

TRACY ARTS COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
**January 14, 2020, 7:00 p.m.**

Grand Theatre Center for the Arts, 715 Central Avenue

Chair Lees called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Roll call found Commissioners Anderson, Dhugga, Lees, Reis, Sandhu and Taylor present.  
Commissioner Bordes 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

None

2. NEW COMMISSIONER INTRODUCTIONS

CAM Wilson welcomed new Commissioners Anderson and Reis. Commissioners Anderson and Reis introduced themselves and expressed their interests in serving the community in support of the arts in Tracy.

3. SUBCOMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS FOR 2020

**ACTION** Commissioners were appointed to serve the following Tracy Arts Commission (TAC) Subcommittees:

Budget: 2 Commissioners / 1 Year Term

1. Lees

2. Reis

Alternate: Dhugga

Civic Art: 3 Commissioners / 1 Year Term

1. Anderson

2. Lees

3. Reis

Alternate: Sandhu

Special Events: 3 Commissioners / 1 Year Term

1. Bordes

2. Dhugga

3. Sandhu

Alternate: Taylor

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING ON DECEMBER 10, 2019

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

5. CONTINUE DISCUSSION OF 2019-20 PROGRAMMING

CAM Wilson reported that veteran artist Will Watts of Tracy is still working on the final 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 project will be scheduled to be completed at Downtown Tracy Artwalk in June, date to be determined. CAM Wilson anticipates the final concept will be presented for review and approval at the meeting of April 14, 2020

Commissioner Taylor updated the Commission on her efforts to identify literary arts-based talent to be featured during Downtown Tracy Arts Week (April 3 – 10). She confirmed a local Emily Dickenson performer is not available, and that she is seeking an instructor for a workshop on Saturday, April 4. Commissioner Lees reported she is waiting to hear from Tama Brisbane to determine her interest in participation again this year. Commissioners Reis and Anderson stated they can also contribute to finding talent. CAM Wilson advised Commissioners to provide contact information for local literary artists including writers and poets to Commissioner Taylor as the project lead. As Commissioner Bordes was absent, an update for securing a venue for a poetry/spoken word performance during the week of April 6 was not available. Commissioner Lees stated she will communicate with Commissioner Bordes about his progress in preparation for continued discussion at the meeting on February 11.

Commissioners discussed ideas for presenting artists at the Downtown Tracy Artwalk in June, July, and September. Suggestions included painting and clay demonstrations, interactive photography, interactive dancing, and live music. CAM Wilson suggested the band Common Thread would be an excellent choice as they have supported the event for several years and are popular with participants. Commissioners agreed to feature music in June, dance in July, and visual arts in September.

6. CONTINUE DISCUSSION OF YOUTH ARTS FESTIVAL TIMELINE AND STAKEHOLDERS

Commissioner Dhugga reported her participation at the Youth Advisory Commission (YAC) meeting on January 8, 2020, at 6 pm in City Hall. Commissioner Dhugga presented the TAC recommendations for a youth arts festival and engaged the YAC in a discussion. Initial feedback included:

- YAC is positive about new programming and the invitation as a project leader.
- Event should occur at the end of the school year on a Friday in May.
- Event should occur in downtown, centered around the Front St. Plaza.
- Open event concept with a headliner performer to close the event.
- Event name can be created through a contest at the schools.
- YAC will continue discussion at their meeting on February 12.

Commissioner Dhugga will continue to communicate with the YAC and report to the TAC as needed.

CAM Wilson advised he sent an email to confirm the requested Special Events Subcommittee (SES) meeting, but received no response from SES members regarding their request and options to have a meeting on either Saturday, February 1 or 15. It was determined that a quorum of Commissioners is not available on those dates. Commissioner Dhugga will speak with Commissioner Bordes to identify a new time frame for the next SES meeting to discuss the youth arts festival with key stakeholders and interested youth. CAM Wilson requested the SES communicate their preferences to him via email in effort to schedule the meeting with enough advanced notice so that Commissioners could invite key stakeholders accordingly.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

None

8. 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

CAM Wilson reminded Commissioners that they must be authorized to represent the TAC at community events. He advised that stating service to the TAC is allowed in public, however statements in which they appear to be representing or speaking on behalf of the body is not allowed without advanced approval from the Commission. Commissioners wishing to attend public events as a member of the TAC can request an agenda item for discussion and approval.

CAM Wilson provided an updated TAC 2020 Roster. He asked that Commissioners review their contact information and notify him of any needed edits. A final version of the roster will be distributed when complete.

10. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

The above agenda was posted at the Tracy City Hall on January 10, 2020. 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.