

**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 7:01 p.m. on Monday, September 21, 2015 in the West Annex meeting room, Torrance City Hall.

**2. FLAG SALUTE**

Commissioner Frangos led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. ROLL CALL**

Present: Commissioners Frangos, Korman, Rische, Taylor, and Chairperson Muhammed.

Absent: Commissioner Candioly.

Also Present: Cultural Services Manager Rappoport.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Korman moved to grant an excused absence to Commissioner Candioly for the September 21, 2015 Cultural Arts Commission meeting. Commissioner Frangos 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 Frangos seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**5A. MINUTES OF AUGUST 17, 2015**

Commissioner Korman offered a correction as follows: Page 2, 8B, paragraph 3: “Commissioners Korman and Candioly explained that she was not selected because Joanna Nacheff, conductor for Los Cancioneros, was awarded...”

**MOTION:** Commissioner Rische moved to approve the Commission meeting minutes of August 17, 2015 as amended. Commissioner Korman seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Commissioner Candioly).

**6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1 - None.**

**7. OLD BUSINESS**

**7A. 2015 EXCELLENCE IN ARTS AWARDS UPDATE**

Manager Rappoport distributed invitations to the October 24 Excellence in Arts Awards ceremony at Toyota Meeting Hall. She informed the Commission that Pam Barrett and Jim Hill declined the Katy Geissert award because they did not feel they were worthy to accept it. She reported that, due to time constraints, the Excellence in Arts Committee decided that there would not be a Katy Geissert award this year. She presented the program line up, noting that Mayor Furey would speak and that Commissioner Candioly would serve as Master of Ceremonies. She stated that each Commissioner would present the award of their category and that scripts would be mailed before the October Commission meeting.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

**8A. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER AS NATIONAL ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH**

Manager Rappoport presented a draft proclamation declaring October 2015 as National Arts and Humanities Month in Torrance. She reported that the proclamation is scheduled for presentation at the October 13 City Council meeting and encouraged Commissioners to attend the meeting.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Frangos moved to adopt as presented the proclamation declaring October 2015 as National Arts and Humanities Month in Torrance. Commissioner Rische seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Commissioner Candioly).

**8B. TORRANCE ART MUSEUM 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY**

Manager Rappoport reported that Torrance Art Museum is celebrating its ten year anniversary with two events, one that happened on September 12 and the other to be held on October 13. She stated that the September 12 event was an extremely successful auction at which artists donated 266 artworks priced at \$100 each. She noted that 166 artworks sold, netting Torrance Art Museum Advocates \$16,325.97. She stated that over 400 people attended the event, including Mayor Furey and several Councilmembers, the City Clerk, and expressed appreciation to Commissioners Frangos, Taylor, and Candioly for attending. She announced that on October 13 there will be a reception at Torrance Art Museum at 4:00 p.m., with Mayor Furey scheduled to speak and present a proclamation. She noted that Torrance Art Museum volunteers will be honored and that the event is open to the public.

**9. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**9A. EXCELLENCE IN ARTS**

Previously discussed in Item 7A.

**9B. FACILITIES COMMITTEE**

Manager Rappoport reported that she expects to present a new design and estimated budget for the Wilson Park Gazebo Project at the October Commission meeting. She stated that the new design is more functional and will provide shade, lighting, and curtain options.

**9C. GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE - No report.**

**10. MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Manager Rappoport noted that the Cultural Services Division Report for August 2015 was included in agenda packets. She informed the Commission that Commissioner Bunting has resigned from the Commission and has accepted a full time position at the Getty Museum. She stated that the Division has hired Raymond Schnurr as new Director of the Torrance Civic Chorale and distributed flyers for a free concert at Columbia Park on September 27 with Mystic Wave. She announced that Torrance Theatre Company's "One Slight Hitch" opened on September 12.

**11. CORRESPONDENCE FOR COMMISSION REVIEW TO ACCEPT AND FILE OR FOR CONSIDERATION AT A FUTURE MEETING - None.**

**12. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2**

**12A.** Commissioner Korman stated that she enjoyed the Dale Chihuly Glass Museum in Seattle, "Mary Poppins" at the Norris, and Quartetto Gelato with the South Bay Community Concert Association.

**12B.** Chairperson Muhammed stated that he is looking forward to the Mystic Wave concert and Torrance Art Museum event.

**12C.** Commissioner Frangos stated that she attended a Diana Krall concert at the Hollywood Bowl and the Torrance Art Museum auction.

**12D.** Commissioner Taylor stated that he enjoyed the Torrance Art Museum auction and a Dave Matthews concert at the Verizon Theatre.

**12E.** In response to Commissioner Korman's inquiry, Manager Rappoport stated that the director of Art to Grown On is discontinuing her classes but that the Division plans to hold a series of workshops with her.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** At 7:40 p.m., Commissioner Korman moved to adjourn the meeting to Monday, October 19, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall. Commissioner Frangos seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

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Approved as submitted  
October 19, 2015  
s/ Rebecca Poirier, City Clerk