

October 8, 2013

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL:**

- a. **Present:** Commissioners Paget, Sandhu, Silveira
- b. **Absent:** None
- c. **Staff Present:** William Wilson, Cultural Arts Manager-Visual Arts
- d. **Recorded By:** Stacey Merjil, Administrative Assistant II & Susan Cate, Recreation Leader II

3. **ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE:** None

4. **DISCUSS 2013/2014 Multi-Cultural Festival**

The Special Events Subcommittee (SES) discussed the components and infrastructure needed to create an attractive, modest festival in Lincoln Park. The SES envisioned a festival that was connected by matching tents, booths, and international flags. The festival would have a feature mobile stage to present invited performers, and an event plot that would offer a diverse representation of the community including educational, arts, and community collaborators.

The Subcommittee prioritized the following event components to be presented at the TAC Meeting on November 12, 2013:

Invited Collaborators offering activities, demonstrations, and displays to include:

- Child's Interactive/Hands-on/Make-n-Take Art Activities by Art Teachers from TUSD
- Gospel, Story Telling, Reading Circle, and Creative Writing by TAAA
- Exhibit, Show & Tell, Presentation by West Side Pioneers/Tracy Historical Museum
- Arts, Crafts, and Books by Give Every Child A Chance
- History of Latin Athletics in Tracy by the Tracy Latin Athletic Club
- History of Altars by the South Side Community Organization
- Mural Project by Eddie Reyes of Secret Sidewalk Tattoos/Gallery
- Henna Tattoos of the Indian Community
- Fashions and Customs of the Portuguese Community
- Visual Arts Exhibit and Demonstrations by the Tracy Art League & Tracy Camera Club
- Dance, Movement, and Martial Arts Demonstrations by various local performers
- Stage Performances including National Anthem, Emerging Artists, Poetry
- Feature Stage Performances on Mobile Stage no longer than 30 minutes each
- Marching Band Performance
- Vendor Village for local artisans, crafters, and community groups could rent space
- Non-Profit Organizations invited to sell soda and water as a fundraiser:
  - Tracy Women's Forum
  - Tracy Performing Arts Foundation
  - Tracy Hispanic Business Group

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- Relay for Life
- THS MEChA (Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlán)
  
- Food & Beverages from no less than five vendors, prioritized to these styles:
  - Indian
  - Mexican
  - Chinese
  - Italian
  - American
  - Native American
  - Filipino
  - Thai
  - Latin
  - South American
  - German
  - French
  - Portuguese

Discussion continued considering the expected difficulties in securing food vendors who seek minimum fees or large crowds at public events. The Commission may consider paying vendors for their services in the event they cannot be secured otherwise. The Subcommittee favored vendors who would be able to sell tasting samples instead of full plates of food.

Commissioner Sandhu was confident he could help secure an Indian food vendor that would meet the needs of the event.

Commissioner Silveira will continue her efforts to communicate with Paul Hall, Director of Student Services & Discipline, also of the Diversity & Equity Committee, from Tracy Unified School District.

Commissioner Paget will continue her efforts to communicate with the Italian Heritage community. She also suggested TUSD could be a good source of volunteers to support the event.

The Subcommittee would like to meet again after the Commission has responded to their initial recommendations and continue the process to create the event plot.

## 5. AJOURNMENT

**Time:** 6:59 p.m.