

**TRACY ARTS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 13, 2014**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson McClain called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL:**
 - a. Present: Nila Dhugga; Anne Marie Fuller; Marlene Jones; Nicole McClain; Grace Paget; Taranjit Sandhu
 - b. Absent:
 - c. Staff Present: William Wilson, Cultural Arts Manager – Visual Arts; Matt Morgan, Technical Theatre Operations Assistant
 - d. Recorded By: Connie Reding, Clerical, Patron Services
3. **ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE:** Joel Reyna of Assemblywoman Susan Eggman's office in Stockton addressed the Commission, distributing information and further details pertaining to and seeking visual art to be displayed at their Stockton office. Currently, their exhibit entitled "Visions of the District" shows anti-bullying themed works by artist Brian Pekari; on display since 2013. New works are sought from the Tracy area to be exhibited through spring 2015. Mr. Reyna suggested pieces/images that represent the San Joaquin Delta and/or life in Tracy area, possibly containing themes that include parks, farmer's markets or other subjects linked to life in Tracy. CAM Wilson asked Mr. Reyna to send him a schedule and time line, adding that once he received this information he would share it with the Tracy Art League as well as the Tracy Camera Club. Commissioner McClain thanked Mr. Reyna for attending and reaching out to the Tracy area.
4. **INTRODUCTION OF NEW TRACY ARTS COMMISSIONER:** CAM Wilson noted that after Ms. Siveira's resignation at the April meeting, he contacted City and found there was an application on file which became available for consideration to fill the vacancy. City Council recently approved the appointment of Danette Poole who will receive a Certificate of Appointment at the Council's 5/20/14 meeting. Ms. Poole will begin attending the Tracy Arts Commission meeting on June 10th.
5. **APPROVAL of MINUTES from REGULAR MEETING on APRIL 8, 2014**
 - a. Motion: Commissioner Sandhu
 - b. Second: Commissioner Jones
 - c. Abstain:
 - d. Vote: Approved
6. **APPROVAL of MINUTES from SPECIAL EVENTS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING on APRIL 19, 2014**
 - a. Motion: Commissioner Paget
 - b. Second: Commissioner McClain
 - c. Abstain:
 - d. Vote: Approved
7. **APPROVAL of MINUTES from SPECIAL EVENTS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING on MAY 3, 2014**

- a. Motion: Commissioner Paget
- b. Second: Commissioner Jones
- c. Abstain:
- d. Vote: Approved

8. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None

9. **OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. **Continue discussion of the Tracy Arts and Cultural Festival** – Commissioner Jones attended the recent Train Town USA dedication, noting the Historical Society did a great job with the photos on display. Chairperson McClain said it was time for the Commission to start working with the museum to coordinate their planned Arts and Cultural Festival. CAM Wilson anticipates it will take 9 months of planning, with summer of next year (2015) being the earliest this event could be scheduled. Ideally it will be scheduled after the summer season ends, possibly in late July or August. CAM Wilson noted the new fiscal year budget will be approved in June; he anticipates there will be no increases to it, which leaves a budget that can only fund current activities. Fundraising efforts should begin in the fall once the event outline is complete in order to fund the various components of this event. Staff will outline the event estimating the cost for the Commission. He added that with the current short staffing in the Cultural Arts Division, there would be a delay of a couple months in working on this project.

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **Receive and Discuss Emerging Artists Audition Results for Music in the Park 2014 from the Special Events Subcommittee** – Matt Morgan noted that the Special Events Subcommittee heard three Emerging Artists auditions (two on 4/19/14, one on 5/3/14). Discussion followed, including inviting recommended artists to perform at multiple concerts. Staff will follow up pertaining to recommendations received from the Commission. Flyers were distributed for Music in the Park 2014 showing dates and possible music genre for each date. However, the finalized information (artist names) has not yet been released, pending contract signatures.

11. **ITEMS FROM COMMISSION**

Commissioners each summarized their individual activities within the past month. Commissioner Paget hopes to have more information for discussion at June meeting pertaining to this year's Taste of the Valley event (formerly known as the Tracy Bean Festival). She's been working on this with the Chamber of Commerce.

12. **ITEMS FROM STAFF:**

CAM Wilson noted the Haggin Museum is currently showing a celebrated posthumous exhibit of ceramic sculptor and UOP professor, Carla Malone. He also attended the Tracy 11th Street Bridge 90% Design Review. This project is moving forward with the bridge consultant and City team anticipating confirmation of the design elements in the next few months. CAM Wilson announced that Tracy's Civic Art Program had been recognized by a global online art community, CODAworx.com, in honor of the 3D steel mural by David Anthony in the west lobby of Tracy Transit Station. He announced the opening of *Personal Abstractions – Paintings by Matt Rhoades*, and Mr. Rhoades as Artist-In-Residence working at the Grand in July. CAM Wilson announced that Arts Education Program staff member

Lauren Carter, Rec. Leader III – Ceramics Lab Tech, has resigned and will be leaving at the end of May. Matthew Morgan reviewed upcoming Presenting and Rental events at the Center.

13. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE: None

14. ADJOURN:

- a. Motion: Commissioner McClain
- b. Second: Commissioner Fuller
- c. Vote: Unanimous
- d. Time: 7:59 p.m.