

**TRACY ARTS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 9, 2014**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Commissioner Sandhu called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL:**
 - a. Present: Nila Dhugga, Anne Marie Fuller, Grace Paget, Taranjit Sandhu
 - b. Absent: Marlene Jones, Nicole McClain, Danette Poole
 - c. Staff Present: William Wilson, Cultural Arts Manager – Visual Arts
 - d. Recorded By: Connie Reding, Clerical, Patron Services
3. **ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE:** None
4. **APPROVAL of MINUTES from the SPECIAL EVENTS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING on MARCH 11, 2014**
 - a. Motion: Commissioner Paget
 - b. Second: Commissioner Fuller
 - c. Abstain:
 - d. Vote: Approved
5. **APPROVAL of MINUTES from the REGULAR MEETING on JULY 8, 2014**
 - a. Motion: Commissioner Fuller
 - b. Second: Commissioner Paget
 - c. Abstain:
 - d. Vote: Approved
6. **CORRESPONDENCE:** One piece of correspondence was received by Chair McClain from Tracy Friends of the Library. It pertained to Robert Dawson's photography currently on display at the Tracy Library.
7. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. **Continue discussion of Emerging Artists and Music in the Park 2014 -** CAM Wilson distributed a summary of attendance for each of the 2014 summer concerts compiled by Theatre Operations & Technical Assistant, Matt Morgan. Although attendance fluctuated for each concert, overall, attendance increased this year, totaling approximately 2,100 people. The largest attendance was at *The Party Monsters* concert on 7/10/14.
 - B. **Continue discussion of the Tracy Arts and Cultural Festival –** CAM Wilson noted that Chair McClain was scheduled to report on this item. Due to her absence, her report will be given at the October meeting. He noted that the next two meetings will be critical in planning this event in order to meet the grant proposal deadline. He then distributed information summarized by Matt Morgan detailing various rental costs involved for equipment, as well as the cost of labor to hire additional personnel for the event, noting the City gets a 20% discount on certain items. He added that the grant proposal must include a budget estimate outline for all items needed for this event.

8. **ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION:** Commissioners each gave brief summaries of their individual activities within the past few months. Commissioner Paget thanked the Tracy Arts Commission for their involvement with the Tracy Chamber of Commerce in planning the first annual Taste of the Valley Art & Food Festival, specifically for helping organize and judge the Youth Art Competition. The Chamber seeks to increase participation in this art competition next year by getting information distributed earlier to local schools.

9. **ITEMS FROM STAFF:** CAM Wilson noted that November's meeting falls on Veteran's Day this year (11/11/14). As a result the regular meeting scheduled on November 11th will be cancelled and the Commission will hold a special meeting on Tuesday, November 18, 2014, at 7 p.m. CAM Wilson invited the Commissioners to a September 27th Reception and Gallery Talk in support of the feature exhibition *Transforming the Written Word*, on display in the Grand Galleries through November 1st. The reception is slated for 12 – 12:30 p.m. with the Gallery Talk taking place from 12:30 – 2 p.m. that day. Ms. Reding distributed the 2014-15 Presenting Season brochure detailing upcoming performances and events at the Grand through next May.

10. **ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**
Tiffanie Heben from Tracy Camera Club and Tracy Friends of the Library addressed the Commission, noting that approximately 100 people visited the Camera Club's table at the recent Taste of the Valley Art & Food Festival. The Camera Club hopes the publicity at the Festival will create larger attendance and possible membership for their club. She then shared details about Robert Dawson's current photography display at the Tracy Library, noting that this past spring he received a grant to photograph libraries in San Joaquin County. Along with Mr. Dawson's photography, they are hosting a related photography contest, entitled *For the Love of Reading*, which includes 60 submissions that will be on display through 9/25/14. Ms. Heben invited Commissioners to attend the discussion and awards presentation which takes place Saturday, 9/13/14. Awards will be given for adult as well as youth categories. This event is open to the public with a reception being held from 4-6 p.m. that day.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**
 - a. Motion: Commissioner Fuller
 - b. Second: Commissioner Paget
 - c. Vote: Unanimous
 - d. Time: 7:30 p.m.