

**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 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 16, 2014 in the West Annex meeting room, Torrance City Hall.

2. FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Candioly led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None.

Also Present: Cultural Services Senior Supervisor Bell.

4. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

MOTION: Commissioner Rische moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on the posting of the agenda. Commissioner Candioly seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5A. MINUTES OF MAY 19, 2014

MOTION: Commissioner Endo-Roberts moved to approve the May 19, 2014 Commission meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Rische seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval (Commissioner Muhammed abstaining).

6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

Christian Wolf, Executive Director of the Torrance Cultural Arts Foundation, distributed invitations for the 20th Annual Gala "That's Entertainment!" on June 27, 2014. He stated that there would be a silent auction, live auction, gourmet dinner, and dancing, noting that they would also be releasing the upcoming 20th anniversary season. He discussed plans for "South Bay's Got Talent" in September 2014.

Commissioner Endo-Roberts offered to volunteer.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7A. 2014-2015 NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Senior Supervisor Bell suggested that the Commission follow past practice and nominate Commissioners for Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson who have the most seniority.

MOTION: Commissioner Candioly, seconded by Commissioner Endo-Roberts, moved to nominate Commissioner Muhammed for Vice-Chairperson; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Endo-Roberts moved to nominate Commissioner Frangos for Chairperson. Commissioner Bunting seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

There were no further nominations and Commissioner Frangos was elected Chairperson and Commissioner Muhammed elected Vice-Chairperson of the Cultural Arts Commission for the period July 2014 – June 2015.

7B. CULTURAL ARTS CENTER OPEN HOUSE – JUNE 21, 2014

Senior Supervisor Bell presented information about the second annual Cultural Arts Center Open House to be held at the Cultural Arts Center. She distributed a schedule of demonstrations for all age groups that include art, dance, exercise, fencing, martial arts, and music. She noted that the purpose of the event is to promote classes and the Cultural Arts Center as a rental facility. She stated that the event has been advertised in the Daily Breeze, on Facebook, and “This Week in Torrance,” as well as through e-mails, banners, and posters. She distributed gift bags that will be given to participants that day.

Responding to Chairperson Korman’s inquiry, she stated that a food element is not planned for this year.

8. ON-GOING BUSINESS

8A. UPDATE ON WILSON PARK GAZEBO ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

Senior Supervisor Bell provided background on the item and reported that staff has drafted a RFP for an architect to produce the construction drawings for the gazebo project based on the conceptual design. She noted that the RFP would go out later this month, with bids expected back in July.

9. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

9A. EXCELLENCE IN ARTS

Commissioner Candioly stated that he hopes that there are nominations in each category, noting that the deadline for submissions is August 7.

9B. FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Previously discussed in item 8A.

9C. GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE

No report.

10. MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORT

Senior Supervisor Bell noted that the Cultural Services Division Report for May 2014 was included in agenda packets. She reported that the June 7 opening reception for "Watchmen: Surveillance & the Flaneur" at the Torrance Art Museum was successful and Commissioner Bunting related her impressions of the exhibition. She stated that the June 22 Torrance Theatre Company's fundraiser "Death by Marriage" is almost sold out.

Chairperson Korman suggested having a table at Farmers' Market to promote Torrance Theatre Company and events at the Cultural Arts Center.

11. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

11A. Commissioner Muhammed extended his congratulations to the newly-elected Mayor and Councilmembers and stated that he is looking forward to the Cultural Arts Center Open House and "Death by Marriage."

11B. Commissioner Endo-Roberts stated that she had the opportunity to volunteer at "The Last Romance" and announced that her son is performing at the Special Olympics in New Jersey.

11C. Commissioner Frangos stated that she enjoyed the film "Chef" and Playboy Jazz Festival. She discussed places that she visited while in New York that include the Cloisters, MOMA, the play "Once," and a Charles James exhibition at the Met.

11D. Commissioner Bunting stated that she went to the Torrance Art Museum opening reception, Hammer opening exhibition, and Honor Fraser Gallery.

11E. Commissioner Candioly stated that he enjoyed "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" at the Pantages and discussed his recent visit to Chicago where he went on a backstage tour of the Navy Pier.

11F. Chairperson Korman was pleased to announce that her mother received the Older American Award from the Commission on Aging. She stated that she attended San Pedro Theatre Company's "Cabaret," Master of Harmony Barbershop show in Downey, and a Los Cancioneros concert.

11G. Chairperson Korman was pleased to announce that the \$2.50 surcharge on box office tickets has been dropped and that the Armstrong Theatre's dance floor is being replaced.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: At 7:47 p.m., Commissioner Candioly moved to adjourn the meeting to Monday, July 21, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall. Commissioner Endo-Roberts seconded the motion and, hearing no objection, Chairperson Korman so ordered.

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Approved as amended
August 18, 2014
s/ Rebecca Poirier, City Clerk