
Grand Theater ??

Posted by dmaciel - 2007/08/06 08:22

I see that they have re-done the grand theater...how cool is that..are they going to be showing movies? or what is the plan for this place

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Re:Grand Theater ??

Posted by paulheally - 2007/08/19 08:25

Check out:

www.atthegrand.org

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Re:Grand Theater ??

Posted by Not PC - 2007/09/05 16:44

did you know that our City Council spent over \$15million on that project. That isn't cool

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Re:Grand Theater ??

Posted by tmv - 2007/09/06 03:55

It may sound like a lot and I'm sure there are more pressing needs, but art, music, and dance can be healing to the soul of a city. In these trying times, it's important to have a place to nurture and showcase what humans can creatively do.

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Re:Grand Theater ??

Posted by paulheally - 2007/09/07 10:08

\$15 million; \$19 million or whatever it may be, it is all cool. The Grand will be the center of a revitalized and better downtown. It will take several years, some more downtown sprucing and the development of the Bow Tie, but The Grand will be our gem and our downtown centerpiece for years to come while being a wonderful place for art-loving folk of all ilks and ages to enjoy. We are already beginning to see things turn with the new photo studio just down the street and the Performing Arts Academy moving to 10th St. There are savvy and risk taking business people looking to create a better, more arts-friendly downtown--and I hope the City will assist. Many a Tracyite will benefit from the Grand over time. Its many and varied venues will attract a multitude of people from within and more importantly outside Tracy. This is what will attract more business and allow downtown to grow and flourish. Although not totally comparable, I think about downtown San Jose's revival and flourishing after the Arena was built. I am sure the same can be said about local theatres and other downtown hubs in cities similar to Tracy. Merced has both a downtown theatre and well as movie theatre. They have developed some neat multi-use projects that afford retail on the bottom and residential above. This creates both a business-friendly environment as well as a ready market--the residents need a place to shop and enjoy time. They are the anchors for the mom and pop stores as well as the public gathering places. Check out Santana Row in San Jose some time. Merced is vibrant and busy on weekend nights. There are coffee houses, eateries and music venues to enjoy drink and good times. I believe in time we shall see the same evolution come to downtown Tracy. Built it, Ray, and indeed they will come. I suggest we see how the last 3.5 months of the year go before we pass final judgements--good or bad :) I also suggest the Tracy citizenry work with City government and participate in public workshops to make Tracy and specifically downtown Tracy something to be proud of.

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Re:Grand Theater ??

Posted by ceferino007 - 2007/09/09 07:54

Well, just go and enjoy it. do not be negative in something you do not understand thanks

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Re:Grand Theater ??

Posted by Forward Thinker - 2007/09/10 02:23

It was almost 25 million. What's holding me back from not wanting to go there is ETK Theatre (Eleni Tsakapolis, K...etc Theatre a.k.a. AKT) Stole from the poor in Sacramento to give to the rich in Tracy. I think it should have been name after a Tracyite ... maybe Evelyn Tolbert, so let's drop the K and give it some hometown pride.

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Re:Grand Theater ??

Posted by deborah@debographix.com - 2007/09/11 05:34

It did not just come out of a general fund. I am not quite sure of exactly where the funding came from but I think some was from developer fees, and grants; and it was set aside specifically for the project

The public took a survey in their utility bills, when the Arts Alliance group decided to raise funds and start the project about 10 years ago. People replied that they wanted a place to go to for the arts. So it's not just that "City Council" up and decided to build it. They represent the public that wanted it to happen.

And to chime in on what Paul Heally said about Santana Row, it's so funny that you mention this, as I was thinking the same thing, since I'm from the same area. It's a beautifully designed retail establishment. It resembles a European piazza, and instead of being cooped up in an air-conditioned conglomeration of stacked up stores, there are outdoor eateries and lots of greenery. It's definitely an experience.

I'm likening the Grand's resurgence to Mountain View's Performing Arts Center. There are two theatres, in which Theatre Works runs a thriving operation, as well as other groups that come through there. There are restaurants and clubs, and it's a great experience, to go see a show, and gnosh on dinner and dessert afterward.

I pray that more opportunities to dine open up, and that we also support those that are already established around the downtown area.

Post edited by: deborah@debographix.com, at: 2007/09/11 03:42

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Re:Grand Theater ??

Posted by Unsightly - 2007/09/15 08:14

Forget calling it EKT...

I have a better suggestion for the name of the building...

The building should be named after that TV show Ugly Betty... looks ugly on the outside, but very nice on the inside.
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Re:Grand Theater ??

Posted by che101 - 2007/09/15 13:15

Paul, love your stuff but I went crazy trying to find ANYTHING in the Tracy Press about what ETK stood for!! I'm kind of pissed off at the moment. Since I was downtown Saturday evening I figured I'd check out and see what all the hoopla was all about. When I got within 10 paces of a bicycle cop I was told in no uncertain terms that this was a private party and I had to leave. Guess he put me in my place! It will be a long time before I venture into the "rarified confines" of the downtown Tracy theatre district! Keep up

the good work!

Re:Grand Theater ??

Posted by che101 - 2007/09/15 13:23

Thanks. After weeks and weeks of hype for the new Grand Theater complex I never once read anything in the Tracy Press for the significance of ETK.

Re:Grand Theater ??

Posted by Cherie - 2007/09/15 18:40

I hate to say it but I the colors of the Grand Theater are horrible.... both my husband and I think it looks like there is a big tube of toothpaste stuck to the outside. Of course it looks better than before and it is a great thing to have and all that but every time I look at it I am reminded to brush my teeth.;

Re:Grand Theater ??

Posted by Unsightly - 2007/09/16 15:17

I'm voting for a can of Cheez-wiz!
:sick:

Re:Grand Theater ??

Posted by TracyArts - 2007/09/17 06:01

Whiners I say.....the lot of ya! Stay home and watch your boob tube. People whine and moan there's nuthin' to do and then when there is something....ya moan and whine some more. Yes, Friday's event was a private event, but all day Saturday and Sunday were wide open and anyone could (and did) walk in and check the place out. Here's my RSVP to your Bitch Moan and Whine about everything party....NO THANKS! The building is beautiful and it will do wonders for the downtown when all is said and done.

Re:Grand Theater ??

Posted by towne - 2007/09/17 07:26

che101 wrote:

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I bet the guy killed at the Park the other night wishes the bicycle cop would have been there to tell him to leave...just had to note it :S

Re:Grand Theater ??

Posted by Unsightly - 2007/09/17 07:45

How bout some cheez-wiz with that wine?

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Re:Grand Theater ??

Posted by canyoubelieveit - 2008/05/15 22:09

too bad they mistreat their employees

Re:Grand Theater ??

Posted by maybenotdumBcommenT - 2008/05/17 00:46

noican'tbelieveit, What do you mean they mistreat their employees. They all look happy to me.