

TRACY ARTS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
April 8, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

Grand Theatre Center for the Arts, 715 Central Avenue

Chair Lees called the meeting to order at 7:05 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

Russell Gonzaga of Tracy was in attendance. Mr. Gonzaga spoke about a performance at Central Coffee on April 11th. He provided examples of picture poetry and proposed a typewriter poetry activity for the Downtown Tracy Artwalk. CAS Wilson encouraged Mr. Gonzaga to submit an application for participation.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING ON MARCH 11, 2025

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

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

CAS Wilson provided the Staff Report and reported he met with Mr. Gonzaga to finalize details for the upcoming event, Picture Your Poetry: A Poetry & Painting Workshop on Saturday, April 26 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The workshop will be held in Visual Art 01 at the Grand and Mr. Gonzaga will provide an invoice for services provided.

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

CAS Wilson provided the Staff Report and Commissioners continued discussion.

Commissioner Jones proposed a project that would incorporate hidden rubber ducks ("This is your Ducky Day! Project) with a \$50 gift card or coupon for art classes at the Grand Theatre Center for the Arts. Staff and Commissioners discussed the challenges and limitations with logistics, managing the financial transactions and payments to Contract Instructors.

Vice Chair Reis voiced interest in a mixed-media project involving textiles. Commissioners agreed they do not have any resources for such a project at this time.

CAS Wilson asked the Commission if they were interested in expanding their support for the Downtown Tracy Artwalk on June 27. Commissioners voiced support to offer an interactive mural project at the event, and agreed to bring further ideas for continued discussion at the meeting of May 13.

5. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

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

6. ITEMS FROM STAFF

CAS Wilson provided a 2024 Re-Granting Program project update from Tracy Friends of the Library.

7. ADJOURNMENT – Time: 8:06 p.m.

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

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