

**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, January 24, 2011 in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall.

**2. FLAG SALUTE**

Commissioner Miranda led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: Chairperson Endo-Roberts.

Also Present: Cultural Services Manager Rappoport and Cultural Services Senior Supervisor Bell.

Due to the absence of Chairperson Endo-Roberts, Vice-Chairperson Candioly led the meeting.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Rische moved to grant Chairperson Endo-Roberts an excused absence for the January 24, 2011 Commission meeting. Commissioner Miranda seconded the motion; a voice 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 Miranda seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**5A. MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 15, 2010**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Miranda moved for the approval of the November 15, 2010 Commission meeting minutes as submitted. Commissioner Rische seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Chairperson Endo-Roberts).

**6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1**

None.

**7. ON-GOING BUSINESS**

**7A. APPROVAL OF DRAFT AGENDA OF JOINT MEETING WITH CITY COUNCIL**

Cultural Services Manager Rappoport presented a draft agenda for the joint meeting with City Council on February 15, 2011. She recognized Commissioners Korman, Candioly, and Chairperson Endo-Roberts for their assistance in preparing the draft and advised that it has been sent to the City Manager's office for approval.

**7B. DONATION OF SCULPTURE**

Manager Rappoport reported that artist David French has generously offered to donate his 89" tall sculpture "When the Morning Comes to the City of Torrance." She noted that Mr. French has given permission to Torrance Art Museum (TAM) to sell the sculpture, valued at approximately \$5,000, to raise funds for the Museum. She distributed photographs of the sculpture and requested that the Commission accept the donation on behalf of the City with the purpose of using it to raise funds for TAM.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Bunting moved to accept a donation of the sculpture "When the Morning Comes to the City of Torrance" with the purpose of using it to raise funds for Torrance Art Museum. Commissioner Korman seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Chairperson Endo-Roberts).

In response to Commissioner Shwartz' inquiry, Manager Rappoport advised that she would send Mr. French a thank you note on behalf of the City and inform City Manager Jackson who would inform City Council.

Vice-Chairperson Candioty suggested holding an art auction prior to a larger event at the Cultural Arts Center.

**7C. SUB-COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Miranda moved to defer this item to the March 2011 Commission meeting when all Commissioners are present. Commissioner Rische seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Chairperson Endo-Roberts).

**8. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**8A. EXCELLENCE IN ARTS COMMITTEE**

No report.

**8B. FACILITIES COMMITTEE**

No report.

**8C. GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE**

No report.

**9. MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Manager Rappoport noted that the Cultural Services Division Report for November and December 2010 was included in agenda packets. She reported that approximately 400 people attended the opening of the TAM exhibition "What's New, Pussycat?" on January 22, 2011. She announced Torrance Theatre Company's production of "Over the River and Through the Woods" on February 4-27, 2011 in a beautiful building in downtown Torrance. She mentioned that this is the second time that Torrance Theatre Company is producing a program outside the Cultural Arts Center. She distributed flyers for the 2011 Works in Progress program "Pentagon Papers" beginning on February 19, 2011 in the Nakano Theatre.

Responding to Vice-Chairperson Candioty's inquiry, Senior Supervisor Bell stated that class enrollment has decreased due to fee increases but also because it is winter.

Manager Rappoport reported that the ribbon cutting ceremony at Seaside Heroes Park on January 22, 2011 was a huge success, with approximately 1,000 people in attendance.

## **10. ORALS**

**10A.** Commissioner Shwartz stated that she enjoyed “Madame Butterfly” and is looking forward to seeing John Lithgow and Jane Fonda in future plays. She stated she was pleased to attend the Seaside Heroes Park dedication and that the program was outstanding. She expressed disappointed that more recognition and acknowledgement was not given to the Art in the Park tile project.

**10B.** Commissioner Bunting stated that she enjoyed a Latin American exhibition at the Museum of Contemporary Art, Culver City galleries, and the last TAM exhibit. She initiated a brief discussion regarding a recent visit with Cultural Services Manager Rappoport to see Norm Davies’ collection of collections in his home.

**10C.** Commissioner Korman stated that Torrance Symphony recently had an extraordinary concert and announced a FUNdraiser on February 12, 2011 featuring the Wonderelles. She distributed invitations to an Arts Council of Torrance luncheon and Spring Membership Meeting on February 5, 2011, with guest speaker TAM Curator Max Presneill. She also enjoyed “Madame Butterfly” on January 22, 2011.

**10D.** Commissioner Rische stated that she was pleased to see so many people at the Seaside Heroes Park dedication and that she also attended “Next to Normal” at the Ahmanson Theatre.

**10E.** Commissioner Miranda stated that he was very busy with Open Enrollment from November 15 to December 31, 2011. He shared information about a January 17, 2011 visit to the Norton Simon Museum.

**10F.** Vice-Chairperson Candioty stated that he enjoyed the opening reception at TAM, the dedication of Seaside Heroes Park, and is looking forward to seeing songwriter Colin Hay on January 29, 2011.

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** At 7:47 p.m., Commissioner Miranda moved to adjourn the meeting to Monday, February 15, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. for a joint meeting with City Council in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall. Commissioner Rische seconded the motion and, hearing no objection, Vice-Chairperson Candioty so ordered.

Approved as Submitted February 15, 2011 s/ Sue Herbers, City Clerk
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