

**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, May 16, 2011 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, Miranda, Rische, and Chairperson Endo-Roberts.

Absent: Commissioner Shwarts.

Also Present: Cultural Services Manager Rappoport and Cultural Services Supervisor Ferguson

**MOTION:** Commissioner Rische moved to grant Commissioner Shwarts an excused absence for the May 16, 2011 Commission meeting. Commissioner Miranda seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

**4. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING**

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

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**5A. MINUTES OF MARCH 21, 2011**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Rische moved for the approval of the March 21, 2011 Commission meeting minutes as submitted. Commissioner Miranda seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Commissioner Shwarts).

**5B. MINUTES OF APRIL 18, 2011**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Rische moved for the approval of the April 18, 2011 Commission meeting minutes as submitted. Commissioner Candioly seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Commissioner Shwarts).

**6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1**

Cultural Services Consultant John Powers discussed the successful 2011 Works in Progress presentation of "Pentagon Papers." He stated that three City Council members have been performing with the cast. He recognized associated organizations that include Cal State Long Beach, Torrance Historical Society, and El Camino College. He noted that the series concludes on May 28, 2011 and can be viewed on CitiCABLE.

Commissioner Rische and Chairperson Endo-Roberts both stated that the performances have been excellent.

**7. ON-GOING BUSINESS**

**7A. 2011 COMMUNITY ART GRANTS REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION**

Chairperson Endo-Roberts stated that the Grant Review Committee, consisting of Commissioners Bunting, Shwartz, and herself, met on May 16, 2011 and unanimously decided to award three applicants: nTyme, Saturday Night Batch Concert Fund, and South Bay Ballet. Committee members briefly discussed reasons for recommending awarding grants to these applicants over the other applications submitted.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Candioly moved to approve 2011 grants to non-profit organizations for recommendation to City Council as follows: nTyme (\$2,500), Saturday Night Bath Concert Fund (\$1,500), and South Bay Ballet (\$1,500). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Miranda and passed by unanimous voice vote approval (absent Commissioner Shwartz and with Commissioner Korman abstaining).

**7B. REVIEW COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS AND TIMELINE FOR EXCELLENCE IN ARTS AWARDS**

Manager Rappoport informed Commissioners that staff was able to move the date of the Excellence in Arts awards ceremony to October 30, 2011. The following chair assignments were confirmed:

Arts Education	Commissioner Rische
Dance	Commissioner Candioly
Drama & Theatre Arts	Commissioner Miranda
Literary Arts	Commissioner Shwartz
Music	Commissioner Korman
Visual Arts & Design	Commissioner Bunting
Katy Geissert Award	Chairperson Endo-Roberts

Commissioners Miranda, Rische, and Endo-Roberts were selected to serve on the Excellence in Arts standing committee and Commissioner Candioly agreed to be the emcee at the event.

**8. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**8A. EXCELLENCE IN ARTS COMMITTEE**

Previously discussed.

**8B. FACILITIES COMMITTEE**

Manager Rappoport reported that Land Concern has submitted cost estimates for the Wilson Park amphitheatre project. She briefly discussed a water main breakage and on-going repairs with the Wilson Park pond and announced that signage will be installed on Anza Avenue for Seaside Heroes Park.

**8C. GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Previously discussed.

**9. MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**9A.** Manager Rappoport noted that the Cultural Services Division Report for April 2011 was included in agenda packets. She distributed announcements for Torrance Art Museum’s exhibition “Telephone” opening May 28, 2011. She noted that “Gateway: Japan” proved to be the most well-attended and popular exhibition to date, with over 1,900 visitors over the five-week period from March 26 through April 30, 2011. She was pleased to announce that they are receiving a full time intern from Spain for one year beginning the end of May 2011.

Responding to Commissioner Bunting’s inquiry, she stated that Flag Stop is planning to hold its art show at the Lexus Service Center over Labor Day weekend.

**11C.** Supervisor Ferguson reported that summer registration starts May 24, 2011 for residents and June 1, 2011 for non-residents. She stated that Torrance Art Museum will have its annual volunteer field trip on May 18, 2011 to the Bowers Museum. She announced that they have selected a summer intern from U.C. Berkeley through the Getty Foundation Multicultural Undergraduate Internship program.

**10. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2**

**10A.** Commissioner Bunting stated that she visited several commercial art galleries.

**10B.** Commissioner Candioly stated that “Burn the Floor” at the Pantages Theatre was amazing and recommended the movie “Catfish.” He also had the opportunity to visit the Hamilton, Melrose Project, and other galleries in Hollywood.

**10C.** Commissioner Korman distributed fliers for Torrance Symphony’s FUNdraiser “Torrance Symphony Idol” on May 21, 2011 at the Armstrong Theatre. She stated that she enjoyed seeing the Andrews Brothers at the Norris Center on May 14, 2011.

**10D.** Commissioner Rische stated that she enjoyed the cruise she went on.

**10E.** Commissioner Miranda stated that he enjoyed the Newport Film Festival, particularly the film “I Love You,” and Asleep at the Wheel at a Rotary Club event.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** At 7:50 p.m., Commissioner Candioly moved to adjourn the meeting to Monday, June 20, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall. Commissioner Miranda seconded the motion and, hearing no objection, Chairperson Endo-Roberts so ordered.

Approved as Amended June 20, 2011 s/ Sue Herbers, City Clerk
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