

**MINUTES OF A 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, March 21, 2016 in the West Annex meeting room, Torrance City Hall.

2. FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Kang led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Candioly, Frangos, Kang, Korman, Sargent, Taylor*, and Chairperson Muhammed.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Cultural Services Manager Rappoport.

*Commissioner Taylor arrived at 7:05 p.m.

4. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

MOTION: Commissioner Sargent moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on the posting of the agenda. Commissioner Frangos seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 6-0 approval.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5A. MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 22, 2016

MOTION: Commissioner Candioly moved to approve the Commission meeting minutes of February 22, 2016 as presented. Commissioner Sargent seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 6-0 approval.

6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

None.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7A. MEETING TO DEVELOP CULTURAL AGENDA IN THE CITY

Cultural Services Manager Rappoport reported that she and Community Services Director Jones met with Torrance Cultural Arts Foundation members a few weeks ago. She stated that at the meeting there was discussion regarding the need to develop shared resources and collaboration among the many art groups within the City. She

noted that the art community is fragmented and that it would be beneficial to develop working relationships with each other rather than independently. She stated that it would be an appropriate role for the Commission to pull art groups together to try to build a sense of community.

Jean Adelsman, past President of the Foundation, introduced incoming President Nancy Mannon and Executive Director Christian Wolf. She discussed the importance of developing the arts community and having a sense of cohesiveness. She stated that the City underwrites the Foundation's rental fees and raised the possibility of the City underwriting rental fees for other groups. She expressed willingness to offer pages in the Foundation's season brochures for other organizations.

Christian Wolf stated that he would like to work with other visual and performing arts organizations and groups to collaborate on marketing and programming. He noted that City Council suggested that the Commission serve as facilitator as a neutral party to initiate a meeting with the City's art groups.

Cultural Services Manager Rappoport speculated on reasons for the animosity that some groups have towards the Foundation. She stated that there was value in having a closed meeting with all the Executive Directors at a staff level before involving the Commission.

MOTION: Commissioner Korman moved to direct staff to convene a meeting with non-profit arts organizations at the earliest possible convenience and to report back to the Commission. Commissioner Candioly seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

8. ON-GOING BUSINESS

8A. CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL

Cultural Services Manager Rappoport distributed fliers and discussed plans for the 5th annual Cherry Blossom Festival on April 3 at Columbia Park. She stated that there would be several food selections and interactive activities. She encouraged Commissioners to attend and announced that the cherry trees are in bloom right now.

8B. WILSON PARK GAZEBO DRAWINGS

Cultural Services Manager Rappoport presented the full set of plans for the Wilson Park Gazebo project. For the benefit of new Commissioners, she explained the history of the project to enhance the site as a performing arts space. She stated that, once details are finalized, the project would go to the Building Department before going out to bid.

In response to an inquiry from Commissioner Taylor, she stated that the entire budget is \$350,000 and it is within budget to finish.

9. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

9A. EXCELLENCE IN ARTS COMMITTEE

Commissioners confirmed that any Saturday in October would be a preferred date for the Excellence in Arts Awards Ceremony.

9B. FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Previously discussed in Item 8B.

9C. GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE

Cultural Services Manager Rappoport stated that she has sent out a press release and notices to previous applicants announcing the Grants Program, noting that the deadline is May 6.

10. CORRESPONDENCE FOR COMMISSION REVIEW TO ACCEPT AND FILE OR FOR CONSIDERATION AT A FUTURE MEETING

None.

11. MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORT

Cultural Services Manager Rappoport noted that the Cultural Services Division Report for February 2016 was included in agenda packets. She reported that they are in the process of hiring a new Supervisor and that there is a new Volunteer Coordinator. She distributed fliers for the Torrance Art Museum exhibit “doppelganger” on April 2–May 28 and noted that Tunes At The TAM continues to be successful. She stated that Torrance Theatre Company’s “39 Steps” is selling out its performances and that bollards were installed at the Farmers’ Market.

12. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

Commissioners took turns discussing the cultural activities that they participated in since the last Commission meeting.

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: At 7:58 p.m., Commissioner Candioty moved to adjourn the meeting to Monday, April 18, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall. Commissioner Korman seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

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Approved as submitted April 18, 2016 s/ Rebecca Poirier, City Clerk
