

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance Community Services Commission convened in a regular session at 7:05 p.m. on Thursday, February 24, 2005 in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL/MOTIONS FOR EXCUSED ABSENCE

Present: Commissioners Adams, Gibson, Hachmeister, Hazell, Ning, and Chairperson Orpe.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Senior Recreation Supervisor Kelso.

3. FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Gibson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

MOTION: Commissioner Gibson, with a second by Commissioner Hachmeister, moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on the posting of the agenda for this meeting; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

9. ORALS

This item was considered out of order.

Commissioners welcomed former Commissioner Diana Tanaka who recently moved to Pasadena. Ms. Tanaka expressed her gratitude and appreciation to Commissioners, and stated that she enjoyed her 2-1/2 years serving on the Commission.

She announced that the Go for Broke Foundation would be screening "The Tradition of Honor" on March 4, 2005 in Stage Two Theatre.

Commissioners thanked Ms. Tanaka for her contributions to the Commission, shares memories, bid her a warm farewell, and invited her to attend future meetings.

Commissioner Hachmeister stated that the February 23, 2005 presentation of "The Trial of Lenny Bruce, 1964" was sold out and the best "Works in Progress" so far. He encouraged Commissioners to watch the presentation on Channel 3 and to attend "The Court Martial of William Calley, 1970" on March 30, 2005.

Senior Recreation Supervisor Kelso informed Commissioners, pending approval by City Council on March 1, 2005, that under the new Community Services Department two of the six Senior Recreation Supervisor positions would be lost through attrition. He advised that the Community Services Commission, the Commission on Aging, and Therapeutic Recreation would fall under Senior Citizens and Therapeutic Recreation that currently falls under Senior Recreation Supervisor Wand. He explained the short-term and long-term organizational plans and the additional duties that he would be inheriting.

Responding to Commissioner Ning's inquiries, he advised that the intention of the City Manager's office was immediate and long-range budgetary savings and that he did not know if the Community Services Commission and Commission on Aging would merge.

Commissioner Adams initiated a brief discussion regarding the Commission's position on the organizational plans.

Commissioner Hachmeister announced the March 15, 2005 Commissioner Orientation at 6:30 p.m. in Katy Geissert Civic Center Library.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: JANUARY 27, 2005

MOTION: Commissioner Hachmeister moved for the approval of the January 27, 2005 Torrance Community Services Commission meeting minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hazell and passed by unanimous voice vote approval (with Commissioner Gibson abstaining).

6. STANDING COMMITTEES

6A. SOCIAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Next Meeting is March 21, 2005 at 12:00 noon at the West Annex Commission Room

Commissioner Hachmeister confirmed that Assembly member Gordon or a staff member from his office would speak on the State's financial crisis at the March 21, 2005 meeting. He advised that a member from State Senator Bowen's office would also be invited to speak.

Commissioners Gibson, Adams, Ning, Hachmeister, and Orpe indicated that they would be attending the meeting.

Commissioners Gibson, Hachmeister, and Adams were selected to represent the Social Services Advisory Committee at the March 21, 2005 meeting.

Commissioner Ning volunteered to arrange speakers for the June 20, 2005 Social Services Advisory Committee meeting who represent corporations that manufacture and market items for the disabled

7. GRANT PROGRAM FOR NON-PROFIT SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCIES

Senior Recreation Supervisor Kelso announced that financial and narrative reports from last year's grant recipients were due on February 28, 2005. He advised that he would inform Commissioners of any outstanding financial and narrative reports at

the next Commission meeting. He stated that South Bay Children's Center, New Life Advocacy, and The Salvation Army have submitted reports. He informed Commissioners that this year's grant recipients were picking up their awards beginning February 24, 2005.

In response to Commissioner Ning's inquiry, he advised that the source of funding for the grant program was strictly from the City of Torrance.

8. YOUTH COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

8A. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS: February 2, 2005 – Commissioner Orpe

Chairperson Orpe reported that topics at the February 2, 2005 Youth Council meeting were the Associated Student Bowl (ASB) Bowl and tsunami outreach on April 7, 2005, a fashion show in March, the Youth Forum, Beat the Odds, and Spring Boutique on March 20, 2005.

He stated that he had reminded the Youth Council that attendance at Commission meetings was very important. He noted that Youth Council member Michelle Gnanaknoe was scheduled to monitor tonight's Commission meeting and was not present.

February 16, 2005 – Commissioner Adams

No report.

8B. COMMISSIONERS' ASSIGNMENTS:

March 2, 2005 - Commissioner Hachmeister – West Annex Commission Room
March 16, 2005 - Commissioner Adams – West Annex Commission Room

Commissioner Gibson questioned why both the Community Services Commission and Parks and Recreation Commission monitored Youth Council meetings and why Youth Council members needed to attend both Commission meetings. Senior Recreation Supervisor Kelso advised that the description of the Youth Council stated that they would maintain a liaison with both Commissions and that the purpose was for the Youth Council to gain a better understanding of the community as a whole and how City government works.

Commissioner Hazell suggested that Youth Council members prepare and report on Youth Council meetings at Community Services Commission meetings as opposed to Commissioners attending their meetings. Following discussion on the suggestion, it was determined that this would provide a greater incentive for Youth Council members to fulfill their obligations to attend meetings.

Commissioner Ning noted that Commissioners attending Youth Council meetings played a passive, listening role and questioned if the Commission should play a more proactive mentoring role.

Commissioner Hachmeister entertained two motions that the Youth Council be informed on March 2, 2005 that Youth Council members would be reporting on their activities at future Commission meetings. He withdrew his motions pending staff report on the historical background on the Commission's ties with the Youth Council.

Chairperson Orpe suggested that Debbie Reed attend a Commission meeting to discuss the Youth Council.

9. ORALS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Previously discussed at this meeting.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: At 8:17 p.m., Commissioner Hachmeister moved, with a second by Commissioner Gibson, to adjourn the meeting to Thursday, March 24, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at the West Annex Commission Room, City Hall.

Approved as Written March 24, 2005 s/ Sue Herbers, City Clerk
