NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

Pursuant to Section 54956 of the Government Code of the State of California, a Special Meeting of the **TRACY ARTS COMMISSION – CIVIC ART SUBCOMMITTEE** is hereby called for:

Date/Time: **Wednesday, May 21, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.**
(or as soon thereafter as possible)

Location: **Grand Theatre Center for the Arts. Visual Arts I**
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 – Civic Art Subcommittee 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 – Civic Art Subcommittee member to sponsor the item for discussion at a future meeting.*

4. Multi-Generational Recreation Center and El Pescadero Park Project Review of Proposals

5. Adjournment

POSTED: May 15, 2025

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Any materials distributed to the majority of the Tracy Arts Commission – Civic Art Subcommittee 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.

CITY OF TRACY
TRACY ARTS COMMISSION – CIVIC ART SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
May 21, 2025

AGENDA ITEM 4

REQUEST

MULTI-GENERATIONAL RECREATION CENTER AND EL PESCADERO PARK PROJECT REVIEW OF PROPOSALS

DISCUSSION

In 2018, the City Council approved the Multi-Generational Recreation Center (Rec Center) as a major amenity that would be funded by Measure V sales tax revenue providing a space to serve a broad spectrum of the City's demographics, including families, teens, seniors and commuters. A new 61,300 SF recreation facility will include a 3-court gymnasium, two multi-purpose rooms, teen lounge, bouldering wall, running track, kitchen, Police Office, Parks & Recreation Offices, courtyard and deck. In addition, surrounding park improvements include a skate park, dog park, splash pad, pavilion, basketball court, nature trails, promenade, restroom and parking.

In February of 2021, the City Council hired LPA, Inc., a California Corporation to lead the design process for the new facility. On July 5th, 2022 the City Council declared El Pescadero Park as the site of the Rec Center. The project then moved into the schematic design phase. At the meeting of July 12, 2022 Parks and Recreation Department Staff and LPA provided an orientation presentation to the Tracy Arts Commission (TAC) in consideration of Civic Art projects on the exterior and interior of the facility.

Discussion continued in August and September with the TAC and Cultural Arts Division Staff, in order to provide a set of recommendations regarding the integration of public art into this facility and the surrounding area. The TAC approved recommendations including a central concept that references time, growth and knowledge as universal experiences across prioritized locations, at the meeting of October 11, 2022.

City Council has furthered development of the project, including the hiring of construction management and general contractor. Construction began in July, 2024 and a public groundbreaking event was held on September 17, 2024. The Rec Center is scheduled to open for use in 2026.

The Civic Art Subcommittee (CAS) reviewed and approved the Multi-Generational Recreation Center and El Pescadero Park Project Request for Proposals (RFP) at the special meeting of October 1, 2024. The TAC reviewed and approved the RFP at the meeting of October 8, 2024. The RFP was distributed and advertised publicly resulting in the reception of 19 proposals from 14 artists/studios.

The CAS in collaboration with City Staff forms Project Teams in support of civic art projects as needed. Project Teams include community stakeholders and experts in a variety of fields, related to civic art projects. The Project Team's recommendations (identifying prospect finalists) will go to the Tracy Arts Commission for review and approval, and ultimately City Council.

The CAS Project Team of Maxine Lees (TAC Chair), Cynthia Reis, (TAC Vice Chair), Susan Hawkins (North School Principal), Catherine Hawkins (North School Teacher) and Cory Morrison (local artist and arts educator) received orientation at the meeting of March 9, 2025. Staff met with Matt Shrout (Parks & Community Services Commission Chair) on April 24.

The CAS Project Team is viewing 19 proposals across a series of meetings on May 7, 14 and 21, with discussion. A June meeting is anticipated to form recommendations.

FISCAL IMPACT

The total budget allocated for public art on the project is a total not-to-exceed amount of $600,000 (six-hundred thousand dollars), which must include all aspects of the work related to the design, fabrication, and installation of the public art, for any one or up to all five locations.

RECOMMENDATION

Multi-Generational Recreation Center and El Pescadero Park Project Review of Proposals

Prepared By: William Wilson, Cultural Arts Supervisor

Reviewed By: Arturo M. Sanchez, Assistant City Manager

Approved By: Arturo M. Sanchez, Assistant City Manager