

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** is hereby called for:

Date/Time: **Wednesday, November 12, 2025 at 7:00 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 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 October 14, 2025
5. Old Business
 - A. Continue Discussion of New Allocations for Funding and Programming Recommendations in 2025-26
 - B. Continue Discussion of City of Tracy Arts Planning
6. Items from the Commission
7. Items from Staff
8. Adjournment

POSTED: November 7, 2025

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

Grand Theatre Center for the Arts, 715 Central Avenue

Chair Lees called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

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

Staff Present: William Wilson, Cultural Arts Supervisor
Robert Tombari, Cultural Arts Division Manager

Recorded By: William Wilson, Cultural Arts Supervisor

1. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

2. Receive Tracy Arts Commission Training from the City Attorney

L. David Nefouse, City Attorney, thanked Commissioners for their service and introduced himself. He provided a training presentation that included the role of the Tracy Arts Commission, Introduction to the Brown Act, Introduction to the California Public Records Act, Meeting Management, Best Practices and Relevant City Policies and Procedures.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2025

ACTION Motion by Vice Chair Reis, seconded by Commission Sandhu to approve the minutes as submitted. A roll call vote found all Commissioners in favor; motion carried 4:0

4. DISCUSS CITY OF TRACY ARTS PLANNING

CAS Wilson provided the Staff Report. CADM Tombari encouraged the Commission to engage the conversation without limits in consideration of future concepts. Commissioners began discussion which resulted in the following suggestions and talking points for on-going consideration:

Arts & Cultural Venues:

- Outdoor performing arts venue / stage
- New Library that is two to three times larger than the current facility
- New Community Center that integrates into the Civic Center Plaza

- Tracy Historical Museum exterior maintenance and new landscaping

Arts Funding:

- More arts funding, including support from the private sector and City tax support

Arts Programming:

- Present performers who are creating original works; less tribute bands

Arts Redevelopment, Marketing & Branding:

- Establish a Downtown Arts District
- New banners with updated City and arts branding, that are not cheesy or use bad slogans

Public Art:

- Additional opportunities for City-wide public art; murals and utility boxes

5. CONTINUE DISCUSSION OF NEW ALLOCATIONS FOR FUNDING AND PROGRAMMING RECOMMENDATIONS IN 2025-26

CAS Wilson provided the Staff Report and corrected dates errors in the projects list. Commissioners continued discussion and agreed to following draft allocations totaling \$15,000:

- **Co-Present Open Mic Nights in the Studio:** \$3,150

As part of the Grand Theatre Center for the Arts' 2025-26 Presenting Season, supporting featured performers at nine events.

- **2025 Annual Report:** N/A

Develop and present the Annual Report to City Council, as an overview of activities and projects in calendar year 2025, and include goals for 2026.

- **Participation in Arts Month – April 2026:** \$3,000

Hands-on, community programming to be developed and presented at the Grand Theatre Center for the Arts.

- **2025 Re-Granting Program:** \$4,000

Provide two grant awards of \$2,000

- **Downtown Tracy Artwalk 2025-26:** \$1,750

Provide participant hospitality in October 2025 \$250

Provide participant hospitality in June 2026 \$300

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Present Emerging Artists (six first time participants @ \$200 ea.)
June 2026 \$1,200

• **Civic Art Program & Projects Contingency:** \$3,100
Incidental Civic Art Program expenses and approved programming.

Discussion will continue as needed to form complete recommendations for FY25-26.

6. DISCUSSION OF 2024 ANNUAL REPORT FOR CITY COUNCIL

CAS Wilson provided the Staff Report. Chair Reis confirmed her availability to present the 2024 Annual Report to City Council on November 4, 2025 at 7:00 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

CADM Tombari advised a story time event is in development as part of the Presenting Program. He offered a brief summary of recent activities and invited Commissioners to attend the upcoming free movies at the Grand.

CAS Wilson confirmed Chair Lees and Vice Chair Reis are available to deliver hospitality to the Downtown Tracy Artwalk participants on Saturday, October 25.

9. ADJOURNMENT – Time: 8:48 p.m.

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

The above agenda was posted at the Tracy City Hall on October 10, 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.

**CITY OF TRACY
TRACY ARTS COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 12, 2025**

AGENDA ITEM 5.A.

REQUEST

**CONTINUE DISCUSSION OF NEW ALLOCATIONS FOR FUNDING AND
PROGRAMMING RECOMMENDATIONS IN 2025-26**

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, forming recommendations in effort to best meet goals. CAD Staff reviews and approves the expenditures.

The TAC FY25-26 allocation is \$15,000. The TAC has already committed to provide \$3,150 to continue the co-presentation of Open Mic Nights as part of the Grand Theatre Center for the Arts' 2025-26 Presenting Season. The TAC began discussion of this item at the meeting of September 9, 2025

The TAC discussion includes the following draft recommendations totaling \$15,000:

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| • Co-Present Open Mic Nights in the Studio: | \$3,150 |
| As part of the Grand Theatre Center for the Arts' 2025-26 Presenting Season, supporting featured performers at nine events. | |
| • 2025 Annual Report: | N/A |
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| • Participation in Arts Month – April 2026: | \$3,000 |
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FISCAL IMPACT

Tracy Arts Commission funding in the Cultural Arts Division FY2025-26 budget is \$15,000.

RECOMMENDATION

Continue Discussion of New Allocations for Funding and Programming Recommendations in 2025-26.

Prepared By: William Wilson, Cultural Arts Supervisor

Reviewed By: Robert Tombari, Cultural Arts Division Manager

Approved By: Robert Tombari, Cultural Arts Division Manager

**CITY OF TRACY
TRACY ARTS COMMISSION MEETING
OCTOBER 14, 2025**

AGENDA ITEM 5.B.

REQUEST

CONTINUE DISCUSSION OF CITY OF TRACY ARTS PLANNING

DISCUSSION

The Tracy Arts Commission (TAC) was formed by the City Council for the purpose of preserving and cultivating the expression and appreciation of the Arts in Tracy. The Tracy Arts Commission (previously known as the Cultural Arts Commission and Community Cultural Arts Commission) was established in 1991 for the purposes of: maintaining the Civic Art Plan (adopted by City Council, Reso 2003-002), contributing to the quality of life of the residents of Tracy through the high quality civic spaces and access to a broad array of artistic experiences, expanding the knowledge and understanding of the community's history and culture, supporting the economic vitality of the City through increased property values and cultural tourism, and reinforcing downtown as a cultural destination.

The Tracy Arts Commission (TAC) advises the City Council on the subjects of Citywide public art including private development and public/private partnerships, fosters public/private partnerships for the creation of civic art, supports individuals and organizations involved in the arts by promoting their events, offering resources, educational tools, and advising on policies to City Council that will support those endeavors, and commits to nourishing artistic vision, honoring diversity, supporting creativity and promoting cooperative partnerships through the Re-Granting Program.

The City Manager's Office has requested the TAC begin a discussion in consideration of the City of Tracy's arts planning. The TAC should consider a wide range of arts assessments, ideas, topics and goals such as, but not limited to, arts and cultural events, amenities and facilities, arts funding, creative community collaboration, the concept of a Cultural Arts Department and the vision of a Downtown Arts District.

Staff anticipates continued discussion will continue as needed for several months, with a goal to create recommendations in 2026 that can be utilized in City planning. Discussion began at the meeting of October 14 with the following suggestions and talking points provided for on-going consideration:

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FISCAL IMPACT

Staff costs related to support of the Tracy Arts Commission are included in the Cultural Arts Division Administrative General Fund budget.

RECOMMENDATION

Continue Discussion of City of Tracy Arts Planning

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