

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, March 10, 2026 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 Regular Meeting of December 9, 2025
5. New Business
 - A. Review and Select 2026 Recyclable Art Project Winners
 - B. Discussion of 2026 Arts Month Planning
6. Old Business
 - A. Continue Discussion of City of Tracy Arts Planning
7. Items from the Commission
8. Items from Staff
9. Adjournment

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AGENDA ITEM 5.A.

REQUEST

REVIEW AND SELECT THE AWARD WINNERS IN THE 2026 RECYCLABLE ART PROJECT CONTEST

DISCUSSION

Community organizations in collaboration with several local schools are working to present the Recyclable Art Project Contest in 2026. 7th – 12th grade students will be provided with an opportunity to create a 3-D work of art from discarded, found and repurposed materials and trash. The project seeks to engage youth while increasing awareness in a creative and collaborative experience.

Staff met with Mayor Pro Tem Steve Abercrombie to discuss extending the project collaboration to include the Cultural Arts Division (CAD). The Tracy Arts Commission (TAC) has been invited to participate in this project, serving to review the submissions and select three contest winners. Winners will receive gift cards to purchase art supplies for their schools.

The CAD will help promote the project as part of Tracy Arts Month, April 2026. At the September 9, 2025 meeting staff recommended that TAC discuss the project outline and approve participation as suggested.

FISCAL IMPACT

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

RECOMMENDATION

Review and select the 2026 Recyclable Art Project Contest Winners

Prepared By: Robert Tombari, Cultural Arts Division Manager

Reviewed By: Arturo M. Sanchez, Assistant City Manager

Approved By: Arturo M. Sanchez, Assistant City Manager

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AGENDA ITEM 5.B.

REQUEST

DISCUSSION OF PROGRAMMING FOR TRACY ARTS MONTH, APRIL 2026

DISCUSSION

Tracy Arts Month is an annual celebration of creativity and culture organized by the Cultural Arts Division in the City of Tracy. A series of public events featuring artists and arts organizations from the across the local area is promoted and presented across the month of April.

The Tracy Arts Commission (TAC) has recommended participation in Downtown Tracy Arts Month in April, 2026, with a working budget of \$3,000 supporting hands-on, community programming at the Grand Theatre Center for the Arts.

FISCAL IMPACT

Appropriation of Tracy Arts Commission funding in the Cultural Arts Division budget in the amount of \$3,000 has been recommended for Tracy Arts Month, April 2026 programming components.

RECOMMENDATION

Discussion of Programming for Downtown Tracy Arts Month, April 2026

Prepared By: Robert Tombari, Cultural Arts Division Manager

Reviewed By: Arturo M. Sanchez, Assistant City Manager

Approved By: Arturo M. Sanchez, Assistant City Manager

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AGENDA ITEM 6.A.

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 and December Meetings with the following suggestions and talking points provided for on-going consideration:

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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
- Professional Development for Artists

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:

- 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

TRACY ARTS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
December 9, 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 Dhugga, Lees, Reis, and Sandhu present. Commissioner Jones was absent.

Staff Present: Grace Credo, Cultural Arts Administrative Technician
 William Wilson, Cultural Arts Supervisor
 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 NOVEMBER 12, 2025

ACTION Motion by Chair Lees, seconded by Commissioner Dhugga to approve the minutes as submitted. Roll call vote found all Commissioners in favor; motion carried 4:0

3. REVIEW AND APPROVE 2025 RE-GRANTING PROGRAM APPLICATION

CAS Wilson provided each commissioner with a copy of application forms. Three applications were evaluated based on Artistic and/or Educational Excellence, Community Impact, and Ability to Fulfill Project. The evaluation was conducted in consideration of two \$2,000 awards. The following scores were recorded:

- Tracy Theatre Arts Collaborative – Progressive Education & Internship Program, Phase I 57/60
- Sister City Association of Tracy – Explore Japan Club 52/60
- Justin Janer – The Justin Janer Music Scholarship 48/60

ACTION Motion by Chair Lees, seconded by Vice Chair Reis to approve Tracy Theatre Arts Collaborative and the Sister City Association of Tracy to receive \$2,000 awards for their projects. Roll call vote found all Commissioners in favor; motion carried 4:0

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

Two applications were evaluated with criteria of Professional Qualifications, Community Collaboration & Local Connectivity, and Creativity & Quality of Work in consideration of a \$150,000 project commission. The following scores were recorded:

- WOWHAUS (Scott Constable & Ene Osteraas-Constable): 51/60
- Scott Runion: 50/60

ACTION Motion by Commissioner Dhugga, seconded by Chair Lees to approve WOWHAUS Tracy as the recommended finalist. Roll call vote found all Commissioners in favor; motion carried 4:0

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

CAS Wilson provided Staff Report. Commissioners reviewed the following Funding Recommendations.

- **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**
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.

ACTION Motion by Chair Lees, seconded by Commissioner Dhugga to approve the 2025-2026 Funding and Recommendations as submitted. Roll call vote found all Commissioners in favor; motion carried 4:0

6. CONTINUE DISCUSSION OF CITY OF TRACY ARTS PLANNING

CADM Tombari provided the Staff Report and Commissioners continued discussion.

Commissioners shared ideas on incorporating Arts to future events. Chair Lees asked about the idea of visiting other cities. Vice Chair Reis shared her experience while visiting City of Pleasanton. Chair Lees suggested having workshops for artists would be great.

ACTION Motion by Chair Lees, seconded by Vice Chair Reis to continue discussion in the next meeting. Roll call vote found all Commissioners in favor; motion carried 4:0

7. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

Commissioners shared brief summary of their experiences related to arts. Some commissioners gave their feedback on the Holiday Parade.

Commissioner Sandhu and Commissioner Dhugga mentioned their terms will end on December 31, 2025.

8. ITEMS FROM STAFF

CADM Tombari shared his Bankhead tour experience. CAS Wilson provided a Work Plan for 2026. AT Credo distributed copies of the Brown Act to all Commissioners and advised that Commissioners will also receive an electronic copy.

9. ADJOURNMENT – Time: 9:50 p.m.

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 December 5, 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.