

TRACY ARTS COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
**May 12, 2015, 7:00 p.m.**

Grand Theatre Center for the Arts, 715 Central Avenue

Chair McClain called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Roll call found Commissioners Dhugga, Fuller, Jones, McClain, Paget, Poole, and Sandhu present.

Staff Present: William Wilson, Cultural Arts Manager – Visual Arts

Recorded By: William Wilson, Cultural Arts Manager – Visual Arts

1. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF THE SPECIAL EVENTS SUBCOMMITTEE ON MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2015

**ACTION** Motion made by Commissioner McClain, seconded by Commissioner Poole to approve the minutes as amended. Voice vote found all in favor; motion carried 6:0.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING ON APRIL 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2015

**ACTION** Motion made by Commissioner McClain, seconded by Commissioner Poole to approve the minutes as amended. Voice vote found all in favor; motion carried 6:0.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

CAM Wilson informed Commissioners that Judy Mizuno from Tracy Sister City Association notified Staff via email of their interest to participate in the Tracy Arts and Cultural Festival.

5. REVIEW AND APPROVE 2015 MUSIC IN THE PARK PROMOTIONAL FLYER

**ACTION** Motion made by Commissioner Fuller, seconded by Commissioner Sandhu to approve the flyer. Voice vote found all in favor; motion carried 7:0.

6. CONTINUE DISCUSSION OF THE TRACY ARTS AND CULTURAL FESTIVAL AND FUNDRAISING GOALS

**ACTION** The Special Events Subcommittee reported their recommendations to the Commission for discussion. SES recommendations are to invite several community groups to collaborate in the Festival, occupying six booths at the

event: 1. Tracy Friends of the Library in conjunction with a representative organization from Mountain House to provide a literary component, 2. Tracy Sister City Association representing youth exchange programs to Japan, 3. Tracy Animal Shelter with an adoption and art contest component, 4. Tracy Historical Museum – West Side Pioneers with a presentation and display addressing the labor history of the City, 5. Tracy United to Make a Difference with a community service component, 6. Tracy Camera Club and Tracy Art League to provide a visual arts exhibit. In addition the SES voiced support of a martial arts component but no organization was identified, as well as the popularity of having the Tracy Police and Fire Department safety vehicles at the event.

Commissioners responded that the SES recommendations were not diverse enough in representing the cultural diversity of the City, which was a goal of the Festival. Commissioners discussed that while the Library organizations, Tracy Animal Shelter and Tracy United to Make a Difference are important community organizations, perhaps they are not best suited to the immediate goals of the Festival this year. Commissioners agreed to make an effort to diversify the event and contact additional potential collaborators including the Tracy African-American Association, Southside Community Organization, Tracy Indian Women's Association and the Asian-American Association in Mountain House. Commissioners agreed to report at the meeting in June, continue discussion and finalize their list of collaborators to invite to the Festival.

Discussion pertaining to the three headlining performing acts followed with Commissioners voicing that they would prefer a Latin Band, high energy dance act, and a popular performer from a past Music in the Park concert. The Commission requested that the SES meet again to recommend three acts for discussion at the meeting on June 9<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioners discussed the inviting four vendors to provide hospitality at the Festival, including cold beverages, fruit ice and ethnic foods. Food trucks, rolling carts, and service trailers were all supported. Commissioners Poole, McClain, Paget and Fuller agreed to take the lead rolls in identify these vendors. Commissioners will report at the meeting in June, continue discussion and finalize their list of preferred hospitality vendors.

Commissioners reported no donations, but inquired about the ability to collaborate with local restaurants to raise funds. Staff will consult with the City Attorney's Office and provide a response. Commissioners agreed to set a July deadline to meet their individual fundraising goals of \$429, towards the collective goal of \$3,000 in support of the Festival.

Motion made by Commissioner Fuller, seconded by Commissioner Sandhu to approve the recommendations. Voice vote found all in favor; motion carried 7:0.

7. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

Commissioners each gave brief summaries of their individual activities relating to arts and cultural activities within the past month.

8. ITEMS FROM STAFF

CAM Wilson, announced that the Commission's request to tour the new Animal Shelter was made and PD Staff will notify him when a tour is possible. City Manager Troy Brown has accepted the Commission's invitation to attend the June meeting for an update on upcoming Commission programming. A meeting of the Special Events Subcommittee was scheduled for May 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

9. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

10. ADJOURNMENT

**ACTION** Motion made by Commissioner McClain, seconded by Commissioner Fuller to adjourn. Voice vote found all in favor; motion carried 7:0. Time: 8:28 p.m.

The above agenda was posted at the Tracy City Hall on May 8, 2015. The above are action minutes. Materials distributed to the majority of the Tracy Arts Commission, staff records and/or audio recording is available in the Cultural Arts Division located at 715 Central Avenue.