

TRACY ARTS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
May 9, 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 Dhugga, Lees, Reis and Sandhu present.

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 11, 2023

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

3. RECEIVE POET LAUREATE COMMITTEE UPDATE

CAM Wilson announced the Poet Laureate Committee will meet on May 23 to review the roles and responsibilities of the Tracy Poet Laureate(s) in preparation to release a Call For Poets.

4. DISCUSS AND APPROVE 2023-24 OPEN MIC NIGHT EVENT SERIES CO-PRESENT WITH THE GRAND THEATRE CENTER FOR THE ARTS

CADM Cross provided the Staff Report and requested that the Tracy Arts Commission continue financial support for an Emcee (to be determined) and related featured performer expenses in the upcoming 2023-24 Presenting Season. Commissioners agreed that the 2022-23 event series was successful and want to continue the collaboration.

ACTION Motion by Commissioner Lees for the Tracy Arts Commission to continue partnership with the Grand Theatre Center for the Arts for the co-presentation of the 2023-24 Open Mic Night Event Series in the amount of \$3,150. Seconded by Commissioner Sandhu. Voice vote found all in favor; motion carried 4:0

5. CONTINUE DISCUSSION OF 2022 ANNUAL REPORT FOR CITY COUNCIL

CAM Wilson provided the Staff Report. Chair Reis led a discussion, providing an overview of the presentation. With City Council's questions and comments, Commissioners agreed to utilize the platform not only to provide an overview of

programming and projects, but also to be more proactive in their role to advise Council. CAM Wilson advised that it is important to continue to share the outcomes and stories that impact the community.

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

CAM Wilson provided the Staff Report. Commissioners discussed their efforts to create a workshop series, and the presentation of an Audition & Reel Workshop on April 22. Commissioners agreed their efforts to develop and promote this type of programming needs to improve, in order to increase participation. Commissioners agreed to focus collaboration with the local-area creative community who are more connected to Tracy and the Grand, as well as execute a marketing plan. CAM Wilson advised Tracy currently lacks an identifiable drama collective or organization, and suggested a community-level battle of bands event for consideration in 2024.

7. CONTINUE DISCUSSION OF DOWNTOWN TRACY ARTWALK PROGRAMMING

CAM Wilson provided the Staff Report. Commissioners discussed their participation in the upcoming events on June 24 and July 22 in conjunction with the Farmer's Market, and agreed to be mobile and interactive. Commissioners will make two visits with Artwalk participants at approximately 9 am and 11 am. CAM Wilson explained hospitality will be combined and centralized in the Grand Galleries in June, and Commissioners will deliver hospitality packs in July.

8. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

Commissioners gave brief summaries of their activities relating to arts and culture within the last month.

9. ITEMS FROM STAFF

CAM Wilson announced the review and approval of the Tracy Hills sculpture was scheduled for the City Council meeting on July 5. CADM Cross announced the remaining shows in the 2022-23 Presenting Season.

10. ADJOURNMENT – Time: 8:21 p.m.

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

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