, seniors and commuters. Projected to be a 30,000+ square foot facility, this facility may include Council program priorities such as: a gymnasium, outdoor recreational amenities, multi-purpose spaces, a library/tech space, a lobby/lounge area, and a teaching kitchen. In February of 2021, the City Council hired LPA, Inc., a California Corporation to lead the design process for the new facility.

On July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 the City Council declared El Pescadero Park as the site of the Rec Center. The project is now moving into the schematic design phase. At the meeting of July 12, Parks and Recreation Department Staff and LPA provided an orientation presentation to the Tracy Arts Commission (TAC) in consideration of Civic Art projects on the exterior and interior of the facility.

Discussion will continue in order to provide feedback from the TAC regarding the integration of public art into this facility and the surrounding area.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact for this discussion item at this time.

RECOMMENDATION

Continue discussion of Multi-Generational Recreation Center in consideration of Civic Art Projects

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