

TRACY ARTS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
November 12, 2019, 7:00 p.m.

Grand Theatre Center for the Arts, 715 Central Avenue

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

Roll call found Commissioners Bordes, Borges-Soto, Dhugga, Fuller, Lees, Sandhu and Taylor present.

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

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

1. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

The following attendees stated they were present to observe the meeting, with interest in applying to the current recruitments for the Tracy Arts Commission (TAC):

Robert Young and Aubrey McClellan, 555 W. Deerwood Lane, Tracy
Tanya Will, 1304 Tom Fowler Dr, Tracy

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING ON OCTOBER 8, 2019

ACTION Motion by Commissioner Bordes, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to approve the minutes as submitted. Voice vote found all in favor; motion carried 7:0.

3. CONTINUE DISCUSSION OF 2019-20 PROGRAMMING

CAM Wilson reported that he and Commissioner Borges-Soto met with veteran artist Will Watts of Tracy, on October 16. Mr. Watts is interested in collaborating with the TAC to produce a temporary mural project on the wall of the West Side Market Building in Jackson Alley, adjacent to the Grand Theatre Center for the Arts. CAM Wilson stated the timeline for the project is between November 2019 and June 2020.

CAM Wilson provided the results from the public survey conducted at the Downtown Tracy Artwalk in June, July, and September. Commissioners noted strong support for youth programming and grants for more art in Tracy. CAM Wilson remarked the survey was also useful in providing a sampling of Artwalk attendees in relationship to the arts.

CAM Wilson advised Downtown Tracy Arts Week is scheduled for April 3 – 10, 2020. Commissioners agreed to discuss ideas for participation at the meeting on December 10.

4. CONTINUE DISCUSSION OF YOUTH ARTS FESTIVAL TIMELINE AND STAKEHOLDERS

Commissioners discussed the results of the meeting with stakeholders on October 8. Commissioners affirmed the voiced need and potential for a new youth arts festival event in Tracy, and agreed that community and youth leadership must emerge for the project to develop forward. Without strong community support and collaboration, the TAC will be incapable of developing the project forward. The Boys and Girl Club of Tracy, Tracy United to Make a Difference, Youth Advisory Commission (YAC), and local school clubs and organizations were identified as the key stakeholders suggested to participate in a project team along with the TAC. Commissioner Dhugga will contact the YAC in effort to represent the TAC in a discussion item to present the youth arts festival project recommendations at their December meeting.

5. CONTINUE DISCUSSION OF NEW GRANTING PROGRAM

CAM Wilson advised he will continue working on draft copy for the new Granting Program, with only the application form pending. It is anticipated the document will be presented to the TAC for review and approval in early 2020.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

None

7. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

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

9. ITEMS FROM STAFF

None

10. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Ms. Will introduced herself as a long-time Tracy business (salon) owner who has participated in the Tracy Chamber of Commerce and the Tracy City Center Association. She stated in recent years her interest in the arts has increased and she is now seeking new activities and involvement with the arts. In addition, Ms. Will voiced support for new youth programming in Tracy.

11. ADJOURNMENT

ACTION The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

The above agenda was posted at the Tracy City Hall on November 7, 2019. 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.