

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, December 9, 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 Special Meeting of November 12, 2025
5. New Business
 - A. Review and Approve 2025 Re-Granting Program Applications
 - B. Review Request For Qualifications for the Tracy Transit Station Mobility Hub Public Art Projects and Recommend Finalist(s)
6. 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
7. Items from the Commission
8. Items from Staff

9. Adjournment

POSTED: December 5, 2025

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TRACY ARTS COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
November 12, 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 Jones, Dhugga, and Lees present. Commissioners Reis and Sandhu were absent.

Staff Present: Grace Credo, Cultural Arts Administrative Technician
Robert Tombari, Cultural Arts Division Manager

Recorded By: Grace Credo, Cultural Arts Administrative Technician

1. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING ON OCTOBER 14, 2025

ACTION Motion by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Dhugga to approve the minutes as submitted. Roll call vote found all Commissioners in favor; motion carried 3:0

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

CADM Tombari provided the Staff Report. Commissioners continued discussion of the current allocations.

• **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

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• Downtown Tracy Artwalk 2025-26:	\$1,750
Provide participant hospitality in October 2025	\$ 250
Provide participant hospitality in June 2026	\$ 300
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.	

Chair Lees advised is comfortable with the current recommendations.
Commissioners agreed to continue discussion in December.

4. CONTINUE DISCUSSION OF CITY OF TRACY ARTS PLANNING

CADM Tombari provided the Staff Report and Commissioners continued discussion. Commissioner Dhugga suggested that Commissioners should gather inspirations from other cities.

Chair Lees stated that the parks, library or other public area's landscaping are in need of upgrades, and inquired if landscaping could be under the scope of arts. CADM Tombari advised he will provide additional information at the next meeting.

Commissioner Dhugga suggested that it would be great to have a studio for artists to show how they create their pieces. Chair Lees agreed, adding artists need space to rent. Commissioner Jones suggested the West Side Market building would be a good location to expand arts programming. Chair Lees agreed and further suggested studio and musical instrument rentals, comparing Tracy to Midtown Sacramento. Commissioner Dhugga stated that concerts are good, but it's better to have a place where people can be introduced to arts.

5. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISION

Commissioner Jones advised that her term ends in December and that she will not reapply. Chair Lees thanked Commissioner Jones for her contribution and suggested that she still participate in future activities.

Chair Lees requested for a working calendar from Staff, for February through June 2026 for the Commission's use.

6. ITEMS FROM STAFF

CADM Tombari provided an update on programming at the Grand including 12 free movies, WAR (sold out) and Confunkshun.

7. ADJOURNMENT – Time: 8:04 p.m.

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ACTION Motion by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Dhugga to adjourn. Roll call vote found all in favor; passed and so ordered.

The above agenda was posted at the Tracy City Hall on November 7, 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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TRACY ARTS COMMISSION MEETING
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AGENDA ITEM 5.A.

REQUEST

REVIEW AND APPROVE 2025 RE-GRANTING PROGRAM APPLICATIONS

DISCUSSION

The 2025 Re-Granting Program will award up to \$4,000 (two \$2,000 grants) to Tracy resident artists, arts educators, and arts organizations (both collectives and non-profits). Tracy residency is defined as having a primary residence in the City, and/or teaching at a public or public charter school in Tracy, within the City limits.

Staff released the Call For Applications to the community-at-large in September and has worked to distribute information in both digital and print formats to the creative community. An informational workshop was held on Thursday, October 9 with one participant. Applications had to be received by 5:00 PM PST at the Grand Theatre Center for the Arts on Friday, November 21 in order to be eligible for review by the Tracy Arts Commission.

Staff will present the eligible applications. The Commission will review and evaluate the applications with the following criteria, with each review providing a total possible high score of 75 (15 points x 5 reviewers) per application:

Artistic and/or Educational Excellence – 5 points:

Measure of the creativity (new, original and/or interesting ideas), quality (technical skills) and strength of content (concept and educational value) of the project.

Community Impact – 5 points:

Measure of the diversity and representation of the intended audience(s), activity/event location(s), viewer/participant engagement, and the applicant's collaborations within the project (if applicable).

Ability to Fulfill Project – 5 points:

Measure of the ability to develop and complete the project as described, the experience of the applicant and collaborators, and the project budget.

Each reviewer may score an application between 3/15 (lowest) and 15/15 (highest). After review, total scores will be determined and the TAC will award funds to those with the highest overall scores. In the event of tie scores, the TAC will continue discussion as needed to determine awards.

FISCAL IMPACT

Appropriation of Tracy Arts Commission funding in the Cultural Arts Division budget in the amount of \$4,000 has been approved for 2025 Re-Granting Program.

RECOMMENDATION

Review and Approve 2025 Re-Granting Program Applications

Prepared By: William Wilson, Cultural Arts Supervisor

Reviewed By: Robert Tombari, Cultural Arts Division Manager

Approved By: Robert Tombari, Cultural Arts Division Manager

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AGENDA ITEM 5.B.

REQUEST

REVIEW REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE TRACY TRANSIT STATION MOBILITY HUB PUBLIC ART PROJECTS AND RECOMMEND FINALIST(S)

DISCUSSION

City Staff in collaboration with San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOC) and design consultants are working to implement the San Joaquin Regional Mobility Hub Plan. The Tracy Transit Station (TTS) at 50 E 6th St. in downtown Tracy has been selected as a demonstration project, serving as a model to guide future mobility hub development and community enhancement efforts throughout the region.

As part of the site improvements at the Tracy Transit Station, funded through the Regional Early Action Planning Grants of 2021 (REAP 2.0, administered by California's Department of Housing and Community Development) public art is eligible when integrated into transportation infrastructure. Public art at the TTS will serve as creative placemaking features, enhance the transit environment and support the program's goals. Selected artists will need to engage the community in the creative process. The budget for the TTS mobility hub public art projects is \$150,000.

The Tracy Arts Commission discussed the integration of additional public art into the surrounding plaza of the TSS, and provide recommendations which address project goals and outcomes in September. Staff issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) in November. The RFQ is designed to identify qualified artists, who would then be invited to develop proposals and be commissioned to create projects.

Staff will present the eligible applications. The Commission will review and evaluate the applications with the following criteria, with each review providing a total possible high score of 75 (15 points x 5 reviewers) per application:

Professional Qualifications – 5 points:

Measure of abilities, credentials and skills as a professional artist needed to develop and complete the project.

Community Collaboration and Local Connectivity – 5 points:

Measure of interest in and experience with creative projects that include components of community collaboration. Familiarity with the City of Tracy and San Joaquin County.

Creativity and Quality of Work – 5 points:

Measure of new, original and/or interesting ideas in art making, communication and viewer engagement, etc. Mastery of technical skills, effective use of materials utilized in work, innovative techniques, etc.

Each reviewer may score an application between 3/15 (lowest) and 15/15 (highest). After review, total scores will be determined and the TAC will recommend finalists in consideration of the highest overall scores. In the event of tie scores, the TAC will continue discussion as needed to determine recommendations.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to the Cultural Arts Division in support of this project.

RECOMMENDATION

Review Request for Qualification for the Tracy Transit Station Mobility Hub Public Art Projects and Recommend Finalist(s)

Prepared By: William Wilson, Cultural Arts Supervisor

Reviewed By: Robert Tombari, Cultural Arts Division Manager

Approved By: Robert Tombari, Cultural Arts Division Manager

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AGENDA ITEM 6.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. Discussion will continue on this item at the December 9, 2025 meeting. Staff expects to have finalized budget and recommendations at the February 10, 2026 meeting.

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

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

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: Robert Tombari, Cultural Arts Division

Reviewed By: Arturo M. Sanchez, Assistant City Manager

Approved By: Arturo M. Sanchez, Assistant City Manager

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AGENDA ITEM 6.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 and continued at the November 12 Special Meeting with the following suggestions and talking points provided 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
- Makers Space

- New Community Center that integrates into the Civic Center Plaza
- Tracy Historical Museum exterior maintenance and new landscaping
- Gallery that is “Studio Style” with adaptable workspace

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
- Artist Exchange with Sister Cities
- Launch the Poet Laureate program
- Artist Residency Program
- Interactive Programming
- Library Loan Program that lets users to borrow Musical Instruments, Tools, etc.

Arts Redevelopment, Marketing & Branding:

- Professional Development for Artists
- Grant Writing Workshops
- Use of West Side Market
- Make use of unused Property/Space
- Create a Cultural Arts Department
- 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

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

Prepared By: Robert Tombari, Cultural Arts Division Manager

Reviewed By: Arturo M. Sanchez, Assistant City Manager

Approved By: Arturo M. Sanchez, Assistant City Manager