

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, April 8, 2025, 7:00 p.m.**
(or as soon thereafter as possible)

Location: **Grand Theatre Center for the Arts, Visual Arts 1**
715 Central Avenue, 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.

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Items from the Audience - *In accordance with Procedures for Preparation, Posting and Distribution of Agendas and the Conduct of Public Meetings, adopted by Resolution 2019-240, any item not on the agenda brought up by the public at a meeting shall be automatically referred to staff. If staff is not able to resolve the matter satisfactorily, the member of the public may request a Tracy Arts Commission member to sponsor the item for discussion at a future meeting.*
4. Approval of Minutes from the Meeting of March 11, 2025
5. Old Business
 - A. Continue Discussion of Programming for Tracy Arts Month, April 2025
 - B. Continue Discussion and Review and Approve New Allocations in the 2024-25 Funding and Programming Recommendations
6. Items from the Commission
7. Items from Staff
8. Adjournment

POSTED: Thursday, April 3, 2025

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TRACY ARTS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
March 11, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

Grand Theatre Center for the Arts, 715 Central Avenue

Chair Lees called the meeting to order at 7:03 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 FEBRUARY 11, 2025

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

3. REVIEW AND APPROVE 2024 ANNUAL REPORT FOR CITY COUNCIL

CAS Wilson provided the Staff Report and the final draft of the Annual Report presentation. Commissioners and Staff reviewed to identify one additional edit in preparation to approve.

ACTION Motion by Vice Chair Reis, seconded by Commissioner Dhugga to approve the 2024 Annual Report for City Council as amended. Voice vote found all Commissioners in favor; motion carried 5:0

4. CONTINUE DISCUSSION OF PROGRAMMING FOR TRACY ARTS MONTH, APRIL 2025

CAS Wilson provided the Staff Report and Commissioners continued discussion of programming concepts. Staff and Commissioners considered the outstanding details in the proposal received by artist/poet Russell Gonzaga in February, as well as interest in presenting film programming. Commissioners agreed it was important to support a growing poetry-community, and to pursue a collaboration with Mr. Gonzaga in order to present a poetry and painting workshop on April 26. The educational, hands-on event will be free for up to 20 participants. Vice Chair Reis and CAS Wilson will meet with Mr. Gonzaga to finalize additional details as needed.

5. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

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

Commissioner Jones requested an agenda item for the meeting of April 8, 2025 to continue discussion of the 2024-25 Funding and Programming Recommendations.

6. ITEMS FROM STAFF

CAS Wilson advised that local artist/arts educator Cory Morrison will serve the project team of the Civic Art Subcommittee (CAS) for the Multi-Generational Recreation Center & El Pescadero Park Project. In addition, he is working to confirm Susan Hawkins, North School Principal.

7. ADJOURNMENT – Time: 8:11 p.m.

ACTION Motion by Commissioner Dhugga, 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 March 6, 2025. 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 PROGRAMMING FOR TRACY ARTS MONTH, APRIL 2025

DISCUSSION

Tracy Arts Month is an annual celebration of creativity and culture organized by the Cultural Arts Division in the City of Tracy. A series of public events featuring artists and arts organizations from across the local area is promoted and presented across the month of April.

The Tracy Arts Commission (TAC) has recommended participation in Downtown Tracy Arts Month in April, 2025, with a working budget of \$2,500 supporting hands-on, community programming at the Grand Theatre Center for the Arts. The TAC began discussion in order to determine the collaborators, logistics and programming elements in support of this project, at the meeting of February 11. At the meeting of March 11, the TAC agreed to pursue a collaboration with local artist/poet Russell Gonzaga. Staff has collaborated with Mr. Gonzaga to finalize the details of the programming.

The Tracy Arts Commission will present Picture Your Poetry: A Poetry & Painting Workshop with Russell Gonzaga on Saturday, April 26, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Grand Theatre Center for the Arts. This event is free with registration, will serve up to 20 participants, and is appropriate for participants age 12 to adult.

FISCAL IMPACT

Appropriation of Tracy Arts Commission funding in the Cultural Arts Division budget in the amount of \$2,500 has been recommended for Tracy Arts Month, April 2025 programming components.

RECOMMENDATION

Continue Discussion of Programming for Downtown Tracy Arts Month, April 2025

Prepared By: William Wilson, Cultural Arts Supervisor

Reviewed By: Brian Foisy, Project Specialist II

Approved By: Brian Foisy, Project Specialist II

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AGENDA ITEM 5.B.

REQUEST

CONTINUE DISCUSSION AND REVIEW AND APPROVE NEW ALLOCATIONS IN THE FY2024-25 FUNDING AND PROGRAMMING RECOMMENDATIONS

DISCUSSION

The Tracy Arts Commission’s (TAC) programming funding resides in the administrative accounts of the Cultural Arts Division (CAD) budget. The TAC meets annually to discuss funding and programming, creating recommendations in effort to best meet goals. CAD Staff reviews and approves the expenditures. The TAC FY24-25 allocation is estimated to be \$12,000.

The TAC discussed the FY2024-25 Funding and Programming Recommendations at the meeting of July 9, 2024. The following recommendations were reviewed and approved at the meeting of September 10, 2024, serving as an outline of TAC activities and events through June, 2025.

2024-25 Funding and Programming Recommendations:

- **Co-Present Open Mic Nights in the Studio:** **\$3,150**
 As part of the Grand Theatre Center for the Arts’ 2024-25 Presenting Season, supporting featured performers at nine events.
- **2024 Annual Report:** **N/A**
 Develop and present the Annual Report to City Council, as an overview of activities and projects in calendar year 2024, and include goals for 2025.
- **Participation in Arts Month – April 2025:** **\$2,500**
 Hands-on, community programming to be developed and presented at the Grand Theatre Center for the Arts.
- **2024 Re-Granting Program:** **\$4,000**
 Provide two grant awards of \$2,000 each.
- **Downtown Tracy Artwalk 2024-25:** **\$1,790**
 Provide participant hospitality in July 2024 **\$190**
 Provide participant hospitality in October 2024 **\$250**
 Provide participant hospitality in June 2025 **\$150**
 Present Emerging Artists (six first time participants @ \$200 ea.) June 2025 **\$1,200**
- **Youth Arts Festival:** **N/A**
 Resume stakeholder communications and meetings in order to form a Community Project Committee with participation of two Tracy Arts Commissioners.
- **Civic Art Program & Projects Contingency:** **\$560**
 Incidental Civic Art Program expenses and approved programming.

The TAC reviewed and approved one 2024 Re-Granting Program application in the amount of \$2,000 the meeting of December 10, 2024. With an additional \$2,000 available in the 2024-25 Funding and Programming Recommendations, discussion continued at the meeting of January 14. Commissioners agreed to keep the allocation in the Civic Art Program & Projects Contingency.

2024-25 Funding and Programming Recommendations Update 01/25:

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At the meeting of March 11 Commissioner Jones requested continued discussion at the meeting of April 8, 2025 in order to consider and approve additional allocations for programming.

FISCAL IMPACT

Tracy Arts Commission funding in the Cultural Arts Division FY2024-25 budget is estimated to be \$12,000.

RECOMMENDATION

Continue Discussion and Review and Approve New Allocations in the FY2024-25 Funding and Programming Recommendations

Prepared By: William Wilson, Cultural Arts Supervisor

Reviewed By: Brian Foisy, Project Specialist II

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