

**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, November 17, 2014 in the West Annex meeting room, Torrance City Hall. Due to the absence of Chairperson Frangos, Vice-Chairperson Muhammed led the meeting.

2. FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Bunting led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Chairperson Frangos.

Also Present: Cultural Services Manager Rappoport.

MOTION: Commissioner Rische moved to grant Chairperson Frangos an excused absence for the November 17, 2014 Commission meeting. Commissioner Korman seconded the motion; a roll call 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 Candioly seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5A. MINUTES OF OCTOBER 20, 2014

MOTION: Commissioner Candioly moved to approve the Cultural Arts Commission meeting minutes of October 20, 2014 as presented. Commissioner Bunting seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous.

6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

6A. Commissioner Endo-Roberts asked Commissioners to support her when she speaks as a resident before City Council at its November 18 meeting regarding the state of the curtains, lighting and sound equipment at the Armstrong Theatre as well as the Ken Miller Recreation Center, and Nakano Theatre. She stated that the sound system failed repeatedly at a November 2 presentation at the Armstrong Theatre and that she felt embarrassed at the equipment failure. She maintained that the City does not look good if it does not take care of its facilities and noted that many groups, including Metropolitan Theatre Company and Torrance Theatre Company, are forced to rent their own equipment. She asked that an item be placed on the January 26, 2015

Commission meeting agenda to discuss the issue and raised the possibility of scheduling a joint meeting with City Council.

Manager Rappoport recalled that Steve Norris, Arts Council of Torrance, discussed plans to hire professional companies to write reports evaluating the lighting and sound systems at the last Commission meeting. She explained that General Services is responsible for maintaining facilities but that it would be appropriate for Commissioners to voice their concerns to City Council.

Commissioner Korman recommended convening the Facilities Committee in early December, and Manager Rappoport suggested asking Facility Operations Manager Megerdichian to attend.

7. ON-GOING BUSINESS

7A. 2014 EXCELLENCE IN ARTS AWARDS DEBRIEF

Manager Rappoport shared thank you notes from awardees and asked Commissioners to provide comments and suggestions for next year's Excellence in Arts Awards ceremony. It was suggested that speakers be given three to five minute time limits, remind speakers to speak into microphones, make introductions more concise and put more information in the program, post pictures on social media sites, and increase publicity. Staff and Commissioners agreed that the awards ceremony should be held at 2:00 on Saturdays rather than Sundays.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8A. CANCEL DECEMBER COMMISSION MEETING

MOTION: Commissioner Candioly moved for the Cultural Arts Commission to go dark in December 2014. Commissioner Bunting seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Commissioner Frangos).

8B. SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2015 MEETINGS

Manager Rappoport recommended that the Cultural Arts Commission meet on January 26, 2015 and February 23, 2015 as the third Mondays fall on national holidays.

MOTION: Commissioner Bunting, seconded by Commissioner Endo-Roberts, moved for the Cultural Arts Commission to meet on January 26, 2015 and February 23, 2015; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Chairperson Frangos).

8C. REVIEW UPCOMING EVENTS IN EARLY 2015

Manager Rappoport noted that a list of upcoming events was included in agenda packets and announced the 4th Annual Cherry Blossom Festival on March 29, 2015.

9. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

9A. EXCELLENCE IN ARTS

Previously discussed in Item 7A.

9B. FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Manager Rappoport reported that the City Council's Citizen Development and Enrichment Committee is reviewing the Wilson Park Gazebo Renovation Project. She stated that she is giving a PowerPoint presentation and asking them for conceptual approval for the design at their meeting on November 25. She distributed the agenda and welcomed Commissioners to attend.

9C. GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE – No report.

10. MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORT

Cultural Services Manager Rappoport noted that the Cultural Services Division Report for October 2014 was included in agenda packets. She stated that Torrance Theatre Company's production of "Brighton Beach Memoirs" opened on November 8, adding that many shows are sold out. She stated that the November 8 opening reception for the South Bay Focus exhibition at Torrance Art Museum was well attended.

11. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

11A. Commissioner Korman shared several cultural events that she attended that included the Cultural Arts Center Foundation's "Girls Night Out" and "Quattro" at the Jazz Cabaret, "Brighton Beach Memoirs," Destination Art opening, Arts Council luncheon, Reflections competition, and the musical "Big Fish."

11B. Commissioner Endo-Roberts stated that she attended a Japanese American Historical Society lecture on October 25, Ethics training, Excellence in Arts Awards ceremony, the play Natsukashi no Kouhaku Uta Gassen, Arts Council luncheon, Destination Art opening, and the Autumn Festival at the Aquarium of the Pacific.

11C. Commissioner Candioly stated that he participated in the "Gourmet Guys" fundraiser for La Habra Children's Museum.

11D. Commissioner Bunting stated that she enjoyed the South Bay Focus exhibition at Torrance Art Museum and visiting Dudes Brewery.

11E. Commissioner Muhammed stated that he enjoyed "Brighton Beach Memoirs" and the opening of Destination Art.

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: At 8:11 p.m., Commissioner Candioly moved to adjourn the meeting to Monday, January 26, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall. Commissioner Bunting seconded the motion and, hearing no objection, Vice-Chairperson Muhammed so ordered.

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Approved as submitted January 26, 2015 s/ Rebecca Poirier, City Clerk
