

TRACY ARTS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
November 13, 2018, 7:00 p.m.

Grand Theatre Center for the Arts, 715 Central Avenue

Chair Dhugga called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Roll call found Commissioners Bordes, Borges-Soto, Fuller, Lees, and Sandhu present. Commissioners Dhugga and Poole were 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 SPECIAL MEETING ON OCTOBER 9, 2018

ACTION Motion by Commissioner Lees, seconded by Commissioner Sandhu to approve the minutes as submitted. Voice vote found all in favor; motion carried 4:0.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING ON OCTOBER 9, 2018

ACTION Motion by Commissioner Borges-Soto, seconded by Commissioner Lees to approve the minutes as submitted. Voice vote found all in favor; motion carried 4:0.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE SPECIAL MEETING ON NOVEMBER 1, 2018

ACTION Motion by Commissioner Fuller, seconded by Commissioner Lees to approve the minutes as submitted. Voice vote found all in favor; motion carried 4:0.

5. CONTINUE DISCUSSION OF 2019 PROGRAMMING

Commissioners shared and discussed ideas for new programming in 2019.

Commissioner Fuller wanted the record to state that she felt it was a mistake and is 100% against getting rid of Music & Picnic in the Park, as a core TAC event. She felt the low attendance was due to fire and haze in the region. Commissioner Fuller suggested the Commission conduct a community survey via letter or utility bill to gain input.

Commissioner Sandhu stated that the Commission should have specific ideas and questions if asking for public feedback. Instead, he supports change that will attract new and different audiences and cultures in the community.

Commissioner Lees stated that the public already let the Commission know how they felt about the concert series, as they were not interested in attending. She cited the continued success of the Block Parties and stated the TAC has no reason to replicate similar programming.

Commissioner Borges-Soto stated that programming on Thursday does not appeal to the commuter-lifestyle of the community. She supports new efforts to bring arts programming to the public.

Commissioner Bordes stated the TAC should operate within their purpose and mission, and be part of the redevelopment of downtown supporting the creation of an arts district. Commissioner Bordes suggested the TAC should do more than a presenting series, and instead be experts on the arts, engaging in conversations about redevelopment and arts education. He would like to see a granting program return in order to help artists and arts organizations.

6. DISCUSS AND APPROVE PARTICIPATION IN DOWNTOWN ARTS WEEK 2019

CAM Wilson presented this Staff item for the Commission's consideration, stating this new event series could serve as a platform for the TAC to engage the public, as well as interact with the local creative community and the business community in downtown. Commissioners voiced support as this project mirrors the on-going discussion about new arts programming in 2019.

ACTION Motion by Commissioner Lees, seconded by Commissioner Bordes to approve TAC participation in Downtown Arts Week 2019. Voice vote found all in favor; motion carried 5:0.

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

None.

10. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

ACTION The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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