

TRACY ARTS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
April 9, 2024, 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, Jones, 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

Tiffanie Heben of Tracy and David Bermillo of Tracy were attendance. Ms. Heben, a 2023 Re-Granting Program Grantee, provided an informational overview of her project, *Artists by Artists – Tracy’s Creative Community Past and Present*. She stated that the Tracy Arts Commission’s support was multiplied through the connections and collaborations in both the creative community, and community-at-large. Mr. Bermillo spoke about his experience hosting Open Mic Night at the Grand. He acknowledged the positive impacts on youth participants and encouraged the Commission to continue to support young creatives in our community.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING ON MARCH 12, 2024

ACTION Motion by Vice Chair Dhugga, seconded by Commissioner Jones to approve the minutes as submitted. Voice vote found all Commissioners in favor; motion carried 5:0

3. REVIEW AND APPROVE THE 2023 ANNUAL REPORT FOR CITY COUNCIL

CAS Wilson provided the Staff Report and copies of the 2023 Annual Report draft. He advised the presentation has been moved to the City Council meeting on June 4.

Chair Reis advised she will present the TAC introduction slide and closing remarks in the presentation. Commissioner Sandhu will present the second slide for Tracy Arts Month and the Downtown Tracy Artwalk. Commissioner Lees will present the third slide for the Civic Art Program. Commissioner Jones will present the fourth slide for the Re-Granting Program and Open Mic Night. Vice Chair Dhugga will present the fifth slide for 2024 Goals. Commissioners agreed to bring their scripts to the May meeting for a read through.

Staff and Commissioners identified a few typos for correction in the presentation copy.

ACTION Motion by Vice Chair Dhugga, seconded by Commissioner Jones to approve the 2023 Annual Report for City Council as amended. Voice vote found all Commissioners in favor; motion carried 5:0

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

CAS Wilson provided the Staff Report. Staff and Commissioners reviewed the schedule for the community mural project workshops with José Luis Piña Moralez on Friday, April 12 from 5 to 8 pm and Saturday, April 13 from 10 am to 2 pm. CAS Wilson advised that participant waivers and hospitality will be available in the Children's Studio on both days. Channel 26 is expected to visit to take photos of the activities and the artist at work. The mural will be on display in the Studio Theatre for Open Mic Night on April 18, then on display in the Pombo Lobby for the remainder of the month.

5. CONTINUE DISCUSSION OF 2023-24 FUNDING AND PROGRAMMING RECOMMENDATIONS

CAS Wilson provided the Staff Report. Commissioners discussed reallocation of the \$4,000 originally expected to the fund the 2024 Re-Granting Program.

Commissioners agreed to increase the June Artwalk participant hospitality to \$1,000, and support up to eight Emerging Artists presentations at \$200 each. Commissioners will seek a caterer or restaurant who can provide boxed meals and a special dessert for Artwalk participants. CAS Wilson advised that Artwalk hospitality will need paid for before or by June 20.

In addition, Commissioners agreed to provide hospitality for events at the Grand including the Tracy Theater Arts Collective's The Great Show on April 12 and Open Mic Night on April 18. CAD Staff will manage these efforts accordingly. CADM Cross reviewed and approved these allocations.

6. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

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

7. ITEMS FROM STAFF

CADM Cross thanked Chair Ries and Vice Chair Dhugga for their participation at City Council to receive the proclamation for Arts, Culture & Creativity Month.

8. ADJOURNMENT – Time: 8:29 p.m.

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

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