

**MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING OF THE
TORRANCE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance Cultural Arts Commission convened in an adjourned regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 25, 2010 in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall.

2. FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Bunting led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Bunting, Candioly, Endo-Roberts, Korman, Rische, Shwarts, and Chairperson Miranda.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Cultural Services Manager Rappoport.

3A. WELCOME NEW COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners and staff welcomed new Commissioners Dale Korman and Marla Shwarts. Cultural Services Manager Rappoport distributed an overview of the Cultural Services Division to assist them in their new appointments.

4. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

MOTION: Commissioner Endo-Roberts moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on the posting of the agenda. Commissioner Candioly seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5A. MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 16, 2009

Commissioner Rische offered the following correction to the minutes:

Page 3, Item 10E, Commissioner Endo-Roberts stated that she enjoyed the Almost Great Pumpkin Street Fair...”

MOTION: Commissioner Candioly moved to approve the November 16, 2009 Commission meeting minutes as corrected. Commissioner Rische seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

Cultural Services Manager Rappoport stated that approval of subcommittee meeting minutes, listed as 5B, 5C, and 5D on the agenda, was not necessary.

6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

Cultural Services Consultant Powers distributed a flier and discussed the upcoming 2010 Works in Progress series "Enduring Spirit" which begins February 20, 2010. He stated that the series focuses on the Chinese American community and their contributions locally and nationally. He recognized Torrance residents Anna Gee and Kim Wang for their assistance in the planning and implementation of this program. He noted that more than 25 events are scheduled to coincide with the presentation and expressed appreciation to the many associated organizations and partners. He described the first event, the short film "Long Story Short" on February 20, 2010, and programs to follow on February 24, March 31, April 28, and May 26, 2010.

Manager Rappoport provided information about a City sponsored excursion to the new Chinese Garden at the Huntington Library in May 2010.

Cultural Services Consultant Powers distributed the Program Report for the June 7, 2009 Ooodles of Noodles and briefly discussed plans for this year's event scheduled for June 6, 2010.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7A. NEW COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

It was noted that Commissioner Korman was appointed for a four-year term and Commissioner Shwartz for a three-year term.

8. ON-GOING BUSINESS

8A. RESOLUTION OF MEMBERSHIP EXHIBITIONS AT THE TORRANCE ART MUSEUM (TAM)

Manager Rappoport was pleased to report that TAM reached a resolution with Torrance Artist's Guild and South Bay Watercolor Society regarding membership exhibitions. She stated that all parties have approved the South Bay Focus description attached in agenda materials, noting that the exhibition runs from November 20 to December 17, 2010 and that sculpture will be accepted this year.

Commissioner Bunting commended the resolution but pointed out that the proposed juror fee of \$300 is very low and that a juror is often the draw to a show.

8B. UPDATE ON TORRANCE THEATRE COMPANY

Manager Rappoport offered regrets that Torrance Theatre Company Producer Inferrera was unable to attend this meeting. She stated that Torrance Theatre Company is restructuring its season to kick-off with the August summer musical and will begin moving performances outside the Cultural Arts Center into other parts of the City.

In response to Commissioner Candioly's inquiry, she stated that the City may lose some revenue but will save on expense.

8C. APPROVAL OF CONCEPTUAL RFQ FOR WILSON PARK AMPHITHEATRE IMPROVEMENTS

Manager Rappoport noted that minutes from the December 7, 2009 and January 19, 2010 Facilities Subcommittee meetings were included in agenda packets. She reported that the committee decided to proceed with improvements at the existing amphitheatre and approved a draft Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to hire a consultant. She noted that \$90,000 has been set aside for this project and that it is recommended that the bulk of this be used to make actual improvements and enhancements at the gazebo. She stated that proposed improvements include increasing the footprint of the stage and installing light poles.

MOTION: Chairperson Miranda moved to concur with the Facilities Subcommittee recommendation to approve the Request for Qualifications for Wilson Park Amphitheatre improvements. Commissioner Korman seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

8D. APPROVAL OF EXCELLENCE IN ART GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION

Commissioner Candioty reported that the Excellence in Arts Subcommittee met on December 7, 2009 to review guidelines, criteria, and application form for Excellence in Arts. It was noted that minutes from that meeting are included in the material of record. He stated that the committee recommends changing the date of the Excellence in Arts ceremony to October, to coincide with National Arts & Humanities month. Other recommendations include serving finger foods rather than lunch, expanding the Drama category to Drama and Theatre Arts, expanding the Visual Arts category to Visual Arts and Design, and utilizing Face Book to recruit applicants. October 17, 2010 was tentatively selected for the event.

MOTION: Commissioner Rische moved to select a date for the 2010 Excellence in Arts event, to consider the Excellence in Arts Subcommittee recommendations, and to select category chairs at the February 22, 2010 Commission meeting. Commissioner Endo-Roberts seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

8. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

8A. EXCELLENCE IN ARTS COMMITTEE

Previously discussed in Item 8D.

8B. FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Previously discussed in Item 8C.

8C. GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE

No report.

9. MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Manager Rappoport noted that the Cultural Services Division Report for January 2010 was included in agenda materials.

10. ORALS

10A. Manager Rappoport stated that City Council will consider installation of the “Dreaming of the Kiss” sculpture on February 2, 2010.

10B. Commissioner Korman encouraged Commissioners to attend the Torrance Symphony and Foundation fundraiser “Four Bitchin’ Babes” on February 6, 2010.

10C. Commissioner Rische stated that she enjoyed “Mary Poppins.”

10D. Commissioner Endo-Roberts stated that she enjoyed “Joys of the Season.”

10E. Commissioner Bunting discussed visits to Huntington Library, Chinatown galleries, Culver City galleries, and Torrance Art Museum.

10F. Commissioner Candioly stated that he enjoyed the Torrance Art Museum exhibition, Colortech gallery, and “On the Fritz” at Hermosa Playhouse.

10G. Chairperson Miranda stated that he liked the film “Nine” and is busy making plans for Chinese New Year.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: At 7:55 p.m., Commissioner Candioly moved to adjourn the meeting to Monday, February 22, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall. Commissioner Endo-Roberts seconded the motion and, hearing no objection, Chairperson Miranda so ordered.

Approved as Submitted February 22, 2010 s/ Sue Herbers, City Clerk
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