

**TRACY ARTS COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
October 14, 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, Danette Poole, Taranjit Sandhu
  - b. Absent: Grace Paget
  - 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. **INTRODUCTION OF CITY MANAGER, TROY BROWN** – Mr. Brown introduced himself, and thanked the Commissioners for their service to Tracy, noting the importance of the Art Commission within the fabric of a community. A brief discussion followed pertaining to the role of the Arts Commission and policy makers within the City structure. Mr. Brown assured the Arts Commission of his support and his availability should they need his input or assistance in the future. He added that it would be useful for all City Commissions to be invited to give annual presentations before City Council, saying he would make this a priority. Chairperson McClain invited Mr. Brown to attend another meeting in early 2015, for which she will make sure he receives an invitation.
5. **APPROVAL of MINUTES from the SPECIAL MEETING on SEPTEMBER 6, 2014**
  - a. Motion: Commissioner Fuller
  - b. Second: Commissioner Jones
  - c. Abstain:
  - d. Vote: Approved as amended
6. **APPROVAL of MINUTES from the REGULAR MEETING on SEPTEMBER 9, 2014**
  - a. Motion: Commissioner Sandhu
  - b. Second: Commissioner Poole
  - c. Abstain:
  - d. Vote: Approved
7. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None
8. **NEW BUSINESS:**
  - A. **Review and Approve Letter of Inquiry to *ArtPlace* in support of a grant proposal to fund the Tracy Arts and Cultural Festival in 2015 and 2016.** – Chairperson McClain reviewed the process that had taken place thus far to draft the Letter of Inquiry for the *ArtPlace* grant. CAM Wilson noted the Arts Commission needs to make any needed corrections and give their approval at this meeting in order to meet deadline for submission. Chair McClain then detailed some of the next steps involved in the process, noting a few points she felt worked in favor of obtaining such a grant. She stressed that

such a large project requires considerable consensus building with a network of people and organizations. She reviewed statistics for previous grants awarded by *ArtPlace*. CAM Wilson added that *ArtPlace* had never funded a project such as the one being proposed by the Tracy Arts Commission. In 2014 *ArtPlace* received nearly 1300 applications and funded 55 projects. In 2015 they expect to award grants for 40 projects, 15 less than last year. CAM Wilson noted it was important for the content of the LOI to thoroughly capture the event. The Commission then spent time reviewing the application, item by item, making suggestions and corrections as needed, directing Chair McClain to go forward with the edits and then submit it to *ArtPlace* once a vote of approval was taken and the document was in order.

- a. Motion: Commissioner Sandhu
- b. Second: Commissioner Jones
- c. Abstain:
- d. Vote: Approved Unanimously as amended

9. **ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION:** Commissioners each gave brief summaries of their individual activities within the past month.

10. **ITEMS FROM STAFF:** CAM Wilson made these announcements: a) since November's normal meeting date falls on Veteran's Day (11/11/14), it has been cancelled and a special meeting will be held Tuesday, 11/18/14, at 7 p.m.; b) the Tracy Chamber of Commerce has decided to continue next year with the Taste of the Valley Art & Food Festival; c) Tracy City Center Association (TCCA) is sponsoring downtown Trick or Treating at 3 p.m. and a costume parade at 4 p.m., Saturday, 10/25/14; lineup for the parade starts at 3:45 pm on 10<sup>th</sup> & B Streets; d) City of Tracy presents the Downtown Tracy Art Walk in summer 2015. CAM Wilson then distributed copies of a letter recently published in the Tracy Press critiquing the bronze statue installed on the roundabout at 6<sup>th</sup> St. and Central in Tracy. Ms. Reding announced that Disney's movie "Frozen" will be shown in sing-along format at the Grand on 12/14/14. The 2 p.m. show is sold out; tickets are still available for the 10 a.m. show but are selling very quickly.

11. **ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE:** None

## 12. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Motion: Commissioner Fuller
- b. Second: Commissioner Sandhu
- c. Vote: Unanimous
- d. Time: 8:15 p.m.