

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
TORRANCE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Torrance Cultural Arts Commission convened in a regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 22, 2007 in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall.

**2. FLAG SALUTE**

Commissioner Wang led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. ROLL CALL**

Present: Commissioners Armstrong, Endo-Roberts, Miranda, Smisek, Strehler, Wang, and Chairperson Stadler.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Cultural Services Manager Myers, Cultural Services Senior Supervisor McClelland, Cultural Services Supervisor Ferguson, and Cultural Services Consultant Powers.

**4. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Wang moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on the posting of the agenda. Commissioner Miranda seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Smisek moved for the approval of the December 18, 2006 Cultural Arts Commission meeting minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Armstrong and passed by unanimous voice vote approval.

**6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

**7A. ANNOUNCE COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS & REAPPOINTMENTS**

Commissioners and staff welcomed new Cultural Arts Commissioner Kathryn Endo-Roberts who was appointed to a four-year term on January 9, 2007.

**7B. 2007 EXCELLENCE IN ARTS AWARDS**

Cultural Services Manager Myers noted that guidelines, criteria and nomination forms, and an updated list of past recipients were included in the agenda packets. He requested that Commissioners determine Committee Chair assignments for each of the award committees.

Commissioner Strehler offered a correction that she was Chair of the Arts Education Committee for 2006.

Commissioner Armstrong suggested that Commissioner Endo-Roberts chair the Literary Arts award committee due to her experience on the Library Commission.

The following 2007 Excellence in Arts Committee Chair assignments were determined:

Literary Arts	Commissioner Endo-Roberts
Music	Commissioner Armstrong
Drama	Commissioner Miranda
Dance	Commissioner Wang
Arts Education	Commissioner Smisek
Visual Arts	Commissioner Strehler
Katy Geissert Award	Chairperson Stadler

Cultural Services Manager Myers encouraged Commissioners to distribute nomination forms to colleagues and acquaintances to help ensure an excellent field from which to choose 2007 winners.

**7C. ADOPT RESOLUTION HONORING RETIRED COMMISSIONER RITAS SMITH**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Strehler moved to adopt a Resolution honoring retired Commissioner Ritas Smith for her contribution to the arts and dedicated service to the citizens of Torrance. Commissioner Wang seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

A dinner honoring Commissioner Smith was scheduled for March 15, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

**8. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**8A. EXCELLENCE IN ARTS**

Previously discussed at this meeting.

**8B. COMMUNITY CULTURAL PLAN**

Chairperson Stadler appointed Commissioner Armstrong as Chairperson and Commissioner Smisek as Vice-Chairperson of the Community Cultural Plan standing committee.

**7C. GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE**

No report.

**9. MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Senior Supervisor McClelland distributed January 15, 2007 issues of Artline and discussed "The Spitfire Grill" at the Nakano Theatre March 9-18, 2007. He stated that auditions for the musical were last week and that Mark Piatelli was chosen as director. He noted that "Rumors" was replacing "Play it Again, Sam" for the 2007 Torrance Theatre Company season due to problems with the license request. He encouraged Commissioners to buy season tickets.

Cultural Services Supervisor Ferguson reported that the Torrance Art Museum exhibitions of *It Figures: individual in context*, *Drawn In: Marcy Freedman's Drawing in Residence*, and *Carol Es: A Girl Apart* had a very successful opening. She reported that the first Stories in Art program with Youth Services Librarian Susan Baier would be on January 25, 2007 and distributed fliers announcing the February 6, 2007 Artful Days lecture with art historian Mary Drobny.

Consultant Powers discussed the Works in Progress series "Executive Order 9066" that has added the film "Citizen Tanouye" on May 12, 2007. He noted that the first event on February 19, 2006, a presentation of two films followed by a panel discussion, will be free admission and presented in the Armstrong Theatre. He reported that planning has begun for the June 2007 "Ooodles of Noodles" event and that he has submitted a funding request to Los Angeles County Arts Commission and Music Performance fund for the 2007 Wild Wednesdays! series.

Commissioner Endo-Roberts stated that she was pleased that the Library has collaborated with Cultural Services on so many events.

**10. ORALS**

**10A.** Commissioner Miranda stated that he enjoyed the January 12, 2007 violin performance by Steven Shey at the Zipper Concert Hall and the premiere of "Dog Eaters" on January 20, 2007 at the Kirk Douglas Theatre.

**10B.** Commissioner Wang stated that she enjoyed the opening reception at the Torrance Art Museum and the Smithsonian's Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C.

**10C.** Commissioner Smisek stated that she enjoyed the Museum opening exhibit, especially the Carol Es pin display, as well as the January 21, 2007 American Perspectives lecture with Jaime and Jorge Jarrin.

**10D.** Commissioner Strehler stated that she enjoyed the Museum reception and Torrance Symphony concert. She stated that she attended a Torrance Artist Guild meeting, noting that members were unhappy that Arts Alive! has been cancelled.

**10E.** Commissioner Endo-Roberts stated she honored to serve on the Commission and would encourage continued partnership with the Library.

**10F.** Chairperson Stadler brought up the possibility of Cultural Services taking over the Arts Alive! event and requested that Cultural Services Manager Myers provide a Department budget report at the next Commission meeting.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** At 7:47 p.m., Commissioner Wang moved to adjourn the meeting to Monday, February 26, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall. Commissioner Strehler seconded the motion and, hearing no objection, Chairperson Stadler so ordered.

Approved as Submitted February 26, 2007 s/ Sue Herbers, City Clerk
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