

**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 6:59 p.m. on Monday, May 21, 2012 in the West Annex meeting room, Torrance City Hall. Due to the absence of Chairperson Candioly, Vice-Chairperson Bunting led the meeting.

**2. FLAG SALUTE**

Commissioner Miranda led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. ROLL CALL**

Present: Commissioners Endo-Roberts, Korman,  
Miranda, Rische, and Vice-Chairperson Bunting.

Absent: Chairperson Candioly.

Also Present: Cultural Services Manager Rappoport.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Miranda moved to grant Chairperson Candioly an excused absence for the May 21, 2012 Commission meeting. Commissioner Endo-Roberts seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

**4. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Rische 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 APRIL 16, 2012**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Miranda moved for the approval of the April 16, 2012 Commission meeting minutes as submitted. Commissioner Rische seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Chairperson Candioly).

**6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1**

The Commission welcomed guest Lincoln Numark.

**7. OLD BUSINESS**

**7A. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COMMUNITY ART GRANT FUNDING**

Manager Rappoport reported that the Grant Review Committee met on May 21 to review the eight grant applications received.

Committee Chairperson Bunting presented the Committee's recommendation for funding: Art Attack Foundation: \$1,000; Culture Shock Los Angeles: \$500; Regina Klenjoski Dance Company: \$1,500; South Bay Ballet: \$1,000; and Torrance Symphony: \$1,000, for a total of \$5,000.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Rische moved to accept the recommendation of the Grant Review Committee to approve grants for Art Attack Foundation: \$1,000; Culture Shock Los Angeles: \$500; Regina Klenjoski Dance Company: \$1,500; and South Bay Ballet: \$1,000, for a total of \$4,000. Commissioner Miranda seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Chairperson Candioty).

**MOTION:** Commissioner Rische moved to accept the recommendation of the Grant Review Committee to approve a \$1,000 grant to Torrance Symphony. Commissioner Miranda seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected approval (absent Chairperson Candioty and with Commissioner Korman abstaining).

## **8. NEW BUSINESS**

### **8A. STATUS OF COMMISSION MERGER**

Manager Rappoport provided background regarding the idea to consolidate the Cable Television Advisory Board with the Cultural Arts Commission into a Cultural Arts and Communications Commission. She stated that the Cable Television Advisory Board needs four new members and that there is one vacancy on the Cultural Arts Commission. She explained that initially there would be nine members, with a seven-member commission eventually through attrition. She reported that, because there was a recent Commissioner Training and new Commissioner appointments are scheduled for June 12, consideration of this merger has been postponed until after June 12 to see how the submissions look.

### **8B. 2012-2013 CITY BUDGET UPDATE**

Manager Rappoport reported that the City held budget workshops on May 8 and 15 and presented a list of elements in the material of record that pertain to the Cultural Services Division. She noted that the total amount of savings is approximately \$40,000.

Commissioner Bunting questioned #4: Provision of \$25,000 for a performance based marketing professional to increase program participation in cultural classes and maximize use of the Cultural Arts Center. She maintained that, if prices for classes and rental facilities were lowered, then there would be no need for a consultant. She added that the community would be happier to have some of the eliminated programs reinstated.

Commissioner Endo-Roberts concurred, noting that Works in Progress has a group of regular attendees.

Manager Rappoport stated that the consultant would look for ways to maximize class registrations and market the Armstrong Theatre, Torino Plaza, Nakano Theatre, and other Cultural Arts facilities. She encouraged Commissioners to let City Councilmembers know how they feel.

### **7C. REVIEW EXCELLENCE IN ARTS APPLICATION, GUIDELINES, AND COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

Manager Rappoport requested that Commissioners review the Excellence in Arts Application, Guidelines, timeline, and Excellence in Arts Committee assignments. She noted that applications would go out on June 1, with deadline for acceptance on July 30. She reminded Commissioners that the Excellence in Arts Awards Ceremony is scheduled for October 7 in the Toyota Meeting Hall.

Following a brief discussion, Committee assignments were determined as follows:

Arts Education	Commissioner Rische
Dance	Commissioner Korman and/or the newly-appointed Commissioner
Drama & Theatre Arts	Commissioner Miranda
Literary Arts	Commissioner Endo-Roberts
Music	Commissioner Korman
Visual Arts & Design	Commissioner Bunting
Katy Geissert Award	Chairperson Candioly

**7D. REVIEW AND APPROVE TORRANCE ART MUSEUM DISPLAY POLICY**

Manager Rappoport presented a draft policy that addresses how staff will handle displays of nudity and other challenging artwork at the Torrance Art Museum. She explained that occasionally staff has received complaints from the public regarding certain kinds of content depicted in artwork. She stated that the policy would allow staff to forewarn museum visitors at several points in the Museum of potentially challenging materials.

Commissioner Endo-Roberts compared the challenge to the Library's policy of free speech and objections from the public.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Korman moved to approve the Torrance Art Museum Display Policy. Commissioner Endo-Roberts seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Chairperson Candioly).

**7E. NOMINATION OF REPRESENTATIVE TO SERVE ON YOUTH COUNCIL INTERVIEWS**

Commissioner Endo-Roberts stated that she was invited to serve on the panel to select new Youth Council members and would be happy to participate.

**9. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**9A. EXCELLENCE IN ARTS** Previously discussed in Item 7C.

**9B. FACILITIES COMMITTEE** Has not met.

**9C. GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE** Previously discussed in Item 7A.

**10. MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Manager Rappoport noted that the Cultural Services Division Report for April 2012 was included in agenda packets. She reported that Torrance Theatre Company finished its season with "Til Beth Do Us Part" and is auditioning for "Fiddler on the Roof." She stated that Friends of Torrance Theatre Company obtained a lease to stay at the Downtown Torrance location for another year and will be having a cabaret fundraiser.

**11. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2**

**11A.** Commissioner Korman announced Torrance Symphony's "TUF-TSA Taiwan Night" on June 16.

**11B.** Commissioner Rische stated that she is pleased with her recent eye surgery.

**11C.** Commissioner Endo-Roberts stated that she enjoyed the Beat the Odds Scholarship banquet, “Til Beth Do Us Part,” Commissioner Certification Training, Armed Forces Day Parade, and arts community mixer on April 23, adding that she received several positive comments about the event.

Manager Rappoport stated that they hope to have the mixers twice a year, in spring and fall. At her request, Commissioners suggested inviting elected officials in the future.

**11D.** Commissioner Miranda stated that he enjoyed the mixer for the arts community, the Armed Forces Day luncheon, and Cirque du Soleil’s “Iris.” He announced that his wife will be performing at the Hollywood Bowl on July 8.

**11E.** Commissioner Bunting stated that she enjoyed the arts community mixer.

**11F.** Commissioner Korman requested that an item be placed on next month’s agenda to discuss having an Art Walk in Downtown Torrance and suggested inviting Ron Libbrecht to the meeting.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** At 7:42 p.m., Commissioner Miranda moved to adjourn the meeting to Monday, June 18, 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, Vice-Chairperson Bunting so ordered.

Approved as Amended June 18, 2012 s/ Sue Herbers, City Clerk
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