

**TRACY ARTS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
April 8, 2014**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson McClain called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL:**
 - a. Present: Nila Dhugga; Anne Marie Fuller, Marlene Jones, Nicole McClain; Grace Paget; Taranjit Sandhu; Mercedes Silveira
 - b. Absent:
 - c. Staff Present: William Wilson, Cultural Arts Manager – Visual Arts
 - d. Recorded By: Connie Reding, Clerical, Patron Services
3. **ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE:** None
4. **APPROVAL of MINUTES from REGULAR MEETING on MARCH 11, 2014**
 - a. Motion: Commissioner Fuller
 - b. Second: Commissioner McClain
 - c. Abstain:
 - d. Vote: Approved
5. **APPROVAL of MINUTES from SPECIAL EVENTS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING on APRIL 1, 2014**
 - a. Motion: Commissioner Silveira
 - b. Second: Commissioner Paget
 - c. Abstain:
 - d. Vote: Approved as amended
6. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None
7. **REPORT ON TRASITION PLAN DURING CITY MANAGER RECRUITMENT PROCESS**
 - A. Maria Hurtado, Interim City Manager, addressed the Commission regarding the transition plan and recruiting process for a new City Manager. The search is being conducted by Peckham & McKenney and is anticipated to be a 6-month process. However, due to fall elections and the possibility of three Council seats changing, this deadline could be extended to the beginning of 2015. In the interim, City Department Heads will be rotating as Acting Assistant City Managers in support of Ms. Hurtado's responsibilities. Police Chief Gary Hampton will play a key role in the Internal Audit and Financial Procedures Review. The Internal Audit has already cut the number of credit cards used by City employees in half (50%), and determined that certain practices are not to be continued by City employees. Three phases of review include: 1) credit card and best practices review, 2) an open government transparency initiative, and, 3) updating of financial policies with software tracking. Ms. Hurtado plans to speak to all City Commissions about the current transition. She is also willing to speak to other groups as needed. Ms. Hurtado requested that Commissioners assist by providing accurate information to citizen inquiries and directing any issues they are not able to

address to the City Manager's office. Chairperson McClain thanked Ms. Hurtado for updating the Commission.

8. OLD BUSINESS: Agenda order changed with Item B being first, followed by item A.

- A. **Emerging Artists and Music in the Park** - Staff communicated with the Special Events Subcommittee to establish an alternate date for the second audition session for Emerging Artists. Audition dates are now scheduled to take place at the Grand Theatre Center for the Arts April 19 and May 3, 2014, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. Auditions are open to youth between the ages of 10 and 18. CAM Wilson provided operational and legal clarifications to issues pertaining to Music in the Park fundraising ideas suggested at the March meeting.
- B. **Tracy Arts and Cultural Festival** - Commissioner Paget has been unable to reach the Director of the Tracy Historical Museum. She will continue trying to contact him and report back to the Commission at the next meeting.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Music in the Park Series for 2014** – The Special Events Subcommittee presented the performance recommendations for this year's Music in the Park summer concert series. A short discussion followed pertaining to criteria and music genre. The primary bands are listed first. Should any of the primary artists not be available, alternate artists were also selected.

Primary Bands:

1. Inca, The Peruvian Ensemble
2. JuveQ
3. Party Monsters
4. Snap Jackson and the Knock on Wood Players
5. Savannah Blue
6. Bump City

Alternate Bands:

1. Dennis Johnson and the Mississippi Ramblers
2. Rippin
3. Delta Wires
4. Straight Line Attitude

- a. Motion: Commissioner Silveira
- b. Second: Commissioner McClain
- c. Abstain:
- d. Vote: Approved recommendations from SES for Music in Park artists.

10. ITEMS FROM COMMISSION

Commissioners each gave brief summaries of individual activities within the past month and announced upcoming events that may be of interest. Commissioner Silveira submitted a letter of resignation from the Tracy Arts Commission, effective immediately.

11. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

CAM Wilson announced that the Downtown Farmers Market starts for the season 4/12/14. He also noted there will be a ribbon cutting 4-5 p.m. at the Senior Center on 4/15/14, dedicating the new outdoor recreation area. On 4/21, The Grand will host the Congressional Art Competition, presented by the Office of Representative Jeff Denham, on

public display in the Grand Lobbies from 10 am to 6 pm with the Awards from 6 – 7 p.m in the Studio Theatre. Recruitment for the position of Arts Education Coordinator is in effect and will continue through 4/21/14.

12. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE: None

13. ADJOURN:

- a. Motion: Commissioner McClain
- b. Second: Commissioner Silveira
- c. Vote: Unanimous
- d. Time: 8:07 p.m.