

TRACY ARTS COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
**December 10, 2019, 7:00 p.m.**

Grand Theatre Center for the Arts, 715 Central Avenue

Chair Lees called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

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

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:

Tanya Garcia Will, 1304 Tom Fowler Dr., Tracy  
Cynthia Reis, 1980 Thomas Dehaven Ct., Tracy

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING ON NOVEMBER 12, 2019

**ACTION** Motion by Commissioner Fuller, seconded by Commissioner Bordes to approve the minutes as submitted. Voice vote found all in favor; motion carried 6:0.

3. CONTINUE DISCUSSION OF 2019-20 PROGRAMMING

CAM Wilson reported that veteran artist Will Watts of Tracy had provided the first draft of his concept for 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 updated timeline for the project is between Downtown Tracy Arts Week, April 3 – 10, 2020, and the Downtown Tracy Artwalk in June, date to be determined. Commissioners reviewed Mr. Watts' drawing noting the image and concept was powerful, timely, and thought provoking. Commissioners voiced support for the April option if possible, and are looking forward to the final concept. CAM Wilson advised he will relay the preliminary feedback to Mr. Watts and work to obtain the final concept for review and approval at the meeting of February 11, 2020.

Commissioners discussed additional participation ideas for Downtown Tracy Arts Week and agreed to again present a literary arts performance event in support of National Poetry Month in April. Commissioner Taylor will take the lead in recruiting area talent and Commissioner Bordes will work to find a venue suitable to host a public performance. Commissioner Lees will communicate with Tama Brisbane and explore other local poets to determine interest and availability in offering an educational component in the form of an activity or workshop on Saturday, April 4.

4. CONTINUE DISCUSSION OF YOUTH ARTS FESTIVAL TIMELINE AND STAKEHOLDERS

CAM Wilson confirmed communication with the Staff Liaison for the Youth Advisory Commission (YAC). Commissioner Dhugga will present the Tracy Arts Commission (TAC) recommendations for the youth arts festival as a discussion item at the TAC meeting on January 8, 2020, at 6 pm in City Hall. Commissioner Bordes will serve as an alternate. Commissioner Dhugga announced that she also plans to attend the TAC meeting on December 11 as an audience member.

Commissioners discussed next steps expressing the goal to move faster to determine if the project could attract a project team, or if the TAC should stop pursuing it at this time. Commissioners agreed the Special Events Subcommittee (SES) should take the lead inviting key stakeholders and interested youth to attend one more meeting on Saturday, February 15 at 1pm. The purpose of this meeting would be to determine if there is enough support and resources to develop and present the event. CAM Wilson advised that he would have to consult with Cultural Arts Division Staff to determine facility and Staff availability as the meeting day and time are unordinary. CAM Wilson will report back to the SES in early January to confirm the special meeting or offer other options.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

None

6. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

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

7. ITEMS FROM STAFF

CAM Wilson announced that City Council interviews for Tracy Arts Commission applicants were scheduled for December 11, and that Subcommittee appointments for 2020 will be on the January agenda.

8. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Ms. Will voiced support for the proposed youth arts festival and agreed the YAC should be involved. Ms. Reis voiced support for the veteran's mural project, and suggested that youth could become more involved in the arts through a community magazine featuring art and poetry, open mic events, interactive wish projects, and boba tea social gatherings.

9. ADJOURNMENT

**ACTION** The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

The above agenda was posted at the Tracy City Hall on December 5, 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.