

TRACY ARTS COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
**January 9, 2024, 7:00 p.m.**

Grand Theatre Center for the Arts, 715 Central Avenue

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

Roll call found Commissioners Dhugga, Jones 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

Maxine Lees and Cynthia Reis of Tracy, CA announced they were in attendance to address agenda items 5.A. and 5.B.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING ON DECEMBER 12, 2023

**ACTION** Motion by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Sandhu to approve the minutes as amended. Voice vote found all Commissioners in favor; motion carried 3:0

3. REVIEW AND APPROVE FY2023-24 FUNDING AND PROGRAMMING RECOMMENDATIONS

CAM Wilson provided the Staff Report. Ms. Reis in asked if the 2023 Annual Report to City Council has been scheduled. CAS Wilson confirmed that it has not yet been scheduled. Commissioner Jones asked if the Annual Report is for the previous calendar year. CAS Wilson confirmed that is it for the previous calendar year, and also can include 2024 goals. Commissioner Jones asked if allocation of in support of Open Mic Nights was previously approved. CAS Wilson confirmed this allocation was recommended and approved at the meeting of May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 to coincide with the development of the 2023-24 Presenting Season at the Grand.

**ACTION** Motion by Vice Chair Dhugga, seconded by Commissioner Jones to approve the FY2023-24 Funding and Programming Recommendations as presented. Voice vote found all Commissioners in favor; motion carried 3:0.

CADM Cross advised she has reviewed and approves these recommendations as presented.

4. DISCUSSION OF PROGRAMMING FOR TRACY ARTS MONTH, APRIL 2024

CAM Wilson provided the Staff Report. Commissioners began discussion of the project details to create and display an interactive, community mural project in collaboration with Catalina Piña, José L. Piña Morales and the Grand Theatre Center for the Arts.

Discussion topics included who should own the mural, what would become of the mural after completion and if the TAC should provide the artist with a theme. CAS Wilson advised the mural could be owned by either the artist or the City, but that there is no semi-permanent display or storage space at the Grand for a large format work, recommending artist ownership. The Commission agreed it would be valuable to display the mural at Open Mic Night on April 18. CAS Wilson advised the mural could also be placed on public display at the Grand through the remainder month of April. Commissioner Jones suggested “Art as Community” as a possible theme. Commissioner Sandhu stated he was open to either an artist-suggested theme, or one from the TAC.

Ms. Reis stated that she communicated with Mr. Moralez, and he suggested a pop art, Warhol-style mural, with each participant painting at least a 12” x 12” panel, and executed across two days with public hours. Ms. Reis advised that the owner of Bistro 135 may be interested in displaying the mural. CAS Wilson advised he is available to assist the artist in the development of the project forward, and that there is an option to create more than one mural in consideration of the number of possible participants.

Ms. Lees stated the bigger idea behind Arts Month is community involvement. She cautioned the Commission in putting time or energy into limiting the artist, and recommended allowing the artist to suggest the theme in this temporary mural project. Vice Chair Dhugga agreed.

CAS Wilson advised the TAC can allow the artist to suggest a concept, size, number of participants, as well as ideas about what becomes of the mural afterwards.

5. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

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

6. ITEMS FROM STAFF

None.

7. ADJOURNMENT – Time: 7:46 p.m.

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

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