

**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, May 16, 2016 in the West Annex meeting room, Torrance City Hall.

**2. FLAG SALUTE**

Commissioner Candioly led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: Commissioner Sargent.

Also Present: Cultural Services Manager Rappoport.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Candioly moved to grant Commissioner Sargent an excused absence for the May 16, 2016 Commission meeting. Commissioner Korman seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 6-0 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 Candioly seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 6-0 approval.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**5A. MINUTES OF APRIL 18, 2016**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Taylor moved to approve the Commission meeting minutes of April 18, 2016 as presented. Commissioner Frangos seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 6-0 approval.

**6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1**

Carol Gillis, Secretary, Torrance Rose Float Association, invited Commissioners to view a color rendering of the 2017 Rose Float at the May 17 City Council meeting. She distributed their newsletter that promotes the Restaurant for Roses fundraisers every month in two restaurants. She announced the next one at El Paso Cantina on May 25 as well as the first annual Luau fundraiser at Ken Miller Recreation Center on August 6. She reminded the Commission that Torrance is the only city in the South Bay that has a float in the Rose Parade.

Cultural Services Manager Rappoport informed Commissioners that Ms. Gillis also serves on the board of Friends of Torrance Theatre Company.

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

**7A. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2016-17 COMMUNITY ARTS GRANT FUNDING**

Commissioner Frangos reported that the Grant Review Committee met on May 16 to review ten grant applications. She noted that copies of all applications, including the amount requested and project/program title, were included in agenda materials. She presented the Committee's recommendations for funding as follows:

Adventures in Art Torrance	\$1,500
Arts Council of Torrance	\$ 500
North Torrance Youth Musicians Ensemble	\$1,200
South Bay Children's Choir	\$1,800

The recommendation served as a motion for approval. Commissioner Candioly seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 6-0 approval.

In response to Chairperson Muhammed's inquiry, Cultural Services Manager Rappoport stated that in making their recommendation the Committee looked at excellence, youth, and Torrance residents served.

Commissioner Frangos raised the possibility of increasing the amount of \$5,000 allocated in the 2016-2017 budget, and Cultural Services Manager Rappoport stated that she would submit a program modification.

**8. ON-GOING BUSINESS**

**8A. RECAP OF THE ARTS COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP MEETING**

Cultural Services Manager Rappoport reported that the Arts Community Leadership meeting was held on April 25 and was well attended by 11 organizations. She noted that Mayor Furey and Councilmember Ashcraft also attended. She stated that discussion focused on marketing and cooperative promotion, signage within the complex, need for exhibition space, and technical issues at the Armstrong Theatre. She noted that the Cultural Arts Foundation is offering space in their annual season brochure and that the next meeting would be in July.

**9. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**9A. EXCELLENCE IN ARTS COMMITTEE**

Cultural Services Manager Rappoport reported that she has received requests for applications and has sent out letters to previous awardees. The time for the October 23 Excellence in Arts Awards Ceremony was set at 2:00.

**9B. FACILITIES COMMITTEE**

Cultural Services Manager Rappoport reported that the Building Department has reviewed the set of plans for the Wilson Park Gazebo project and the architects are addressing their comments and questions.

**9C. GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Previously discussed in Item 7A.

**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 April 2016 was included in agenda packets. She distributed fliers for Torrance Art Museum's exhibition "Grafforists" opening on June 18 and the Cultural Arts Center Open House and Tours on June 18. She thanked Commissioners for attending the May 2 Los Angeles County Arts Commission Town Hall meeting that focused on what cultural equity means to communities. She discussed the meeting and distributed a flier listing future dates and locations of additional Town Hall meetings. She stated that the May 11 Arts For All candidate forum for County Supervisor was well attended. She announced that Torrance Theatre Company's "Self-Help" opened on May 14 and is receiving good reviews.

Commissioner Korman recommended providing food at the Cultural Arts Center Open House and Tours.

**12. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2**

**12A.** Georgette Gatner provided information about the musical events she is putting on at Torrance Art Museum on the third Thursday of every month. She suggested that the Commission consider a budget for this program.

Cultural Services Manager Rappoport asked Ms. Gatner to write a proposal and submit it to her so that staff can discuss it internally.

Commissioner Korman suggested promoting the program in the Torrance Tribune.

**12B.** Commissioner Taylor stated that he attended the Town Hall meeting and thought the discussion about diversity was interesting.

**12C.** Commissioner Korman stated that she enjoyed Torrance Civic Chorale at the Armstrong Theatre, Destination: Art's "Life's A Beach" art exhibition, the Town Hall meeting, and the dog stunt show at the Armstrong Theatre. She announced the Cultural Arts Foundation's Gala on June 17 at Robinson Helicopter.

**12D.** Chairperson Muhammed stated that he enjoyed "Self-Help" and plans to attend the Arts Council of Torrance event on May 22.

**12E.** Commissioners Candioly and Kang spoke.

**12F.** Commissioner Frangos stated that she attended the Town Hall meeting and Palos Verdes Arts Center.

**12G.** Cultural Services Manager Rappoport stated that 14 people have been interviewed for the new Supervisor position.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** At 7:46 p.m., Commissioner Candioly moved to adjourn the meeting to Monday, June 20, 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 approval.

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Approved as submitted June 20, 2016 s/ Rebecca Poirier, City Clerk
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