

May 20, 2013

**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 7:12 p.m. on Monday, May 20, 2013 in the West Annex meeting room, Torrance City Hall.

2. FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Miranda led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Commissioners Candioly and Rische.

Also Present: Cultural Services Manager Rappoport.

MOTION: Commissioner Endo-Roberts moved to grant Commissioner Candioly an excused absence for the May 20, 2013 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 Miranda seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5A. MINUTES OF APRIL 15, 2013

MOTION: Commissioner Korman moved to approve the April 15, 2013 Commission meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Endo-Roberts seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Commissioners Candioly and Rische).

6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1 - None

7. NEW BUSINESS

7A. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COMMUNITY ART GRANT FUNDING

Chairperson Bunting reported that the Grant Review Committee met on May 20, 2013 to review grant applications and formulate a recommendation to the Commission. She presented the following recommendation for funding for a total of \$5,000, which is the amount allocated in the 2013-2014 budget:

Shakespeare by the Sea	\$2,500
South Bay Conservatory	\$1,500
Saturday Night Bath Concert Fund	\$1,000

Commissioners briefly discussed the applications and unanimously concurred with the Committee's recommendation.

MOTION: Commissioner Miranda moved to approve the 2013 Community Arts grant awards for recommendation to City Council, not to exceed a total of \$5,000. Commissioner Frangos seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Commissioners Candioly and Rische).

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

Manager Rappoport reported that the Excellence in Arts Committee met on May 9 to review the application, guidelines, and timeline for Excellence in Arts. She announced that the public reception and awards ceremony is scheduled for October 20 in the Toyota Meeting Hall, and that the deadline for submissions is August 8.

Commissioner Korman stated that the Committee is proposing no changes to the application, guidelines, and timeline at this time. She presented the Committee's recommendation that Commissioners volunteer for different disciplines this year, and work together to help each other with nominations. Assignments for the seven categories were determined as follows:

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

MOTION: Commissioner Miranda moved to approve the Excellence in Arts application, guideline, timeline, and committee assignments. Commissioner Endo-Roberts seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Commissioners Candioly and Rische).

7C. 2013-2015 CITY BUDGET HEARINGS

Manager Rappoport reported that the first budget hearing was held on May 14 and the second one is on May 21, adding that May 28 is reserved in case the budget is not approved. She noted that the City Manager stated that this was the first time since 2007 that no reductions were being proposed. She stated that the City Manager is recommending that programs for the Torrance Art Museum be transferred from the Enterprise Fund to the General Fund. She explained that the recommendation is being made because the revenues generated do not cover the costs to operate them and that the Museum would operate more like the Library.

Responding to Commissioner Miranda's inquiry, she stated that the Car2Go proposal is still pending.

8. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

8A. EXCELLENCE IN ARTS

Previously discussed in Item 7B.

8B. FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Cultural Services Manager Rappoport reported that Facilities Committee is scheduled to meet on June 10 to review the Wilson Park Amphitheatre project plans and budget. She stated that the Committee would also be discussing rental opportunities for Torrance Art Museum, including its small conference room.

8C. GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE

Previously discussed in Item 7A.

9. MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORT

Manager Rappoport noted that the Cultural Services Division Report for April 2013 was included in agenda packets. She distributed fliers for May and June events at Torrance Art Museum and announced that auditions have started for Torrance Theatre Company's summer musical "Willy Wonka."

10. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

10A. Commissioner Korman stated that she enjoyed "Abbamania," the Regina Klenjoski dance program, L.A. Vocal Core, "Looking" at Little Fish, and the Armed Forces Day parade.

10B. Commissioner Endo-Roberts discussed her involvement with the "Ready, Willing, and Able" dance program.

10C. Commissioner Frangos stated that she enjoyed the Mimosa Series concert in North Hollywood.

10D. Commissioner Miranda stated that he attended the Senior Faire and discussed his involvement with the “Mending Kids” program.

10E. Chairperson Bunting stated that she enjoyed “In Case We Don’t Die” at Torrance Art Museum, El Segundo Museum of Art, and the Kathy Opie show.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: At 7:46 p.m., Commissioner Endo-Roberts moved to adjourn the meeting to Monday, June 17, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall. Commissioner Korman seconded the motion and, hearing no objection, Chairperson Bunting so ordered.

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Approved as submitted June 17, 2013 s/ Sue Herbers, City Clerk (
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