

NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING

Pursuant to Section 54954.2 of the Government Code of the State of California, a Regular Meeting of the **TRACY ARTS COMMISSION** is hereby called for:

Date/Time: Tuesday, September 8, 2020, 7:00 p.m.
(or as soon thereafter as possible)

Location: City Hall
333 Civic Center Plaza, Tracy, CA 95376

Government Code Section 54954.3 states that every public meeting shall provide an opportunity for the public to address the Tracy Arts Commission on any item, before or during consideration of the item, however, no action shall be taken on any item not on the agenda.

THIS REGULAR MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20 WHICH SUSPENDS CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS OF THE RALPH M. BROWN ACT.

RESIDENTS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE REMOTELY AT THE SEPTEMBER 8, 2020 MEETING.

Remote Access to City of Tracy Arts Commission Meeting:

In accordance with the guidelines provided in Executive Order N-29-20 on social distancing measures, the City of Tracy will allow for remote participation at the upcoming Tracy Arts Commission meeting on Tuesday, September 8, 2020.

Remote Public Comment:

*Public comment via email **will only be accepted for agendized items before the start of the Tracy Arts Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m. Please send an email to publiccomment@cityoftracy.org. Identify the item you wish to comment on in your email's subject line.***

During the upcoming Tracy Arts Commission meeting public comment will be accepted via the options listed below. If you would like to comment remotely, please follow the protocols below:

- *Comments via:*
 - **Phone** by dialing (209) 831-6010, or
 - **Online by visiting** <https://cityoftracyevents.webex.com> and using the following **Event Number:** 126 475 1263 and **Event Password:** TracyARTS
 - **If you would like to participate in the public comment anonymously**, you may submit your comment via phone or in WebEx by typing "Anonymous" when prompted to provide a First and Last Name and inserting Anonymous@example.com when prompted to provide an email address.
- *Protocols for submitting comments by **phone**:*
 - *Identify the item you wish to comment on to Staff when calling in. Comments received by phone will be accepted for the "Items from the Audience/Public Comment" and "New Business" portions of the agenda.*
 - *Comments received by phone for the "Items from the Audience/Public Comment" portion of the agenda must be received by the time the Chairperson opens that portion of the agenda for discussion.*
 - *Comments received by phone on each "New Business" will be accepted until the Chairperson announces that public comment for that item is closed.*
- *Protocols for commenting via WebEx:*
 - *If you wish to comment on the "Items from the Audience/Public Comment" or "New Business" portions of the agenda:*
 - *Listen for the Chairperson to open that portion of the agenda for discussion, then raise your hand to speak by clicking on the Hand icon on the Participants panel to the right of your screen.*

- *If you no longer wish to comment, you may lower your hand by clicking on the Hand icon again.*
- o *Comments for the “Items from the Agenda/Public Comment” or “New Business” portions of the agenda will be accepted until the public comment for that item is closed.*
- *The total allotted time for public comment will be as follows:*
 - o *Items from the Audience: **15 minutes***
 - o *New Business: **10 minutes***

Comments received by publiccomment@cityoftracy.org, phone call, or on WebEx outside of the comment periods outlined above will not be included in the record.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Items from the Audience - *In accordance with Council Meeting Protocols and Rules of Procedure, adopted by Resolution 2019-240, a five-minute maximum time limit per speaker will apply to all individuals speaking during “Items from the Audience/Public Comment”. For non-agendized items, Commissioners may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed by individuals during public comment; ask questions for clarification; direct the individual to the appropriate staff member; or request that the matter be placed on a future agenda or that staff provide additional information to the Commission.*
4. Approval of Minutes from the Meeting of August 11, 2020
5. Old Business
 - A. Continue Discussion of FY20/21 Budget and Programming
 - B. Continue Discussion for the Civic Art Window Shades Project
6. Correspondence
7. Items from the Commission
8. Items from Staff
9. Items from the Audience
10. Adjournment

POSTED: September 3, 2020

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Any materials distributed to the majority of the Tracy Arts Commission regarding any item on this agenda will be made available for public inspection in the Cultural Arts Division located at 715 Central Avenue, Tracy, CA during normal business hours.

TRACY ARTS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
August 11, 2020, 7:00 p.m.
City Hall, 333 Civic Center Plaza

Due to the COVID-19 emergency, the regular meeting was conducted pursuant to the provisions of the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20, which suspends certain requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act. Residents participated remotely via email, phone and WebEx during the meeting.

Chair Lees called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll call found Commissioners Anderson, Bordes, Dhugga, Lees, Sandhu, and Taylor present. Commissioner Reis 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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING ON JULY 14, 2020

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

3. DISCUSS FY20/21 BUDGET AND PROGRAMMING

CAM Wilson provided a staff report. Chair Lees led a discussion to consider ideas on how the Tracy Arts Commission could meet its goals and remain relevant in the on-going COVID-19 health crisis, and with a reduced budget of \$2,114 for FY20/21.

Commissioners voiced the need to support local artists and arts organizations, and help connect them to the public during these uncertain times. Several ideas were offered:

- Virtual concerts, exhibits, and lectures featuring local performers and visual artists.
- Friday happy hour online featuring local performers and visual artists.
- Collaborate with the Grand/City to promote via social media.
- Partner with arts organizations or museums who have online tours; to host into Tracy.

Chair Lees asked Commissioners to consider who to reach out to, and to ask them what kind of help they need.

Vice Chair Reis joined the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

Discussion continued with additional ideas suggested:

- Public activity; arts/crafts kits and following along with video.
- Partner with local school teachers and artists to offer an art session for their classes.
- Create a web series for local schools.
- Online promotion of other (non-City) arts events to the community
- Online and printed publication featuring youth and adult literary and visual arts as responses to the challenges of 2020.

Commissioners agreed it was important to make contact with the creative community and report back at the September meeting. CAM Wilson suggested several local arts organizations and educators.

Commissioner Dhugga will contact the educational community.

Commissioner Bordes will contact with the music community.

Commissioner Anderson will contact with Tracy Art League.

Commissioner Taylor will contact the drama community and museums.

Chair Lees will contact the Tracy Camera Club.

Vice Chair Reis will contact with the Tracy Historical Museum, as well as dance and literary artists/educators. CAM Wilson will provide contacts.

4. CONTINUE DISCUSSION FOR THE CIVIC ART WINDOW SHADES PROJECT

CAM Wilson provided a staff report and project updates. He reported artists are actively working on the project, an upcoming site visit with the shades vendor, assisting artists in preparation of production art with a delivery deadline of August 31, and anticipating shade installation in October.

Commissioner Dhugga suggested featuring this project and the artists in a web series to promote the project. Commissioner Taylor agreed and suggested a five to ten minute video with an artist's questionnaire. Commissioner Dhugga volunteered to create a video if supported by the Commission. CAM Wilson will query the project's four artists and report their interest at the meeting in September.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

None

6. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Reis gave a brief summary of her activities relating to arts and cultural activities within recent months.

7. ITEMS FROM STAFF

CAM Wilson reported that artist Will Watts is near completion of the Veteran's Mural Project, with a media release to be distributed. Commissioners will receive a copy.

8. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

9. ADJOURNMENT – Time: 7:44 p.m.

ACTION Motion by Chair Lees, seconded by Vice Chair Reis to adjourn.
Roll call vote found all in favor; passed and so ordered.

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

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AGENDA ITEM 5.a.

REQUEST

CONTINUE DISCUSSION OF FY20/21 BUDGET AND PROGRAMMING

DISCUSSION

City Council approved the FY20/21 budget on June 16, 2020. As a result of a deficit of approximately \$11 million, the City has taken a number of measures including a hiring freeze, use of reserve funds, borrowing from Measure V reserves, and postponement and reductions in operational spending.

The Tracy Arts Commission (TAC) budget resides in administrative accounts of the Cultural Arts Division (CAD) budget. The TAC FY19/20 budget was \$10,500 with funding to be used for expenses related to Downtown Tracy Arts Week (\$1,500), three Downtown Tracy Artwalk events (\$2,100), the Civic Art Program including the Downtown Tracy Mural Project (\$2,850), and a new Granting Program (\$4,000).

The TAC FY20/21 budget is \$2,114. In addition to funding cuts, CAD programming has been impacted by postponements and cancellations due to the on-going COVID-19 health crisis.

In consideration of how to best meet their goals and remain relevant in these uncertain times, the TAC began discussion at the meeting of August 11. The Commission will continue discussion at the meeting of September 8 in order to formulate recommendations, for review and approval at the meeting of October 13.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund for this item at this time.

RECOMMENDATION

Continue Discussion of FY20/21 Budget and Programming

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

Reviewed By: Kim Scarlata, Division Manager II

Approved By: Kim Scarlata, Division Manager II

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AGENDA ITEM 5.b.

REQUEST

CONTINUE DISCUSSION FOR THE CIVIC ART WINDOW SHADES PROJECT

DISCUSSION

The Tracy Arts Commission (TAC), in collaboration with community stakeholders representing the Grand Foundation and Tracy City Center Association, reviewed and recommended five proposals from four artists as finalists for the Window Shades Project at the meeting of July 14, 2020:

Alyn Robert Brereton	Modesto, CA	<i>Prancer</i>
Angela Johal	Livermore, CA	<i>Euphonic Colour No. 8</i>
Delbert Park	Tracy, CA	<i>Industrial Structure</i>
		<i>Canal Scene</i>
Mark Roberts	Antioch, CA	<i>Poppy Field</i>

Artists will be contracted to create original artwork to be printed on a set of custom fabricated shades across the windows of the GWF Energy, Souza Family Foundation, and South Galleries across the front of the Grand Theatre Center for the Arts at 715 Central Avenue in downtown Tracy, California. The project is funded with both City support and generous underwriting support from the Grand Foundation.

Staff will collaborate with the artists in order to assist them. Final artwork in the form of high-resolution digital files will be delivered to a vendor who will manufacture and install the window shades.

An on-going discussion item will be maintained on meeting agendas for the project's duration for Staff to provide updates.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund for this item at this time.

RECOMMENDATION

Continue Discussion for the Civic Art Window Shades Project

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

Reviewed By: Kim Scarlata, Division Manager II

Approved By: Kim Scarlata, Division Manager II