

May 19, 2014

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance Cultural Arts Commission convened in a regular session at 7:04 p.m. on Monday, May 19, 2014 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, Frangos, Rische, and Chairperson Korman.

Absent: Commissioners Candioly and Muhammed.

Also Present: Cultural Services Manager Rappoport.

MOTION: Commissioner Bunting moved to grant Commissioners Candioly and Muhammed excused absences for the May 19, 2014 Commission meeting. Commissioner Endo-Roberts 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 Bunting seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5A. MINUTES OF APRIL 21, 2014

Commissioner Frangos offered a correction to the minutes as follows: Page 5, Item 11A, "Commissioner Frangos shared information about her new position at Mount St. Mary's College and..."

MOTION: Commissioner Endo-Roberts moved to approve the April 21, 2014 Commission meeting minutes as amended. Commissioner Frangos seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Commissioners Candioly and Muhammed).

6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1 None.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7A. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COMMUNITY ARTS GRANT FUNDING

Commissioner Bunting reported that the Grant Review Committee met on May 19, 2014 to review the seven grant applications received by the May 8 deadline. She presented the Committee's recommendations for funding as follows:

El Camino College Foundation	\$ 700
Regina Klenjoski Dance Company	\$1,600
Saturday Night Bath Concert Fund	\$ 700
Shakespeare by the Sea	\$2,500

MOTION: Commissioner Rische moved to approve grants to City Council, not to exceed \$5,000, which is the amount allocated in the 2014-2015 budget. Commissioner Endo-Roberts seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Commissioners Candioly and Muhammed).

Committee members provided their rationale for their funding recommendations.

MOTION: Commissioner Bunting moved to recommend an increase in funding to \$10,000 per year for Community Arts Grants and to reinstate the \$2,500 to the Cultural Services Division budget for Shakespeare by the Sea. Commissioner Endo-Roberts seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Commissioners Candioly and Muhammed).

7B. REVIEW EXCELLENCE IN ARTS APPLICATION, GUIDELINES, TIMELINE, AND COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Manager Rappoport requested that the Commission review the Excellence in Arts application, guidelines, timeline, and committee assignments. She noted that there were no changes made to the application with criteria and guidelines. She stated that Commissioner Candioly has offered to act as Master of Ceremonies at the October 26 awards ceremony in the Toyota Meeting Hall and recommends that the Excellence in Arts Committee meet in July prior to the August 7 deadline for submissions. Committee assignments were determined as follows:

Arts Education	Commissioner Candioly
Dance	Commissioner Bunting
Drama & Theatre Arts	Commissioner Endo-Roberts
Literary Arts	Commissioner Rische
Music	Commissioner Muhammed
Visual Arts & Design	Commissioner Frangos
Katy Geissert Award	Chairperson Korman

MOTION: Commissioner Bunting moved to approve the Excellence in Arts application, guidelines, timeline, and committee assignments. Commissioner Endo-Roberts seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Commissioners Candioly and Muhammed).

7C. CITY BUDGET UPDATE

Cultural Services Manager Rappoport reported that on May 13, 2014 City Council conducted their first Budget Workshop for the second year of a two year budget. She stated that Utility User taxes have decreased because fewer residents have home phones and that there is concern about Toyota leaving. She noted that there was discussion regarding the Cultural Arts Center, and General Services presented their plan to charge off-peak rates rather than peak rates on Monday through Thursday. She stated that the Cultural Arts Center Foundation asked for an increase in their budget.

She discussed the recent Departmental reorganization, noting that effective May 19, 2014 the Farmers' Market and Community Gardens program have moved to the Cultural Services Division. She stated that she would invite Farmers' Market Manager Joyce Chan to speak at a future Commission meeting. She mentioned that Madrona Marsh has also moved to the Park Services Division. She encouraged Commissioners to attend the next Budget Workshop on May 20, 2014.

8. ON-GOING BUSINESS

8A. SOUTH BAY MUSEUM AND GALLERY ART CRAWL

Manager Rappoport discussed the first South Bay Museum and Gallery Art Crawl on May 3, 2014. She stated it was a successful event and generated good will and appreciation for the effort. She commented that staff would hold a meeting with participating venues to organize a second Art Crawl next year. She thanked Commissioner Endo-Roberts for her efforts in promoting the event. She noted that Torrance Art Museum was very busy that day and Chairperson Korman stated that she enjoyed the reception.

8B. TORRANCE CULTURAL ARTS CENTER FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS AND TOUR

Manager Rappoport reported that the Facilities Committee met with Facility Operations Manager Megerdichian on May 1, 2014 to discuss complaints the Commission received about the condition of some of the facilities and equipment at the Cultural Arts Center. She stated that Manager Megerdichian presented a list of anticipated pending projects with estimates for completion and funding. She noted that Committee members did not feel they had enough specific information to make any recommendation to City Council at this time. She stated that the Committee would meet with Manager Megerdichian again in September for an update of budget, priorities and estimates. She announced that Commissioners are scheduled to tour the Cultural Arts Center facilities on July 21, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. prior to the regularly scheduled Commission meeting.

9. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

9A. EXCELLENCE IN ARTS

Previously discussed in Item 7B.

9B. FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Manager Rappoport reported that staff learned that they have to go to bid to hire someone to produce the construction documents for the Wilson Park Gazebo project. She stated that she is preparing a bid and as soon as it comes back they will prepare a bid for construction.

9C. GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE

Previously discussed in Item 7A.

10. MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORT

Cultural Services Manager Rappoport noted that the Cultural Services Division Report for April 2014 was included in agenda packets. She reported that she attended a luncheon on May 19 at the Music Center that included a panel discussion regarding economic impact reports done by the Music Center, LACMA, and Otis. She stated that in June she is going to the Americans for the Arts Conference in Nashville.

11. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

11A. Commissioner Endo-Roberts stated that she saw oil paintings in the City Clerk’s office, went to a Commission on Aging meeting and Candidate’s Forum, and enjoyed “The Last Romance” and Armed Forces Day parade and luncheon. She also visited El Camino College Art Gallery, APC Fine Arts & Graphics Gallery, Summer Studios Arts Academy, California Museum of Fine Art, and Torrance Art Museum during the South Bay Museum & Gallery Art Crawl. She announced Friends of Torrance Theatre Company’s fundraiser “Death by Marriage” on June 22 at the Doubletree Hotel.

11B. Commissioner Frangos stated that she visited the Pasadena Design House, the Da Camera Society concert at Mount St. Mary’s College, exhibition at Joe’s Restaurant in Venice, and Jackson Pollock mural at the Getty.

11C. Commissioner Bunting stated that she enjoyed an exhibition at Museum of Contemporary Art and a photography exhibition at LACMA.

11D. Chairperson Korman stated that she enjoyed “The Last Romance,” reception at Torrance Art Museum, and “Grease” sing-along. She encouraged Commissioners to attend the Cultural Arts Foundation’s 20th Annual Gala on June 27 and attended a Torrance Public Library focus group.

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: At 8:11 p.m., Commissioner Bunting moved to adjourn the meeting to Monday, June 16, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall. Commissioner Rische seconded the motion and, hearing no objection, Chairperson Korman so ordered.

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Approved as submitted
June 16, 2014
s/ Sue Herbers, City Clerk