

**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, April 20, 2015 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 Taylor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Bunting, Korman, Rische,
Taylor, and Vice-Chairperson Muhammed.

Absent: Commissioner Candioly and Chairperson Frangos.

Also Present: Cultural Services Manager Rappoport.

MOTION: Commissioner Rische moved to grant Commissioner Candioly and Chairperson Frangos excused absences for the April 20, 2015 Commission meeting. Commissioner Bunting seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

4. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

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

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5A. MINUTES OF MARCH 16, 2015

MOTION: Commissioner Rische moved to approve the Cultural Arts Commission meeting minutes of March 16, 2015 as presented. Commissioner Bunting seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous.

6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1 - None

7. NEW BUSINESS

**7A. EXCELLENCE IN ARTS – APPROVAL OF TIMELINE FOR NOMINATIONS
AND ASSIGNMENT OF CATEGORIES**

Manager Rappoport presented the guidelines and application for Excellence in Arts, noting that no changes have been made except for dates. She stated that the guidelines and application would go up on the website and press releases sent out on June 1. She reviewed the proposed timeline for the deadline for submissions, approval of recommendations by the Commission, and awards ceremony on October 24, 2015 at the Toyota Meeting Hall. She stated that Commissioner Candioly has again offered to service as Master of Ceremonies for the event.

She provided a chart of last year's committee assignments and requested that Commissioners consider which category they would like to be responsible for this year. She noted that it has been customary for the Chairperson to be responsible for the Katy Geissert Award. Committee assignments were selected as follows:

Arts Education	Commissioner Taylor
Dance	Commissioner Candioly
Drama & Theatre Arts	Commissioner Korman
Literary Arts	Commissioner Rische
Music	Commissioner Muhammed
Visual Arts & Design	Commissioner Bunting
Katy Geissert Award	Chairperson Frangos

In response to Commissioner Bunting's inquiry, Manager Rappoport provided clarification that Commissioners are not allowed to submit nominations.

MOTION: Commissioner Bunting moved to approve the Excellence in Arts guidelines, application, timeline, and committee assignments. Commissioner Korman seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Commissioner Candioly and Chairperson Frangos).

8. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

8A. EXCELLENCE IN ARTS

Previously discussed in Item 7A.

8B. FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Manager Rappoport reported that staff met with lighting and designing professionals on site for the Wilson Park Gazebo Project, noting that technical issues have been resolved.

8C. GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE

Manager Rappoport reported that grant applications are on the website and that letters have gone out to all past awardees. She stated that two applications have been received so far, and the Grant Review Committee decided to meet on May 18 at 5:30 p.m. to review applications.

9. MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORT

Cultural Services Manager Rappoport noted that the Cultural Services Division Report for March 2015 was included in agenda packets. She reported that they are redoing the market study for class fees, and she noted that fees will be raised but only by a moderate amount. She announced the Bunka-Sai Japanese Cultural Festival on April 25-26, 2015 and Torrance Theatre Company's production of "Picasso at the Lapin Agile" opening on May 9. She stated that Torrance Art Museum (TAM) is celebrating its tenth anniversary in October and that Torrance Art Museum Advocates (TAMA) is planning a fundraiser in September. She stated that Farmers' Market is beginning a pilot program to improve circulation in the parking lot. She informed the Commission that the Salvation Army rented TAM for a fundraiser on April 17.

10. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

10A. Commissioner Korman stated that she enjoyed Torrance Theatre Company's "The Curious Savage," Arts Council of Torrance awards ceremony, South Bay Community Concert Association performance and installation, "Les Miserables," and Cultural Arts Center Foundation's Jazz Cabaret with Perla Batalla.

10B. Commissioner Bunting stated that she enjoyed TAM's opening reception of "Second Sight" on March 28.

10C. Commissioner Taylor stated that he was impressed with the space and arrangements at TAM's opening exhibition of "Second Sight."

10D. Commissioner Muhammed stated that he attended "The Curious Savage" as well as the Kiwani's Club luncheon with Manager Rappoport.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: At 7:36 p.m., Commissioner Korman moved to adjourn the meeting to Monday, May 18, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall. Commissioner Rische seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

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Approved as submitted May 18, 2015 s/ Rebecca Poirier, City Clerk
