

**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 6:59 p.m. on Monday, July 18, 2016 in the West Annex meeting room, Torrance City Hall.

2. FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Frangos led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None.

Also Present: Cultural Services Manager Rappoport and Cultural Services Supervisor Muzingo.

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 Candioly seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5A. MINUTES OF JUNE 20, 2016

MOTION: Commissioner Candioly moved to approve the Commission meeting minutes of June 20, 2016 as presented. Commissioner Korman seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1 – None.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7A. INTRODUCE GINNA MUZINGO, CULTURAL SERVICES SUPERVISOR

Cultural Services Manager Rappoport introduced Cultural Services Supervisor Muzingo who shared her background and plans to develop classes for working individuals. She stated that her responsibilities include overseeing the Torrance Dance and Drill team, visual arts, ceramics, and jewelry programs.

7B. TORRANCE SISTER CITY STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Cultural Services Manager Rappoport provided a report on the Torrance Sister City Association and its annual Student Exchange Program. She reported that eight Torrance students left on July 12 to visit sister city Kashiwa, Japan, for three weeks, and that from August 8 to August 25 eight students from Kashiwa are visiting Torrance. She described excursions planned for the Kashiwa students and noted that they would be introduced at the August 9 City Council meeting.

8. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

8A. EXCELLENCE IN ARTS COMMITTEE

Cultural Services Manager Rappoport reported that she has sent out applications for Excellence in Arts awards, and the Committee made plans to reconvene in two weeks.

8B. FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Cultural Services Manager Rappoport announced that the construction document package for the Wilson Park Gazebo project has been approved by the Building Department. She stated that the project can go out to bid and that they have starting looking into programming for summer 2017.

8C. GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE

Cultural Services Manager Rappoport reported that the Commission's recommendation for grant funding was approved by City Council and that checks will be ready in August.

9. MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORT

Cultural Services Manager Rappoport noted that the Cultural Services Division Report for June 2016 was included in agenda packets. She announced Lisa Haley and the Zydecats on July 23 at Columbia Park, the kickoff for three Concerts in the Park summer series, adding that the other concerts will be on August 6 and September 10. She reported that rehearsals have begun for Torrance Theatre Company's summer musical "The Drowsy Chaperone," with the opening night on August 13.

10. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

10A. Commissioner Sargent stated that she enjoyed a watercolor show and Destination: Art's June 25 Art Walk.

10B. Chairperson Taylor discussed an Arts Council of Torrance meeting and their plans to showcase artists at local microbreweries.

10C. Commissioner Korman stated that she enjoyed the Palos Verdes Symphonic Band at the Botanical Gardens, the June 25 Art Walk, and City Council's swearing in ceremony.

10D. Commissioner Kang discussed her attendance at a Torrance Art Museum workshop.

10E. Commissioners Candioly, Frangos, and Muhammed spoke.

10F. Cultural Services Manager Rappoport discussed plans to schedule a meeting with Art Walk participants and the City's Economic Development to discuss involving more businesses in the event.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: At 7:36 p.m., Commissioner Candioly moved to adjourn the meeting to Monday, August 15, 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 August 15, 2016 s/ Rebecca Poirier, City Clerk
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