

July 15, 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 7:02 p.m. on Monday, July 15, 2013 in the West Annex meeting room, Torrance City Hall.

**2. FLAG SALUTE**

Commissioner Frangos led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: Commissioners Candioly and Rische.

Also Present: Cultural Services Manager Rappoport and  
Cultural Services Supervisor Ferguson.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Miranda moved to grant Commissioner Candioly an excused absence for the July 15, 2013 Commission meeting. Commissioner Bunting 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 JUNE 17, 2013**

Commissioner Endo-Roberts offered the following correction to Items 1, 3, 8B, 11H, and 12 of the June 17 minutes: "Vice-Chairperson Candioly" should be amended to read "Commissioner Candioly."

**MOTION:** Commissioner Miranda moved to approve the June 17, 2013 meeting minutes as amended. Commissioner Miranda seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Commissioners Candioly and Rische).

**6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1**

Richard Whitehorse, Membership Chairperson of Arts Council of Torrance, expressed his appreciation to the Commission for all it does to promote the arts in the community. He shared information about the April 28, 2013 Family Arts Festival at the Ken Miller Recreation Center and plans to hold the event again next year. He distributed brochures, invited Commissioners to attend quarterly meetings, and encouraged them to consider becoming members of the Arts Council.

Chairperson Korman noted the reasonable membership fees and commended the grants they offer to art students and non-profit arts groups.

**7. INTRODUCTIONS**

Supervisor Ferguson introduced Michelle Cho, Torrance Art Museum (TAM) summer intern under the Getty Internship Program.

Ms. Cho shared her background as a West High School graduate and current Rhode Island School of Design student. She discussed career sessions at the Getty Art Summit and HUB tours to Long Beach Museum of Art, Rancho Los Cerritos Historic Site, Arts and Services for the Disabled, and Museum of Latin American Art. She described some of her responsibilities at TAM over the past five weeks that include preparation of the “Baker’s Dozen V” exhibition, volunteers meeting and curator’s walk-through, and youth tours. She encouraged Commissioners to attend TAM events on July 20 and the opening of the next exhibition “True Believers” on August 31.

**8. OLD BUSINESS**

**8A. TORRANCE ART MUSEUM RENTAL POLICY**

Manager Rappoport presented the Torrance Art Museum Rental Policy in attachments with changes made as suggested by Commissioners at the last meeting. She pointed out changes regarding liability insurance and rental of the Conference Room/Library for residents and non-profits.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Bunting moved to accept the Torrance Art Museum Rental Policy as amended. Commissioner Miranda seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Commissioners Candioly and Rische).

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

**9A. UPDATE ON MARKETING CONSULTANT FOR CLASSES AT THE CULTURAL ARTS CENTER**

Manager Rappoport reported that in April the City hired ALJ Consulting to research ways to increase class participation at the Cultural Arts Center. She stated that the firm’s principal, Angela Johnson, has completed her research and data collection and is ready to implement promotional activities. She announced an Open House at the Cultural Arts Center on August 10 to allow the public to see tour classes and facilities. She stated that Commissioners would be invited to participate in focus groups to be held in late July.

**10. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**10A. EXCELLENCE IN ARTS**

Manager Rappoport reported that nominations for awards are due on August 8.

Commissioner Endo-Roberts stated that she attended the July 8 Library Commission meeting to solicit nominations for the Literary Arts category and that several Commissioners expressed interest in considering Tom Rische for an award.

**10B. FACILITIES COMMITTEE**

Manager Rappoport stated that she is meeting with Community Services Director Jones on July 16 to discuss the Wilson Park Gazebo project.

**10C. GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Manager Rappoport reported that City Council approved the 2013 Community Arts grant awards and winners are receiving their checks.

**11. MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Manager Rappoport noted that the Cultural Services Division Report for June 2013 was included in agenda packets. She stated that Adrienne Brandriss has decided to donate her Lyman Whitaker wind sculpture to Little Company of Mary Hospital.

Supervisor Ferguson reported that this is the fourth week of summer classes and discussed the move of the Early Childhood Education Program from McMaster Park to La Romeria Park as well as Little Libraries being installed at Pueblo and Discovery Parks at the end of July through a State grant to the Library. She distributed fliers for *Willy Wonka* opening August 3, Shakespeare by the Sea, and Stories in Art.

**12. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2**

- 12A.** Commissioner Bunting stated that she visited several commercial art galleries.
- 12B.** Commissioner Endo-Roberts stated that she enjoyed Works in Progress, 1316 Cabaret, and the opening of "Elements of Strata" at the APC Fine Arts and Gallery.
- 12C.** Commissioner Frangos discussed a visits to a Hammer opening, jazz benefit at Disney Hall, LACMA to see Metropolis, and Alva's Showroom in San Pedro.
- 12D.** Commissioner Miranda stated that he has been busy with his brother's visit and going to Southern California attractions.
- 12E.** Chairperson Korman stated that she enjoyed 1316 Cabaret, "Sunset Boulevard" at Theatre West, and Councilmember Rhilinger's retirement reception.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** At 8:20 p.m., Commissioner Bunting moved to adjourn the meeting to Monday, August 19, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall. Commissioner Miranda seconded the motion and, hearing no objection, Chairperson Korman so ordered.

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Approved as submitted August 19, 2013 s/ Sue Herbers, City Clerk
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