

**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 6:58 p.m. on Monday, June 18, 2012 in the West Annex meeting room, Torrance City Hall.

2. FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Endo-Roberts led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None.

Also Present: Cultural Services Manager Rappoport.

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

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5A. MINUTES OF MAY 21, 2012

Commissioner Rische offered the following correction: Page 1, Item 3: "ROLL CALL: Absent: Chairperson Candioly."

MOTION: Commissioner Miranda moved for the approval of the May 21, 2012 Commission meeting minutes as amended. Commissioner Rische seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

Randy Berler shared plans to present foreign, independent films in the South Bay to enhance cultural opportunities for residents. He stated that AMC Rolling Hills was rented to show the 1994 film "Red" and was a sold-out, successful event. He noted that there is community support to bring new foreign films to the City and distributed fliers announcing the showing of the Canadian film "Monsieur Lazhar" on July 12 at the same location. He stated that he hopes to continue the series on the second Thursday of the month and asked the Commission to support and promote the effort.

8C. OLD TORRANCE ARTWALK

This item was taken out of order.

Ron Libbrecht, APC Fine Arts and Graphics Gallery, Cabrillo Avenue, presented his idea for an Old Torrance Art Walk. He discussed putting together a package that would encourage businesses in Downtown Torrance to display artwork in their storefronts or inside wall spaces, adding that utilizing vacant spaces is also a possibility. He stated that Amore Vino, By Brazil Restaurant, and APC Fine Arts Gallery are already showing artwork. He distributed a list of ideas to consider in developing an Old Torrance Art Walk and asked for the Commission's support and suggestions.

At Commissioner Miranda's request, Manager Rappoport described her participation in the art walk in Glendale. She noted that Ventura and Fullerton have art walks that could serve as models.

Mr. Libbrecht stated that ideally he would like to have a monthly art walk and allow the artwork to stay up for the month until the next event. He noted that there are South Bay artists who have expressed interest in participating.

Chairperson Candioly questioned if one month was too long and Commissioner Bunting responded that one month is a typical time frame.

Commissioner Korman raised the possibility of having the Art Walk in conjunction with the August 12 Summer Festival or as a substitute event on August 26 because there is no Concert in the Park. Mr. Libbrecht expressed his preference for August 26 and she suggested forming an ad hoc committee to work with Mr. Libbrecht to plan an event.

MOTION: Commissioner Bunting moved to appoint Commissioners Endo-Roberts and Korman to an ad hoc committee to work with Ron Libbrecht to plan an Old Torrance Art Walk. Commissioner Rische seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

Mr. Libbrecht distributed cards for the exhibition "Motion/Emotion – Let it Flow" that recently closed at his gallery.

7. ON-GOING BUSINESS

7A. STATUS OF COMMISSION MERGER

Manager Rappoport stated that at this point it appears that there will not be a merger of the Cultural Arts Commission and Cable Television Advisory Board. She reported that on June 12 City Council appointed Lynn Frangos to the Cultural Arts Commission as well as four new members to the Cable Television Advisory Board, making both bodies complete.

7B. EXCELLENCE IN ARTS UPDATE

Chairperson Candioly reported that the Excellence in Arts Committee met on June 18 to make plans for the Excellence in Arts Awards Ceremony on October 7. He expressed appreciation to Program Coordinator Inferrera for her assistance and to

Commissioner Korman for providing a short skit for the program. He recommended that the doors not be open until 20 or 30 minutes before the event, a visual and musical presentation as people enter, and photographs be taken after the entire program. He reminded Commissioners that applications are due the end of July.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8A. 2012 COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

Manager Rappoport reported that City Council appointed Lynn Frangos to the Cultural Arts Commission on June 12. She noted that Ms. Frangos is very excited to be part of the Commission and will be present at the July 16 Commission meeting.

8A. 2012-13 COMMISSION NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION

Manager Rappoport recommended that Commissioners follow past practice and nominate Commissioners for Chairperson and vice-Chairperson based on seniority.

MOTION: Commissioner Miranda moved to elect Commissioner Bunting as Chairperson of the Cultural Arts Commission for the term beginning July 1, 2012. Commissioner Rische seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Miranda moved to elect Commissioner Rische as Vice-Chairperson of the Cultural Arts Commission for the term beginning July 1, 2012. Commissioner Endo-Roberts seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

9. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

9A. EXCELLENCE IN ARTS

Previously discussed in Item 7B.

9B. FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Manager Rappoport reported that Land Concern has submitted bids for Phase 1 and 2 for the Wilson Park amphitheatre expansion and requested that the Facilities Committee convene the first week of July to review the proposals.

9C. GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE

Manager Rappoport announced that City Council is considering the Commission's recommendations for grant funding on June 19, 2012.

10. MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Manager Rappoport noted that the Cultural Services Division Report for May 2012 was included in agenda packets. She reported that she attended the Americans for the Arts Conference in San Antonio last week and also had the opportunity to visit Dallas. She shared information about the summer interns working with Torrance Theatre Company and Torrance Art Museum.

11. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

11A. Commissioner Korman stated that the Los Cancioneros program and Torrance Symphony's "TUF-TSA Taiwan Night" were successful events.

11B. Commissioner Rische stated that she and her husband celebrated their 56th anniversary on June 17.

11C. Commissioner Endo-Roberts stated that she enjoyed participating on the Youth Council selection committee and is looking forward to Torrance Theatre Company's fundraising cabaret on June 28.

11D. Commissioner Bunting stated that she enjoyed the "Ends of the Earth" opening at MOCA, "Made in L.A." at the Hammer, and visiting Culver City galleries.

11E. Commissioner Miranda stated that he enjoyed the Palos Verdes Street Fair and visiting the Getty Villa. He announced that his wife sang at the Dodger/Angels game on June 13 and will be performing at the Hollywood Bowl on July 8.

11F. Chairperson Candioly announced that he is now a board member for the La Habra Children's Museum. He stated that he enjoyed the film "Rock of Ages," "Jersey Boys" while in Chicago, and visiting galleries in Chicago, Denver, Park City, and Seattle.

11G. Commissioners expressed their appreciation to Chairperson Candioly for a job well done as Chairperson.

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: At 8:08 p.m., Commissioner Miranda moved to adjourn the meeting to Monday, July 16, 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, Chairperson Candioly so ordered.

Approved as Submitted July 16, 2012 s/ Sue Herbers, City Clerk
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