

**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, June 20, 2016 in the West Annex meeting room, Torrance City Hall.

2. FLAG SALUTE

Cultural Services Manager Rappoport led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Commissioner Taylor.

Also Present: Cultural Services Manager Rappoport.

MOTION: Commissioner Candioly moved to grant Commissioner Taylor an excused absence for the June 20, 2016 Commission meeting. Commissioner Korman seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 6-0 approval.

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 Korman seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 6-0 approval.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5A. MINUTES OF MAY 16, 2016

MOTION: Commissioner Candioly moved to approve the Commission meeting minutes of May 16, 2016 as presented. Commissioner Kang seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 6-0 approval (absent Commissioner Taylor).

6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

6A. David Wolfram, Destination: Art, distributed fliers and map for the 2nd annual Art Walk on June 25 in downtown Torrance. He stated that art would be displayed in 12 locations and that Destination: Art would be hosting a reception for its associate artists.

6B. Steve Norris, Arts Council of Torrance, stated that the Flag Day celebration with Everett Emerson at the Library was successful and well attended. He discussed plans for a Day of Remembrance for Armistice Day on November 10.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7A. 2016-2017 NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Cultural Services Manager Rappoport suggested that the Commission follow past procedure and elect the Commission Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson on the basis of seniority.

MOTION: Commissioner Candioty moved to elect Commissioner Taylor as Chairperson of the Cultural Arts Commission for the period of July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017. Commissioner Sargent seconded the motion. There were no further nominations and Commissioner Taylor was elected on a 6-0 roll call vote (absent Commissioner Taylor).

MOTION: Commissioner Sargent moved to elect Commissioner Sargent as Vice-Chairperson of the Cultural Arts Commission for the period of July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017. Commissioner Kang seconded the motion. There were no further nominations and Commissioner Sargent was elected on a 6-0 roll call vote (absent Commissioner Taylor).

Commissioners and staff expressed appreciation to Chairperson Muhammed for a job well done as Chairperson.

8. ON-GOING BUSINESS

8A. UPDATE ON THE ADOPTED 2016-2017 BUDGET

Cultural Services Manager Rappoport reported that City Council approved the 2016-2017 budget on May 17. She highlighted two items that directly impact the Cultural Services Department: Re-instatement of three Concerts in the Park, and Additional part-time staff hours to manage the Community Gardens. She noted that one of the concerts was being underwritten through a grant from the Los Angeles County Arts Commission, and announced a concert on July 23 at Columbia Park.

Chairperson Muhammed raised the possibility of asking for an increase in the Grants budget, and Cultural Services Manager Rappoport stated that she would submit a program modification.

9. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

9A. EXCELLENCE IN ARTS COMMITTEE

Cultural Services Manager Rappoport reported that the application for Excellence in Arts Awards is online and that she plans to put out a press release. The next Committee meeting is June 27 at Torrance Art Museum.

9B. FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Cultural Services Manager Rappoport reported that structural engineering issues have been going back and forth between the Building Department and architects for the

Wilson Park Gazebo project. She noted that the contract with the architect expires on June 30 and expressed hope that plans would be finalized by then.

9C. GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE

Cultural Services Manager Rappoport reported that the Commission's recommendation for grant funding is being considered by City Council on June 21.

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 May 2016 was included in agenda packets. She stated that she just returned from Boston where she attended the Americans for the Arts Conference. She described visits to an area of the city that has become an arts center, Arts for Humanity, and Boston Museum of Fine Art. She distributed Torrance Theatre Company's 2016-17 Season brochure and a flier for their summer musical "The Drowsy Chaperone" opening August 13. She stated that new Supervisor Ginna Muzingo would be coming to the next Commission meeting.

12. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

12A. Commissioner Sargent stated that she volunteered at Healthy Kids Day at the YMCA and also enjoyed Destination: Art's "Life's a Beach," "Romeo and Juliet" ballet, Cultural Arts Foundation's Gala, and harpist Vanessa Sheldon at the Library.

12B. Commissioner Korman stated that she enjoyed Torrance Theatre Company's "Self-Help," Cultural Arts Center Open House, Cultural Arts Foundation's Gala, Destination: Art's "Life's a Beach," and harpist Vanessa Sheldon.

12C. Chairperson Muhammed stated that he enjoyed the Candidate's Forum and Arts Council of Torrance's Spotlight awards.

12D. Commissioners Candioly, Frangos, and Kang spoke.

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: At 7:50 p.m., Commissioner Candioly moved to adjourn the meeting to Monday, July 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 approval.

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