

**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, March 15, 2010 in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall.

2. FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Rische led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Bunting, Candioly, Korman, Rische, Shwartz, and Chairperson Miranda.

Absent: Commissioner Endo-Roberts.

Also Present: Cultural Services Senior Supervisor Bell and Senior Business Manager Minter.

MOTION: Commissioner Rische moved to grant Commissioner Endo-Roberts an excused absence for the March 15, 2010 Commission meeting. Commissioner Candioly seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

4. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

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

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5A. MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 22, 2010

MOTION: Commissioner Rische moved for the approval of the February 22, 2010 Commission meeting minutes as submitted. Commissioner Candioly seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

None.

7. ON-GOING BUSINESS

7A. LOMITA ANZA PUBLIC ART PROJECT

Senior Business Manager Minter provided background on the development of a park on the 1.2 acres parcel near Lomita Boulevard and Anza Avenue. With the aid of slides, he presented the Conceptual Landscape Plan in Attachment A, noting the walking path, tot lot, security lighting, and open grassy areas. He noted that the project would go out to bid in the next couple of week and that it needs to be completed in September 2010 due to expiration of grant funds.

Commissioner Rische stated that she and her husband have been involved with planning this development and inquired if she should abstain from voting on recommending approval. It was determined that, as she does not live within 500 feet of the park, it should not be a concern.

Senior Business Manager Minter reported that at community meetings there were requests that a public art element be included in the park design. He presented a proposal to have ceramic program staff work with community members to design and paint earth tone tiles to be incorporated in different areas of the park. He described ideas that include placing a 12" x 12" tile in place of a paver every few feet, surrounding the tot lot with the tiles, or placing the tiles at both entrances.

In response to an inquiry by Commissioner Bunting, he advised that no budget was set aside for the art element and that costs would be kept down by making use of existing resources.

7B. UPDATE ON RFQ FOR WILSON PARK AMPHITHEATRE IMPROVEMENT

Senior Supervisor Bell reported that the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Wilson Park Amphitheatre improvements was due on March 11, 2010 and that five responses were received. She stated that a committee, consisting of Business Manager Minter, Park Services Manager Carson, and Manager Rappoport, plans to meet next week to evaluate the RFQs and would bring back a recommendation to the Facilities Committee.

Senior Business Manager Minter added that steps that need to be taken are grading and scoring each RFQ, making sure there is a funding source, presenting the committee's recommendation to the Facilities Committee, approval by the Commission, and approval by City Council.

7C. UPDATE ON INSTALLATION OF "DREAMING OF THE KISS"

Senior Supervisor Bell reported that Manager Rappoport met with Dan Walker and his contractor at Miramar Park to discuss installation of the sculpture. She stated that the installation plan is to excavate down a few feet, fill it in with concrete, and put in four lag bolts to attach the sculpture. She noted that the part of the concrete that is above ground will be covered with stone and that installation is expected in three to four weeks.

7D. UPDATE ON COMMUNITY ART GRANT PROGRAM

Senior Supervisor Bell presented guidelines for the Community Arts Grant program for 2010-2011, noting that few changes were made from last year. She advised that once approved applications will be sent out to non-profit arts organizations in the South Bay area. She noted that one change that was made is to allow past recipients to apply again without waiting a year. She stated that applications are due May 6, 2010 and recommended that the Grant Review Committee meet before then.

MOTION: Commissioner Candioly moved to accept the guidelines for the Community Arts Grant program for 2010-2011 as presented. Commissioner Bunting seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Commissioner Endo-Roberts).

8. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

8A. EXCELLENCE IN ARTS COMMITTEE

No report.

8B. FACILITIES COMMITTEE

No report.

8C. GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE

Previously discussed in Item 7D. Commissioner Candioly urged Chairs of each category to help spread the word about the grant opportunity.

9. MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Senior Supervisor Bell noted that the Cultural Services Division Report for February 2010 was included in agenda materials. She distributed a list of Cultural Services Division upcoming events that includes a field trip to Museum of Contemporary Art on March 22 and speaker/author Ray Bradbury on May 7, 2010 at the Toyota Meeting Hall.

Responding to Chairperson Miranda's inquiry, she stated that Torrance Art Museum is interviewing for the Assistant Curator and Preparator positions.

10. ORALS

10A. Commissioner Korman announced Torrance Symphony's "Festival of Music" on March 27, 2010.

10B. Commissioner Shwartz stated that she enjoyed "Dreamgirls" and "The Subject was Roses."

10C. Commissioner Bunting stated that she visited the Torrance Art Museum exhibition on March 6, 2010, the Laguna Art Museum, and the Hammer. She also enjoyed seeing author Dennis Cooper.

10D. Commissioner Candioly stated that he enjoyed Ryan Taber's exhibition at Torrance Art Museum.

10E. Chairperson Miranda stated that he has been busy assisting Filipino-Americans receive dual citizenship and that he is looking forward to seeing "Cats."

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: At 7:36 p.m., Commissioner Candioly moved to adjourn the meeting to Monday, April 19, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall. Commissioner Rische seconded the motion and, hearing no objection, Chairperson Miranda so ordered.

Approved as Submitted April 19, 2010 s/ Sue Herbers, City Clerk
