

March 17, 2014

**MINUTES OF AN 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 17, 2014 in the West Annex meeting room, Torrance City Hall.

**2. FLAG SALUTE**

Commissioner Candioly led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: None.

Also Present: Cultural Services Senior Supervisor Bell.

**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 Bunting seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**5A. MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 24, 2014**

Minutes were not available.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Candioly moved to postpone approval of the February 24, 2014 meeting minutes until the April 21, 2014 Commission meeting. Commissioner Bunting seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

**6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1**

**6A.** Margaret Lindsey, Destination Art, shared information about the Torrance-based non-profit group of artists whose purpose is to serve artists and the art community in the South Bay. She stated that the artists hope to start a studios gallery in downtown Torrance where the public can see them working as well as their artwork. She discussed their first gallery opening and fundraiser at Malaga Cove Library on March 8. She noted that there are 15 artists who have expressed interest in licensing studio space and that they are looking for an appropriate 1,800-2,000 foot space for the studios.

Chairperson Korman stated that Performing Arts Specialist Inferrera is interested in displaying their artwork at 1316 Cabrillo Avenue.

**6B.** Richard Whitehorse, Arts Council of Torrance, distributed fliers and encouraged Commissioners to attend the Family Arts Festival on March 23 at Ken Miller Recreation Center. He stated that the Arts Council would be awarding grants to Torrance high school seniors in various art fields.

**6C.** Steve Norris, President, Arts Council of Torrance, invited Commissioners to a Candidate Forum on April 3 at the Nakano Theatre. He distributed and reviewed a list of physical deficiencies in Cultural Arts Center equipment and infrastructure that include the stage floor and light board in the Armstrong Theatre and speakers in the Nakano Theatre. He asked Commissioners to encourage City Council to consider budgeting for regular repair and replacement of these items.

Commissioner Endo-Roberts thanked Mr. Norris for bringing the deficiencies to the Commission's attention and raised the possibility of touring the facilities.

Senior Supervisor Bell stated that she would make arrangements with General Services Director Ballew.

Chairperson Korman pointed out that \$2.50 per ticket sold is supposed to go towards maintenance and Commissioner Candioly suggested that they inquire where that money is going.

Mr. Norris stated that he would be directing the Aerospace Player's production of "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" in July 2014.

## **7. OLD BUSINESS**

### **7A. RECAP ON CHERRY BLOSSOM CULTURAL FESTIVAL**

Senior Supervisor Bell reported that the March 16, 2014 Cherry Blossom Cultural Festival at Columbia Park was a huge success, with over 2,000 people in attendance. She attributed the success to the weather, promotion on Facebook, food vendors, and changing the event to a Sunday.

Commissioner Muhammed stated that he had a nice time at the event and enjoyed the entertainment.

Chairperson Korman stated that she was impressed by the number of vendors, liked the position of the stage, and commended staff for their efforts.

## **8. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **8A. EXCELLENCE IN ARTS**

Commissioner Candioly reported that the committee will meet in April to start planning the October 26, 2014 Excellence in Arts awards ceremony.

**8B. FACILITIES COMMITTEE** No report.

**8C. GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Commissioner Bunting reported that the deadline for grant applications is May 7.

**9. MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Senior Supervisor Bell noted that the Cultural Services Division Report for February 2014 was included in agenda packets. She noted that Torrance Theatre Company's "A Man of No Importance" opened March 14 and that all three performances that weekend sold out. She distributed fliers for the April 12 Arts Tune-Up at Ken Miller Recreation Center.

She reminded Commissioners that their Form 700 Conflict of Interest statements are due by April 1, 2014.

**10. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2**

**10A.** Commissioner Endo-Roberts stated that she enjoyed "A Man of No Importance" and discussed her attendance at the City Council's awards presentation and "A Day of Remembrance" at the Gardena Valley Japanese Cultural Institute. She announced Torrance Theatre Company's murder mystery fundraiser on June 22.

**10B.** Commissioner Candioly discussed his business trips to Dallas and Las Vegas.

**10C.** Commissioner Frangos stated that she enjoyed attending a lecture by Mireya Mayor and a Manhattan Beach Badmitten Club fundraiser.

**10D.** Commissioner Bunting stated that she attended a gallery book show at Otis College, USS Midway in San Diego, and Orange County Museum of Art. She announced Torrance Art Museum's opening of "Prep School" on March 29.

**10E.** Commissioner Muhammed stated that he enjoyed the Cherry Blossom Cultural Festival and the March 4 City Council's awards presentation.

**10F.** Chairperson Korman stated that the Cultural Arts Foundation's "Extreme Guitars" was amazing and announced their Gala on June 27, 2014. She also enjoyed "Act Two" to benefit Norris Theatre, "Shrek, the Musical" at Norris Theatre, Destination Art's silent auction, and "A Man of No Importance." She announced that Torrance Theatre Company's summer musical will be "Oklahoma."

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** At 7:55 p.m., Commissioner Candioly moved to adjourn the meeting to Monday, April 21, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall. Commissioner Bunting seconded the motion and, hearing no objection, Chairperson Korman so ordered.

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Approved as submitted April 21, 2014 s/ Sue Herbers, City Clerk
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