

TRACY ARTS COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
January 14, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

Grand Theatre Center for the Arts, 715 Central Avenue

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

Roll call found Commissioners Dhugga, Jones, Lees, Reis and Sandhu present.

Staff Present: William Wilson, Cultural Arts Supervisor

Recorded By: William Wilson, Cultural Arts Supervisor

1. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING ON DECEMBER 10, 2024

**ACTION** Motion by Commissioner Dhugga, seconded by Vice Chair Reis to approve the minutes as submitted. Voice vote found all Commissioners in favor; motion carried 5:0

3. DISCUSSION OF PROGRAMMING FOR TRACY ARTS MONTH, APRIL 2025

CAS Wilson provided the Staff Report and Commissioners began discussion of programming concepts.

Vice Chair Reis suggested a community project in the form of a ceramic tile mural, influenced by Mural Mosiac's Global Roots Project, whereby community members would paint a tile as part of a large tree-themed mosaic. CAS Wilson advised the West Side Marketing building wall in Jackson Alley could be available as a possible location for some type of temporary mural application. In addition, he advised there are significant technical and logistical considerations with the development of a ceramic tile project, including glazing, firing, assembly and installation.

Vice Chair Reis also suggested an ekphrastic poetry project with local poets hosting a workshop to create poems describing works of art to read at Open Mic Night on April 24 with projections of the artworks. CAS Wilson advised the Tracy Friends of the Library are planning their annual poetry reading and awards event, with associated activities supported by the 2024 Re-Granting Program in April.

Chair Lees suggested a project featuring textiles, costuming or fashion as a theme.

Commissioners agreed to continue discussion in February.

4. CONTINUE DISCUSSION OF 2024 ANNUAL REPORT FOR CITY COUNCIL

CAS Wilson provided the Staff Report and the working draft of the Annual Report presentation. In addition, he requested Commissioners to provide any applicable photos for use in the next two weeks. Commissioners agreed to use the existing portraits and supported the content as provided. CAS Wilson will work to update the draft for continued discussion in February.

5. CONTINUE DISCUSSION OF 2024-25 FUNDING AND PROGRAMMING RECOMMENDATIONS

CAS Wilson provided the Staff Report. Commissioners agreed to keep the unawarded allocation of \$2,000 originally approved for the 2024 Re-Granting Program, in the Civic Art Program & Projects Contingency at this time.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Commissioners received a letter of invitation from Richard Beebe, President of the Tracy Art League, to attend the Opening Reception of Expressions! 2025 at the Tracy Community Center on Friday, February 14 at 6:30 p.m.

7. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

Commissioners gave brief summaries of their activities relating to arts and culture within the last month.

8. ITEMS FROM STAFF

None.

9. ADJOURNMENT – Time: 8:29 p.m.

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

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