

TRACY ARTS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
May 14, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

Grand Theatre Center for the Arts, 715 Central Avenue

Chair Reis called the meeting to order at 7:04 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

Russell Gonzaga of Tracy was in attendance.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING ON APRIL 9, 2024

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

3. CONTINUE DISCUSSION OF THE 2023 ANNUAL REPORT FOR CITY COUNCIL

CAS Wilson provided the Staff Report and copies of the approved 2023 Annual Report. Commissioners reviewed script notes for the presentation and prepared for follow-up questions from City Council.

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

CAS Wilson provided the Staff Report. Staff and Commissioners reviewed the outcomes of 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. Commissioners agreed there was a great turnout for the events and that the project was exciting, diverse in participation, educational and fun. CAS Wilson offered that José and Catalina were a pleasure to collaborate with throughout the project.

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

CAS Wilson provided the Staff Report. Commissioners continued discussion to reallocate funding originally expected to the fund the 2024 Re-Granting Program.

Vice Chair Dhugga advised that sandwich boxes could be provided by Sourdough & Co. Tracy for the June Artwalk participant hospitality. Commissioners supported this choice.

Commissioner Jones presented a request to support additional ceramic and fused-glass supplies in the Arts Education Program (AEP) at the Grand, and requested name tags for Commissioners to wear at TAC events/programming. CAS Wilson suggested a summer 2024 sponsorship of the Little Free Library (LFL) at the Grand, through a marketing exchange with downtown arts-businesses Blast from the Past, Caspian Books and Main St. Music, as well as providing hospitality for the Nancy Roberts Gallery Talk on June 22 at the Grand.

Mr. Gonzaga suggested the Commission might consider providing bookmarks in the Little Free Library and CAS Wilson offered that a future project could be to have local artists design them.

Commissioners agree to support AEP supplies estimated at \$1,200, a LFL sponsorship estimated at \$1,000, TAC name tags estimated at \$100, and Gallery Talk hospitality estimated at \$100. Commissioners and staff also discussed distributing Grand Centennial promotional t-shirts at the final Open Mic Night of the 2024-25 Season on June 20. 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

CAS Wilson advised that Channel 26 has offered to take headshots of the Commissioners prior to the meeting on June 11, for promotional use by the City of Tracy. Commissioners voiced support. CAS Wilson advised Commissioners to arrive at 6:45 p.m. to have their photo taken.

CADM Cross announced upcoming programming at the Grand, including Gatsby Redux on May 18, Remember when Rock was Young – The Elton John Experience on June 8, and Catch a Wave: The Beach Boys Show on June 14.

Mr. Gonzaga complimented the Commission for their efforts to support the arts and use of easy to understand communications.

8. ADJOURNMENT – Time: 8:40 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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