

TRACY ARTS COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
**February 11, 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 Lees, Reis and Sandhu present. Commissioners Dhugga and Jones were absent.

Staff Present: William Wilson, Cultural Arts Supervisor

Recorded By: William Wilson, Cultural Arts Supervisor

**1. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

Jenny Wood of Tracy suggested a public art project at W 23<sup>rd</sup> St. and Bessie Ave., including a street mural with a bench and Little Free Library® at an adjacent corner on City property. Ms. Wood is requesting help to find a mural artist that would work with children, and stated she intends to seek a non-profit partner and grant funding. CAS Wilson advised he will provide information which outlines the public art project proposal process for members of the public.

Russell Gonzaga of Tracy suggested a collaboration with the Tracy Arts Commission, to present a visual art and poetry workshop in support of Tracy Arts Month in April. CAS Wilson advised further discussion would be appropriate at Item 6.A. Continue Discussion of Programming for Tracy Arts Month, April 2025.

**2. Subcommittee Appointments for 2025**

**ACTION** Commissioners agreed to maintain the 2024 Subcommittee appointments in 2025:

Budget:	1. Jones	2. Reis	Alternate: Lees
Civic Art	1. Lees	2. Reis	Alternate: Sandhu
Special Events	1. Dhugga	2. Sandhu	Alternate: Jones

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING ON JANUARY 14, 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 3:0

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

CAS Wilson provided the Staff Report and Commissioners began discussion of programming concepts suggested by Mr. Gonzaga. Mr. Gonzaga provided a proposal and handouts for a Picture Poetry Workshop in the style of Kenneth Patchen to the Commission and Staff for consideration. It was envisioned that up to 20 participants

could engage in a free, one or two-day workshop, potentially on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. Additional components could include hospitality and a display and reading at Open Mic Night on April or May.

Commissioners voiced support for the workshop concept, citing the value of connecting artists to the community. Commissioners agreed to continue discussion in order to finalize programming details in March.

**5. CONTINUE DISCUSSION OF 2024 ANNUAL REPORT FOR CITY COUNCIL**

CAS Wilson provided the Staff Report and the working draft of the Annual Report presentation. Commissioners and Staff reviewed to identify additional edits in preparation to review and approve the final draft in March.

**6. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION**

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

**7. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

CAS Wilson advised that the Parks and Community Services Commission appointed Matt Shrout to serve the Civic Art Subcommittee (CAS) – Multi-Generational Recreation Center & El Pescadero Park Project.

CAS Wilson requested CAS meeting preferences from Chair Lees and Vice Chair Reis determining that weekdays of Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday would be preferred.

**8. ADJOURNMENT – Time: 8:47 p.m.**

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

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