

**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 7:05 p.m. on March 21, 2005, in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall.

2. FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Smisek led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Miller, Smisek, Smith, Stadler, Strehler, Wang, and Chairperson Armstrong.

Absent: None.

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

4. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

MOTION: Commissioner Miller moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on the posting of the agenda. Commissioner Stadler seconded the motion and, hearing no objection, Chairperson Armstrong so ordered.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – FEBRUARY 28, 2005

MOTION: Commissioner Smisek moved for the approval of the February 28, 2005 Cultural Arts Commission meeting minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wang and passed by unanimous voice vote approval.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6A. JOSLYN GALLERY CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Cultural Services Supervisor Ferguson reported that Art by the Beach will resume on April 3, 2005 at Miramar Park and encouraged Commissioners to attend the Bunka-Sai Japanese Cultural Festival on April 16-17, 2005 at the Cultural Arts Center. She stated that the spring session of classes begin the week of March 27, 2005.

She provided updated information regarding the Joslyn Gallery construction, advising that the electrical panel was completed and that the building has been energized. She stated that the contractor is preparing all systems for testing including electrical, heating, and air conditioning. She stated that the bidding phase for exterior

improvements (Phase II) begins March 27, 2005, with a job walk on April 6, 2005, bid opening on April 28, 2005, followed by City Council consideration.

Commissioner Smisek mentioned that the Los Angeles County Arts Commission toured the Cultural Arts Center on March 14, 2005 and that they were very impressed with the facilities.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7A. 2005 EXCELLENCE IN ARTS AWARD NOMINATIONS

This item was considered out of order following Item 10. Orals.

8. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

8A. EXCELLENCE IN ARTS

No report.

8B. COMMUNITY CULTURAL PLAN

No report.

8C. MAP I/MAP III

No report.

8D. GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE

No report.

9. MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Senior Cultural Services Supervisor McClelland reported that "The Taming of the Shrew" was very successful and received outstanding reviews. He provided information about upcoming events that include the 7th Biennial Torrance Invitational Song Festival featuring the Torrance Civic Chorale on April 2, 2005 and the Regina Klenjoski Dance Company on April 8-9, 2005.

Cultural Services Consultant Powers reported that "Works in Progress" was doing well, with ongoing rehearsals for "Court Martial of William Calley, 1970" to be presented March 30, 2005 in Stage Two Theatre. He stated that preparations were underway for Wild Wednesdays! and that they were still waiting to hear from Los Angeles County regarding the musicians. He mentioned that he was asked to sit on a panel to review musicians who would like to be on the roster for next year.

10. ORALS

Commissioner Smith stated that she enjoyed Carol Channing in "Razzle Dazzle" on March 19, 2005, noting that CBS was there filming and that the tape might air on March 27, 2005 on the CBS national news program.

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Commissioner Miller stated that she also enjoyed “Razzle Dazzle” and that she had the opportunity to speak with Carol Channing. She shared information about Adrian Miller, her son, a trumpeter, who performed the Hayden trumpet concerto in “The Pajama Game” in San Fernando Valley two weeks ago who also performed in the same play in Torrance in 1969. She stated that she also enjoyed “The Taming of the Shrew” as well as the excursion “Lights, Camera, Los Angeles!” on March 19, 2005.

Commissioner Wang also stated that she enjoyed “The Taming of the Shrew, “ and hearing Ken Burns speak. She discussed the 2004 National Awards for Museum and Library Service that were presented by Laura Bush. She shared information about Song Festival 2005 on April 2, 2005 and Torrance Symphony on April 10, 2005.

Commissioner Stadler stated that she visited the Walt Disney Hall on March 20, 2005 and that she enjoyed “The Taming of the Shrew.” She encouraged Commissioners to attend Choral Fest on April 19-21. She stated that Torrance Unified School District voted to maintain the elementary school music program.

Commissioner Smisek stated that she enjoyed “The Taming of the Shrew” as well as Carol Channing in “Razzle Dazzle” and Charlotte Diamond at the Peanut Gallery on March 19, 2005. She stated that she attended a Torrance Education Foundation dinner on March 19, 2005.

Commissioner Strehler stated that she was very impressed with “The Taming of the Shrew. She shared information about a Torrance Artists Guild meeting as well as children’s programming at Sequoia National Park.

Chairperson Armstrong stated that she found “The Taming of the Shrew” to be very entertaining and that she was pleased that so many Commissioners attended.

7. NEW BUSINESS

This item was considered out of order.

Commissioner Smisek brought up the suggestion that the Commission propose to the City Council that an optional element be added to the General Plan Update on Arts Education and Culture. A brief discussion centered on General Plan Update workshops and the schedule of meetings.

7A. 2005 EXCELLENCE IN ARTS AWARD NOMINATIONS

This item was considered out of order.

Cultural Services Administrator Myers explained the selection process for the 2005 Excellence in Arts awards.

After review and discussion of applications submitted, the Commission recommended Excellence in Arts Awards be awarded as follows:

Literary Arts	Dale Korman
Music	Dr. Joanna Medawar Nachev
Visual Arts	Douglas Castleman
Dance	Patti Joy Neal
Drama	Aerospace Players
Arts Education	Gab Kreisworth
Katy Geissert Award	Peggy Dowell

Cultural Services Administrator Myers reminded Commissioners that the 2005 Excellence in Arts Awards ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, April 24, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. in the Toyota Meeting Hall.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: At 8:40 p.m., Chairperson Armstrong adjourned the meeting to Monday, April 17, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall.

Approved as Amended April 18, 2005 s/ Sue Herbers, City Clerk
