

June 17, 2013

**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, June 17, 2013 in the West Annex meeting room, Torrance City Hall. In the absence of Chairperson Bunting, Commissioner Candioty led the meeting.

2. FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Endo-Roberts led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Endo-Roberts, Frangos, Korman,
Miranda, Rische, and Candioty.

Absent: Chairperson Bunting.

Also Present: Cultural Services Manager Rappoport.

MOTION: Commissioner Miranda moved to grant Chairperson Bunting an excused absence for the June 17, 2013 Commission meeting. Commissioner Korman seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

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 Miranda seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5A. MINUTES OF MAY 20, 2013

MOTION: Commissioner Korman moved to approve the May 20, 2013 Commission meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Miranda seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Chairperson Bunting).

6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

Adrienne Brandriss, Emerald Street, presented her offer to donate a Lyman Whitaker wind sculpture to the City as her homeowners association is having liability concerns about it being in the common area. She distributed a brochure and explained that the copper patina sculpture is 7'2" high by 2'7" wide. She stated that the double spinner is on a pole would need to be put on a cement block, comes with installation instructions, and requires little maintenance.

A brief discussion centered on an appropriate location with adequate wind to locate the sculpture and Commissioners expressed their appreciation to Ms. Brandriss for her generous offer.

7. OLD BUSINESS

7A. WILSON PARK GAZEBO ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE COSTS AND PHASE I AND PHASE II COMBINED DESIGN ENHANCEMENTS

Commissioner Korman stated that the Facilities Committee met on June 17 to review final conceptual designs and cost estimates for the Wilson Park Gazebo project. She discussed some of the Committee's concerns: no backdrop, inadequate and inflexible lighting, vandalism, and inadequate watering system. She noted that the estimate of probable costs is \$337,955 and stated that the Committee would like Land Concern architects to address the concerns before recommending moving forward. She stated that it is very costly not to use pavers and raised the possibility of bringing in portable flooring, backdrops, and lights.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8A. 2013-14 COMMISSION NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Manager Rappoport recommended that Commissioners follow past practice and elect Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson on the basis of seniority.

MOTION: Commissioner Miranda moved to nominate Commissioner Korman for Chairperson of the Cultural Arts Commission; Commissioner Frangos seconded the motion. Commissioner Korman was elected Chairperson for the period July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 by unanimous voice vote (absent Chairperson Bunting).

MOTION: Commissioner Miranda moved to nominate Commissioner Frangos for Vice-Chairperson of the Cultural Arts Commission; Commissioner Korman seconded the motion. Commissioner Frangos was elected Vice-Chairperson for July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 by unanimous voice vote (absent Chairperson Bunting).

8B. TORRANCE ART MUSEUM RENTAL POLICY

Commissioner Candioly reported that the Facilities Committee reviewed the draft Torrance Art Museum Policy on Facility Use and Space Rental on June 17.

Manager Rappoport provided background and stated that several pilot events have taken place at the Museum. She stated that the Facilities Committee raised a

concern regarding liability insurance and recommends clarification that users can provide their own insurance. She relayed the Committee's recommendation that Torrance Resident and Non Profit Rates for the Conference Room on Page 8 be changed from a two hour minimum to a one hour minimum. She advised that rental rates are based on General Services Department and other museums' rental rates.

She offered to make the suggested changes to the policy and bring it back for final approval at the July 15, 2013 Commission meeting.

9. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

9A. EXCELLENCE IN ARTS

Manager Rappoport reported that approximately 50 letters were sent out to all previous award winners. She noted that the awards will be mentioned in the City's fall newsletter. Commissioner Korman asked to see the letter and list of recipients.

9B. FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Previously discussed in Items 7A and 8B.

9C. GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE

Manager Rappoport reported that City Council approved the 2013 Community Arts grant awards last week and winners will receive their checks by July.

10. MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORT

Manager Rappoport noted that the Cultural Services Division Report for May 2013 was included in agenda packets. She distributed fliers for Torrance Theatre Company's summer musical "Willy Wonka" that opens August 3. She reported that Baker's Dozen V: Marginal Revolutions opened at the Torrance Art Museum on June 15. She stated that they are fortunate to have Michelle Cho, a Getty summer intern, and noted that Torrance Theatre Company also has three summer interns.

11. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

11A. Manager Rappoport stated that she may be absent for the July 15, 2013 Commission meeting.

11B. Commissioner Frangos stated that she enjoyed the Playboy Jazz Festival.

11C. Commissioner Miranda stated that he enjoyed the Huntington Library and gardens and mentioned that his wife is interviewing to tour with "Wicked."

11D. Commissioner Korman stated that she enjoyed The Notables and is looking forward to the 1316 Cabaret event.

11E. Commissioner Korman informed the Commission that Joan Moe, founder of Norris Theatre, passed away and her memorial service was on June 17.

11F. Commissioner Rische stated that she is feeling better and thanked Commissioners for their well wishes.

11G. Commissioner Endo-Roberts stated that she has been busy with her son's dancing activities and that she is looking forward to the 1316 Cabaret. She announced an exhibit "Elements of Strata" at the APC Fine Arts and Gallery opening June 30.

11H. Commissioner Candioly stated that he had the opportunity to go to the Robert Morris Center for Art, Chicago Cultural Center, Urban Marketplace, Salvador Dali exhibit, and Charles Shultz exhibit on a recent trip to Chicago. He shared information about the Artbarcs.com website.

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: At 8:02 p.m., Commissioner Miranda moved to adjourn the meeting to Monday, July 15, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall. Commissioner Korman seconded the motion and, hearing no objection, Commissioner Candioly so ordered.

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Approved as amended July 15, 2013 s/ Sue Herbers, City Clerk
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