

**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 7:02 p.m. on Monday, June 19, 2006, in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall.

2. FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Stadler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Armstrong, Miranda, Smisek, Smith, Stadler, and Chairperson Wang.

Absent: Commissioner Strehler.

Also Present: Cultural Services Manager Myers, Senior Supervisor McClelland, Cultural Services Supervisor Ferguson, and Cultural Services Consultant Powers.

MOTION: Chairperson Wang moved to grant Commissioner Strehler an excused absence for the June 19, 2006 Cultural Arts Commission meeting. Commissioner Smisek seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

4. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

MOTION: Commissioner Stadler moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on the posting of the agenda. Commissioner Smisek seconded the motion and, hearing no objection, Chairperson Wang so ordered.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Stadler noted the following correction to the May 15, 2006 meeting minutes:

Page 4, Item 10, paragraph 7: "Vice-Chairperson Stadler stated that she would be performing as a flutist with John McEuen on May 21, 2006."

Commissioner Miranda noted the following correction to the May 15, 2006 meeting minutes:

Page 4, Item 10, paragraph 4: "Commissioner Miranda announced the July 8, 2006 performance by Morris Albert at the Nakano Theatre."

MOTION: Commissioner Stadler moved for the approval of the May 15, 2006 Cultural Arts Commission meeting minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Miranda and passed by unanimous voice vote approval (absent Commissioner Strehler).

6. NEW BUSINESS

6A. ELECTION OF THE 2006-07 COMMISSION CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

MOTION: Commissioner Smith, with a second by Commissioner Miranda, moved to elect Commissioner Stadler as Chairperson of the Cultural Arts Commission effective July 1, 2006; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Commissioner Strehler).

MOTION: Commissioner Smith moved to elect Commissioner Smisek as Vice-Chairperson of the Cultural Arts Commission effective July 1, 2006. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Commissioner Strehler).

6B. CANCELLATION OF AUGUST COMMISSION MEETING

MOTION: Commissioner Smith moved that the Cultural Arts Commission go dark in August 2006. Commissioner Stadler seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Commissioner Strehler).

7. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

7A. EXCELLENCE IN ARTS

Cultural Services Manager Myers reported that he has done some preliminary research on the topic of literary arts and that discussion of the Literary Arts award category would resume in September 2006.

8B. COMMUNITY CULTURAL PLAN

No report.

8C. GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE

Cultural Services Manager Myers reported that approval of the 2006 Grants to Non-Profit Organizations was the first item on the Consent Calendar on the June 20, 2006 City Council meeting agenda.

8. MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORT

Cultural Services Supervisor Ferguson thanked Commissioners for attending the opening reception of "Flourish: An Invocation of Visual Pleasure" on June 3, 2006. She encouraged them to attend a lecture by Curator Cristina Newhouse on June 29, 2006 and the Starters music event with Marina V on July 13, 2006. She reported that the Stories in Art program began on June 8, 2006, noting that the next storytelling and art workshop will take place on June 22, 2006 and will have a Korean interpreter. She

welcomed Commissioners to attend Artful Days with Mary Drobny on July 11, 2006 as well as Art by the Beach on July 2, 2006.

Senior Supervisor McClelland announced upcoming events that include Fourth of July festivities at Wilson Park, the July 12, 2006 excursion to Pageant of the Masters, and Shakespeare in the Park on July 28-29, 2006. He reported that both "The Man Who Came to Dinner" and the youth production of "Wizard of Oz" were well received and had sold out performances. He stated that rehearsals for the August production of "Grease" begin June 19, 2006.

Cultural Services Consultant Powers reported on the last segment of Works in Progress: Blockbuster! on May 31, 2006 and discussed plans to create a two-hour compilation of the four performances. He reported that the 10th Annual Ooodles of Noodles on June 4, 2006 was a successful event, with profits to go to the Arts Council for their recognition awards. He encouraged Commissioners to attend Wild Wednesdays! which begins June 28, 2006 with Bobby Matos.

Cultural Services Manager Myers thanked Commissioners for their participation in the June 20, 2006 Los Angeles County Arts Tune Up. He discussed the importance of the program, and noted that the City has been receiving more grant and internship funding from the Los Angeles County Arts Commission.

He reported that a theater design consultant was hired to develop a conceptual design for the amphitheater and gazebo area at Wilson Park. He stated that the existing hillside was an asset and that they hoped to bring in elements that are more state of the art. He noted that the designer has met with community representatives to determine what the community wants and to create a vision, noting that the proposals were dependent on funding and City Council interest.

9. ORALS

Commissioner Smisek stated that she enjoyed attending Ooodles of Noodles, the Arts Tune Up, and the Museum opening exhibit reception, adding that she was busy making preparations for the June 30, 2006 Cultural Arts Center Foundation fundraiser.

Commissioner Smith stated that she worked at the Museum exhibit opening reception, that last week her son mastered a demo at Capitol Records, and that 450 out of 500 tickets have been sold for the Foundation gala.

Commissioner Miranda stated that he enjoyed the Arts Tune Up as well as attending an award theater featuring Mona Simpson.

Commissioner Armstrong stated that she was exhausted but enjoyed performing in "The Man Who Came to Dinner."

Commissioner Stadler stated that she enjoyed Ooodles of Noodles, a Torrance Symphony rehearsal, the Arts Tune Up, and the "Flourish" exhibit at the Museum. She noted that performing in "The Man Who Came to Dinner" was quite an experience and announced that her chorus group was performing at the Hermosa Beach Playhouse on June 20, 2006.

Chairperson Wang shared information about her recent visit to Washington, D.C. and NEA's Big Read program. She stated that she enjoyed the Ray Bradbury lecture, the Arts Tune Up, and the Gustav Klimt exhibit at Los Angeles County Museum of Art. She noted that she enjoyed being Chairperson and thanked Commissioners for their support.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: At 7:48 p.m., Commissioner Stadler moved to adjourn the meeting to Monday, July 17, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and, hearing no objection, Chairperson Wang so ordered.

Approved as Submitted July 17, 2006 s/ Sue Herbers, City Clerk
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