

**TRACY ARTS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 8, 2013**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Fuller called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL:**
 - a. Present: Anne Marie Fuller; Tricia Hand; Marlene Jones; Nicole McClain; Grace Paget; Taranjit Sandhu
 - b. Absent: Mercedes Silveira
 - c. Staff Present: Jeffrey Haskett, Cultural Arts Manager-Performing Arts
 - d. Recorded By: Stacey Merjil, Administrative Assistant II
3. **ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE:** Brian Pekari gave the Commission a brief update on the Tracy United Make a Difference day activities. Projects began in September and ended in November. He informed the Commission that the following was accomplished:

- 67 Projects
- 27 Non-Profits helped
- 85 Groups Participated
- 5,000 volunteers and participants
- 12,0000 people reached
- 100 different animals reached

He also informed the Commission that Tracy is in the running for a national award. The decision will be made at the end of February and the winner will receive a \$10,000 Grant. April 21-27, 2013, is National Volunteer Week.

4. **APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FROM December 11, 2012**
 - a. Motion: Commissioner McClain
 - b. Second: Commissioner Hand
 - c. Abstain:
 - d. Vote: Approved
5. **CORRESPONDENCE:**
6. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. **CONTINUE DISCUSSION ON FUTURE SPONSORSHIP AND GRANT WRITING EFFORTS FOR MUSIC IN THE PARK:** Commissioner McClain gave an update to the Commission regarding her grant writing efforts. The Commission either needs to be a 501(c)(3) or partner with a non-profit entity. Only one request can be made per calendar year. Potential grants could come from Raley's, Safeway, Grocery Outlet, Bank of Stockton, Uncle Credit Union, and Central Valley Community Bank. Commissioner McClain recommended to the Commission that the grant be written for the Multi-Cultural festival.

The Commission agreed to five concerts and will need at least \$1,400 for the series. There was a small discussion of dropping one concert if donations were not obtained for the series. The Commission would like to add to the agenda next month to vote on

submitting a grant for the Multi-Cultural Festival. Staff advised the Commission that they should not move forward to procure funds for an event that has not been finalized without fulfilling the Music in the Park requirement which is in their purview and agreed upon.

B. CONTINUE DISCUSSION OF THE 2013/2014 MULTI-CULTURAL EVENT: The Commissioners were assigned homework at the December meeting. Each Commissioner needed to determine the community groups and organizations they would like to partner with to bring resources and support. The suggestions were as follows:

- Make A Difference
- Cultural Heritage Council of San Joaquin
- Tracy Art League
- Westside Pioneers
- Irmandade Portuguesa da Festa Santo (IPFES)
- Tracy Unified School District

The Commission requested staff contact the groups and report back to the Commission to see if they would be interested in partnering with the Commission. The Commission also determined they like the title of Arts & Cultural Festival as a possible name for the event and the possibility of the event being held in October.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

8. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION: The Commission engaged in a brief discussion of activities attended by the Commissioners since the last meeting.

9. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

- a. **AAII Merjil:** Reminded the Commission about the absence policy since this is a new calendar year.

10. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

11. ADJOURN:

- a. Motion: Commissioner Hand
b. Second: Commissioner Jones
c. Vote: Unanimous
d. Time: 8:14 p.m.