

**MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
TORRANCE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Torrance Cultural Arts Commission convened in an adjourned regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 28, 2012 in the West Annex meeting room, Torrance City Hall.

**2. FLAG SALUTE**

Commissioner Rische led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. ROLL CALL**

Present: Commissioners Bunting, Endo-Roberts, Korman, Miranda, Rische, and Chairperson Candioly.

Absent: Commissioner Shwartz.

Also Present: Cultural Services Manager Rappoport.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Rische moved to grant Commissioner Shwartz an excused absence for the February 28, 2012 Commission meeting. Commissioner Korman seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

**4. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Endo-Roberts moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on the posting of the agenda. Commissioner Korman seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Commissioner Shwartz).

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**5A. MINUTES OF JANUARY 23, 2012**

Minutes were not available.

**6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1**

The Commission welcomed Land Concern consultants Michael Imlay and Philip Stevens.

**8A. RECOMMENDATION FROM FACILITIES COMMITTEE TO APPROVE PHASE I IMPROVEMENTS FOR WILSON PARK AMPHITHEATRE**

This item was taken out of order.

Manager Rappoport facilitated a debriefing of the Commission's joint meeting with City Council earlier this meeting regarding the Wilson Park Amphitheatre.

Commissioner Endo-Roberts stated that she was pleased that Mayor Scotto thought Phase II was important enough to be added to Phase I.

In response to Commissioner Miranda's inquiry, Manager Rappoport explained that the Parks and Recreation Commission reviewed a list of possible capital projects and approved \$100,000 for Phase II improvements, adding that their recommendation has not gone to City Council.

Chairperson Candioly inquired how long it would take Land Concern to provide an estimate for Phase II improvements and Mr. Stevens advised that it would take four to five weeks.

Responding to Chairperson Candioly's inquiry, Mr. Imlay stated that it was difficult to quantify the dollar savings to do both Phase I and Phase II at the same time, but that savings would not be that much. He noted that they need to hire a structural engineer to determine if the existing columns are adequate to support the structure.

Manager Rappoport stated that she likes the notion of decorating the back wall with greenery or color.

Commissioner Korman raised the possibility of selling tiles or pavers with family names.

A brief discussion centered on the possibility of sloping the stage, electrical upgrades, and terracing the hill.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Miranda moved to direct Land Concern consultants to prepare and bring back estimated budgets and conceptual designs for combining Phase I and Phase II. Commissioner Bunting seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Commissioner Shwarts).

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

**7A. REVIEW COMMUNITY ARTS GRANT GUIDELINES AND TIMELINE**

Manager Rappoport requested that Commissioners review the Community Arts Grant application, guidelines and timeline included in agenda materials. She noted an addition made on the application in #8 regarding social media marketing.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Bunting moved to accept the Community Arts Grant application, guidelines and timeline as presented. Commissioner Miranda seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Commissioner Shwarts).

**8. OLD BUSINESS**

**8A. RECOMMENDATION FROM FACILITIES COMMITTEE TO APPROVE PHASE I IMPROVEMENTS FOR WILSON PARK AMPHITHEATRE**

Previously considered following Item 6.

**8B. UPDATE ON CENTENNIAL COMPONENT FOR EXCELLENCE IN ARTS EVENT**

Chairperson Candioly reported that the Excellence in Arts Committee met with Performing Arts Specialist Inferrera to discuss the proposal to include a Centennial component for the October 7, 2012 Excellence in Arts Award ceremony. He discussed a suggestion for the beginning of the event that would include the audience in reading a poem, passage, or short story about the City.

Commissioner Korman expressed interest in meeting with Consultant Powers and Michael George to discuss the possibility of providing a dramatization involving high school drama students.

Chairperson Candioly discussed other suggestions for the event that include having the photo shoot at the end, having CitiCABLE arrive earlier, and greeting guests at the door.

**8C. UPDATE ON CHERRY BLOSSOM CULTURAL FESTIVAL**

Manager Rappoport distributed fliers for the Cherry Blossom Cultural Festival on March 4, 2012 at Columbia Park and presented a schedule for the event that includes a ceremonial tree planting, Japanese Fan Dance, Martial Arts, Chinese Dancers, and Drumming.

**9. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**9A. EXCELLENCE IN ARTS**

Previously discussed in Item 8B.

**9B. FACILITIES COMMITTEE**

Previously discussed in Item 8A.

**9C. GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Previously discussed in Item 7A.

**10. MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Manager Rappoport noted that the Cultural Services Division Report for January 2012 was included in agenda packets. She reported that Torrance Theatre Company's "...And Then There Was Nun" opens March 2, 2012 at 1316 Cabrillo Avenue and continues through March 31, 2012.

**11. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2**

**11A.** Commissioner Miranda discussed a recent visit to the Philippines.

**11B.** Commissioner Rische stated that she enjoyed Torrance Symphony's FUNdraiser and "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare."

**11C.** Commissioner Endo-Roberts stated that she also enjoyed "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare" as well as a visit to the African American Museum.

**11D.** Commissioner Bunting discussed a Japanese art exhibit at Blum and Poe as well as the boulder that is touring, ending up at LACMA.

**11E.** Commissioner Korman stated that she enjoyed speaker Dennis Prager, that Torrance Symphony's FUNdraiser was successful, and announced the next concert on March 10, 2012.

**11F.** Chairperson Candioly discussed his attendance at a memorial in Manhattan Beach in honor of Nick Adenhardt, Henry Pearson, and Courtney Stewart.

**11G.** Chairperson Candioly relayed an invitation for a Commission to participate on the Beat the Odds scholarship committee and Commissioner Endo-Roberts offered to attend on March 22.

**12. MOTION:** At 8:02 p.m., Commissioner Miranda moved to adjourn the meeting to Monday, March 19, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall. Commissioner Korman seconded the motion and, hearing no objection, Commissioner Miranda so ordered.

Approved as Submitted April 16, 2012 s/ Sue Herbers, City Clerk
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