

TRACY ARTS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
August 11, 2020, 7:00 p.m.
City Hall, 333 Civic Center Plaza

Due to the COVID-19 emergency, the regular meeting was conducted pursuant to the provisions of the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20, which suspends certain requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act. Residents participated remotely via email, phone and WebEx during the meeting.

Chair Lees called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll call found Commissioners Anderson, Bordes, Dhugga, Lees, Sandhu, and Taylor present. Commissioner Reis was absent.

Staff Present: William Wilson, Cultural Arts Manager – Visual Arts

Recorded By: William Wilson, Cultural Arts Manager – Visual Arts

1. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING ON JULY 14, 2020

ACTION Motion by Commissioner Dhugga, seconded by Commissioner Sandhu to approve the minutes as submitted. Voice vote found all in favor; motion carried 6:0.

3. DISCUSS FY20/21 BUDGET AND PROGRAMMING

CAM Wilson provided a staff report. Chair Lees led a discussion to consider ideas on how the Tracy Arts Commission could meet its goals and remain relevant in the on-going COVID-19 health crisis, and with a reduced budget of \$2,114 for FY20/21.

Commissioners voiced the need to support local artists and arts organizations, and help connect them to the public during these uncertain times. Several ideas were offered:

- Virtual concerts, exhibits, and lectures featuring local performers and visual artists.
- Friday happy hour online featuring local performers and visual artists.
- Collaborate with the Grand/City to promote via social media.
- Partner with arts organizations or museums who have online tours; to host into Tracy.

Chair Lees asked Commissioners to consider who to reach out to, and to ask them what kind of help they need.

Vice Chair Reis joined the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

Discussion continued with additional ideas suggested:

- Public activity; arts/crafts kits and following along with video.
- Partner with local school teachers and artists to offer an art session for their classes.
- Create a web series for local schools.
- Online promotion of other (non-City) arts events to the community
- Online and printed publication featuring youth and adult literary and visual arts as responses to the challenges of 2020.

Commissioners agreed it was important to make contact with the creative community and report back at the September meeting. CAM Wilson suggested several local arts organizations and educators.

Commissioner Dhugga will contact the educational community.

Commissioner Bordes will contact with the music community.

Commissioner Anderson will contact with Tracy Art League.

Commissioner Taylor will contact the drama community and museums.

Chair Lees will contact the Tracy Camera Club.

Vice Chair Reis will contact with the Tracy Historical Museum, as well as dance and literary artists/educators. CAM Wilson will provide contacts.

4. CONTINUE DISCUSSION FOR THE CIVIC ART WINDOW SHADES PROJECT

CAM Wilson provided a staff report and project updates. He reported artists are actively working on the project, an upcoming site visit with the shades vendor, assisting artists in preparation of production art with a delivery deadline of August 31, and anticipating shade installation in October.

Commissioner Dhugga suggested featuring this project and the artists in a web series to promote the project. Commissioner Taylor agreed and suggested a five to ten minute video with an artist's questionnaire. Commissioner Dhugga volunteered to create a video if supported by the Commission. CAM Wilson will query the project's four artists and report their interest at the meeting in September.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

None

6. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Reis gave a brief summary of her activities relating to arts and cultural activities within recent months.

7. ITEMS FROM STAFF

CAM Wilson reported that artist Will Watts is near completion of the Veteran's Mural Project, with a media release to be distributed. Commissioners will receive a copy.

8. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

9. ADJOURNMENT – Time: 7:44 p.m.

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

The above agenda was posted at the Tracy City Hall on August 7, 2020. 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.