

TRACY ARTS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
April 11, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

Grand Theatre Center for the Arts, 715 Central Avenue

Chair Reis called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

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

Staff Present: William Wilson, Cultural Arts Supervisor
Anna Cross, Cultural Arts Division Manager
Richard Joaquin, Park Planning & Development Manager

Recorded By: William Wilson, Cultural Arts Supervisor

1. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Tiffanie Heben, an applicant for the 2023 Granting Program, was in attendance.

2. RECEIVE UPDATE ON THE MULTI-GENERATIONAL RECREATION CENTER PROJECT AND PROVIDE FEEDBACK REGARDING THE CONSIDERATION OF CIVIC ART PROJECTS

PPDM Joaquin provided the Staff Report. Rocio Gertier and Matthew Porreca from LPA provided a presentation. Project updates included a review of the park amenities, building exterior, and interior design renderings. LPA identified six possible locations for public art; five exterior and one interior. LPA advised they would develop an exterior entry way monument, wayfinding signage across the location, and wall graphics throughout the facility of a similar/connected design.

PPDM Joaquin advised the total public art budget is still being evaluated, but at this time estimated to be at least \$200,000. CAM Wilson advised the Tracy Arts Commission (TAC) will need to prioritize the projects as the budget will not fund all six locations. CAM Wilson explained how a Request for Proposals (RFP), direct commissioning of artists, and public feedback can be utilized in the process.

With continued discussion the Commission agreed the projects needed to be larger and more impactful, as well as publicly accessible. The southwest corner area (pathway and wall) of the facility and the play/meet congregation points in the park were identified as priority locations. The locations on the northeast corner (wall) of the facility and exterior courtyard (wall) are considered optional. The interior lobby space is not preferred.

Staff will work to confirm the budget and create an RFP for the Commission's review and approval.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING ON MARCH 14, 2023

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

4. RECEIVE 2022 GRANTING PROGRAM UPDATE

CAM Wilson provided the Staff Report and the Tracy Art League's final report. He advised that this submission officially closes the 2022 Granting Program, as all grantees have met their reporting requirements. Commissioners noted the value of high school student docents utilized in the Expressions! exhibition and student tours.

5. REVIEW AND APPROVE 2023 GRANTING PROGRAM APPLICANT PROPOSALS

CAM Wilson provided the Staff Report and called for any conflicts of interest. Tiffanie Heben thanked the TAC for their support to her project in the 2022 Granting Program.

CAS Wilson advised with Vice Chair Dhugga absent, total possible scores for proposals would be a maximum of 60 points, and the rank of all of the proposals will be determined by total scores with percentage to ensure equity in review process. CAS Wilson explained four proposals were received, but only three were eligible for funding. Commissioners reviewed three proposals requesting \$1,000 grants.

Review determined that proposals from Tiffanie Heben (*Artists by Artists: Tracy Creative Community Past and Present* exhibition and publication, April 2024) 59/60 – 98%, Shaping Future Artist LLC – DBA H-art Therapy/Natasha Blakely (Painting Workshop courses at the Grand, 2023-24) 53/60 – 88%, and Expressive Arts Outreach Ministry at Southwinds Church of Tracy – Clair E.T. Ward (*Human Voices: An expressive arts exhibition featuring the creations of artists facing homelessness*, November 2023) 48/60 – 80%, are recommended for \$1,000 grants.

ACTION Motion by Commissioner Lees, seconded by Chair Reis to approve proposals from Tiffanie Heben, Shaping Future Artist LLC/Natasha Blakely, and Expressive Arts Outreach Ministry/Clair E.T. Ward to receive \$1,000 grants from the 2023 Granting Program. Voice vote found all in favor; motion carried 4:0

6. BEGIN DISCUSSION OF DOWNTOWN TRACY ARTWALK 2023

CAM Wilson provided the Staff Report and confirmed the Artwalk will be presented on Saturday, June 24 and Saturday, July 22 from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm in conjunction with Tracy City Center Association's Farmers' Market, and on September 16 from 5:00 to 7:30 pm in conjunction with Tracy City Center Association's Wine Stroll. CAM Wilson advised the TAC participant hospitality will be combined with the Opening Reception hospitality for the featured exhibition in the Grand Galleries on June 24.

7. CONTINUE DISCUSSION OF PROGRAMMING FOR TRACY ARTS MONTH, APRIL 2023

CAM Wilson provided the Staff Report and advised the Commission to continue with their efforts to promote the Audition & Reel Workshop from 10 am to 12 pm on Saturday, April 22.

8. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Skinner advised he will be resigning from the Tracy Arts Commission and moving to England. Staff and Commissioners thanked him for his service.

9. ITEMS FROM STAFF

None.

10. ADJOURNMENT – Time: 9:29 p.m.

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

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