

**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, January 23, 2012 in the West Annex meeting room, Torrance City Hall.

2. FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Shwartz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Commissioner Miranda.

Also Present: Cultural Services Manager Rappoport.

MOTION: Commissioner Bunting moved to grant Commissioner Miranda an excused absence for the January 23, 2012 Commission meeting. Commissioner Rische seconded the motion; voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

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 Rische seconded the motion; voice vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Commissioner Miranda).

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5A. MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 28, 2011

Commissioner Korman offered the following correction to the minutes: Page 4, 11D, line 2: "She stated that L.A. Vocal Core who performed at West High School..."

MOTION: Commissioner Rische moved to approve the November 28, 2011 Cultural Arts Commission meeting minutes as amended. Commissioner Korman seconded the motion; voice vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Commissioner Miranda).

6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

None.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7A. ASSIGN COMMISSIONERS TO STANDING COMMITTEES AND APPOINT CHAIRS

Manager Rappoport requested that Commissioners review the chart of current assignments to the Excellence in Arts, Facilities, and Grant Review Standing Committees and to consider which committee they would prefer to serve on. Following a brief discussion, the following Committee members and Chairs were determined:

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Committee Chair</u>	<u>Committee Members</u>
Excellence in Arts	Candioty	Korman, Rische
Facilities	Korman	Candioty, Endo-Roberts
Grant Review	Bunting	Miranda, Shwartz

7B. DISCUSS SPECIAL EVENT FOR EXCELLENCE IN ARTS AWARDS FOR CITY CENTENNIAL

Manager Rappoport provided background on the item and recommended that the newly formed Excellence in Arts Committee meet next week to discuss the possibility of doing something special this year to commemorate the Centennial as well as 35 years of the Excellence in Arts Awards program.

Chairperson Candioty suggested that Program Coordinator Inferrera be invited to the Committee meeting.

Commissioner Korman recalled that there was interest in doing something with the Arts Council of Torrance and pointed out that the best time frame would be in May 2012 after the April competition.

7C. PARTICIPATION IN LOS ANGELES CHAMBER ORCHESTRA'S "PLAY ME, I'M YOURS" PROJECT

Manager Rappoport announced that Torrance was accepted as a participant in the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra's "Play Me, I'm Yours" project. She stated that the project places 30 pianos in public spaces around Los Angeles County for three weeks, starting in late April, for the public to play. She requested that Commissioners think about sites suggested by staff or come up with their own suggestions, keeping in mind the requirement for high foot traffic and public accessibility.

Commissioners offered suggestions that include Madrona Marsh, Miramar Park, Torrance Art Museum, and Del Amo Mall food court.

8. OLD BUSINESS

8A. EXCELLENCE IN ARTS AWARDS EVENT – REVIEW SELECTION PROCESS

Manager Rappoport noted that minutes from the November 28, 2011 Excellence in Arts Committee meeting were included in agenda packets. She noted that discussion centered on whether Commissioners are able to make nominations themselves or if they must solicit staff or a community member to do it. She presented options for selecting

winners and recommended that the newly formed Excellence in Arts Committee discuss the nomination process and bring back a recommendation to the full Commission.

Following discussion, it was decided that Commissioners present at this meeting vote on whether Commissioners can make nominations or not.

MOTION: Commissioner Bunting moved to keep the same process – Commissioners are not able to make nominations for Excellence in Arts awards and only solicit them from staff and the community – and the entire Commission votes on each one. Commissioner Korman seconded the motion; the motion passed on a 5-1 voice vote, with Commissioner Shwarts opposing (absent Commissioner Miranda).

8B. CHERRY BLOSSOM CULTURAL FESTIVAL

Manager Rappoport provided an update on the Cherry Blossom Cultural Festival being planned for March 4, 2012 in Columbia Park. She reported that it will be a Torrance Centennial event as well as an event of the Japan – U.S. Cherry Blossom Festival Centennial. She discussed plans for entertainment and sponsors that include Torrance Sister City Association and Soka Gakkai International.

9. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

9A. EXCELLENCE IN ARTS

Previously discussed.

9B. FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Manager Rappoport recommended that the Facilities Committee reconvene to discuss plans for the Wilson Park amphitheatre and bring back its recommendation to the Commission. She stated that staff received the soil testing report and that it appears there will need to be some mitigation and therefore increased cost. She stated that structural engineers and geotechnical people would need to work with the landscape architect during the next phase.

9C. GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE

Manager Rappoport reported that she would bring the Guidelines to the next Commission meeting.

10. MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

10A. Manager Rappoport noted that the Cultural Services Division Report for November and December 2011 was included in agenda packets. She reported that “To Live and Paint in Los Angeles” had a successful opening on January 21 with over 500 people in attendance. She noted that “The Complete Works of Shakespeare” is doing well and will be presented the next three weekends through February 11.

11. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

11A. Chairperson Candioly offered to check with the City Council's secretary about possible dates for a joint meeting with City Council.

11B. Commissioner Rische stated that she enjoyed Shen Yun at the Dorothy Chandler Pavillion and the play "Fela" at the Ahmanson Theatre.

11C. Commissioner Endo-Roberts expressed appreciation to Debbie Collins for providing rosters and a list of upcoming cultural events. She stated that she also enjoyed Shen Yun and is looking forward to "The Complete Works of Shakespeare."

11D. Commissioner Shwartz stated that she also enjoyed "Fela" and had the opportunity to see President Obama at a conference in Washington D.C. in December.

11E. Commissioner Korman stated that she enjoyed the Jazz Cabaret on January 20, Torrance Symphony's "The Torrance Centennial Celebration" on January 21, and the Platt Brothers on January 22. She distributed fliers and encouraged Commissioners to attend the February 25 Torrance Symphony FUNdraiser.

11E. Commissioner Bunting shared information about visits to several Getty-sponsored Pacific Standard Time exhibitions at Santa Monica Museum of Art and Orange County Museum of Art. She also had the opportunity to visit the Henry Art Gallery in Seattle and the L.A. Contemporary Art Fair.

11F. Chairperson Candioly stated that he enjoyed "Fela," Cirque du Soleil's "Iris" at the Kodak Theatre, and several Lakers games.

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: At 8:02 p.m., Commissioner Endo-Roberts moved to adjourn the meeting to Wednesday, February 27, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall. Commissioner Korman seconded the motion and, hearing no objection, Chairperson Candioly so ordered.

Approved as Submitted March 19, 2012 s/ Sue Herbers, City Clerk
