

**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, August 19, 2013 in the West Annex meeting room, Torrance City Hall.

**2. FLAG SALUTE**

Commissioner Candioly led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: Commissioner Rische.

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

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**5A. MINUTES OF JULY 15, 2013**

Commissioner Endo-Roberts pointed out a scrivener's error.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Candioly moved to approve the July 15, 2013 meeting minutes as amended. Commissioner Miranda seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Commissioner Rische).

**6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1**

**6A.** The Commission welcomed guest Councilmember Weideman

**6B.** Chris Wolfe, Executive Director, distributed brochures for the Torrance Cultural Arts Foundation 2013-14 season and asked Commissioners to help spread the word about the innovative programs being offered.

Chairperson Korman raised the possibility of Commissioners assisting as volunteers.

**7. ON GOING BUSINESS**

**7A. APPROVAL OF WILSON PARK GAZEBO PHASE I AND PHASE II COMBINED DESIGN ENHANCEMENTS**

Manager Rappoport reported that she spoke with Land Concern designers regarding concerns raised by Commissioners at the June 17 Commission meeting. She presented proposed solutions in the hope of moving the project forward. Referring to the lack of a stage back panel, she proposed that the back drop issue be resolved through the purchase of a pole and drape system. She relayed Land Concern's promise to coordinate with the Performing Arts Coordinator to develop a spec that meets lighting requirements. She recommended designing a watering system for the vine-covered columns with Park Services as the construction drawings are developed.

She noted that the Parks and Recreation Commission is recommending to City Council that the Wilson Park Gazebo be funded with a total project cost of \$350,000. She called attention to Attachment A, a memo from Community Services Director Jones to the Parks and Recreation Commission on Open Space and Facilities' Funding Review, and Attachment B, the most recent design proposal for Wilson Park Gazebo Phase I and II Combined Design Enhancements.

When Commissioner Candioly raised concern about sound, Manager Rappoport stated that there would be speakers projecting sound from the stage.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Candioly moved to accept and approve the Wilson Park Gazebo Phase I and Phase II combined conceptual design enhancements as presented. Commissioner Miranda seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Commissioner Rische).

**7B. EXCELLENCE IN ARTS AWARDS SUBMISSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

Manager Rappoport reported that this year past awardees were asked to assist with recommendations for nominations in all categories. She was pleased to announce that 14 nominations were received. She stated that the Excellence in Arts Committee met on August 13 to review the nominations and presented recommendations as follows:

Literary Arts	Helen Dennis
Music	Keiko Clark
Visual Arts & Design	Beth Shibata
Drama & Theatre Arts	Mark Torres
Arts Education	Beverly Metcalf
Katy Geissert	Debbie Simpson Hays
Dance	Torrance Torrettes

Committee members briefly discussed reasons for their recommendations. Commissioner Candioly also presented the Committee's recommendation to rename the Arts Education Award to the Tom Rische Arts Education Award as a way to honor Tom Rische's commitment to education and the community.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Bunting moved to accept and approve the Excellence in Arts Awards recommendations as presented. Commissioner Miranda seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Commissioner Rische).

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

**8A. UPDATE ON CULTURAL ARTS CENTER OPEN HOUSE**

Manager Rappoport led a discussion regarding the August 10 first Cultural Arts Center Open House and expressed her appreciation to Chairperson Korman for attending. She noted that the event was successful and that staff is holding a debriefing meeting on August 20 to discuss what worked well and what to improve. She stated that they would also compare enrollments this fall to last year to see if there is an increase.

Chairperson Korman suggested providing a food truck in the future and Commissioner Endo-Roberts relayed positive feedback from community members.

**8B. REWARD OF \$2,268 GRANT FROM SUPERVISOR DON KNABE'S ARTS EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM**

Manager Rappoport was pleased to announce that Cultural Services once again received a matching grant from the Arts Education Partnership Program. She stated that funds would be used to support the Stories in Art and Family Art Days programs at Torrance Art Museum. She added that artist Karla Schmidt Commins is being hired to evaluate the Stories in Art lessons plans and rewrite them based on current best practices.

She shared information about the little free Library Spots in Public Parks Program and distributed fliers announcing the Open Houses at Pueblo Park on August 27 and Discovery Park on August 28.

**9. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**9A. EXCELLENCE IN ARTS**

Previously discussed in Item 7B.

**9B. FACILITIES COMMITTEE**

Previously discussed in Item 7A.

**9C. GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE**

No report.

**10. MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Manager Rappoport noted that the Cultural Services Division Report for July 2013 was included in agenda packets.

**11. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2**

**11A.** Commissioner Frangos stated that she enjoyed “Sideways” at La Jolla Playhouse, an exhibition at LACMA, and the film “Crossroads.”

**11B.** Commissioner Miranda stated that he attended ~~Councilmember Sutherland’s kick-off party~~ and the movie “The Butler.”

**11C.** Commissioner Candioly stated that he has been busy traveling with his work.

**11D.** Commissioner Endo-Roberts stated that she enjoyed attending two City Council meetings, Shakespeare by the Sea, Baker’s Dozen at Torrance Art Museum, “Willy Wonka,” and “The King and I.” She also had the opportunity to participate in the marketing consultant’s focus group on August 13 and announced an art reception at APC Fine Arts Gallery on August 31.

**11E.** Commissioner Bunting stated that she enjoyed the musical “Shrek,” McCabe’s, and the Orange County Museum of Art.

**11F.** Chairperson Korman stated that she enjoyed “Willy Wonka,” the Cultural Services Division Open House, and “King and I.” She announced a P.V. Symphonic Band performance at the South Coast Botanical Gardens on Labor Day.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** At 8:20 p.m., Commissioner Candioly moved to adjourn the meeting to Monday, September 16, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall. Commissioner Bunting seconded the motion and, hearing no objection, Chairperson Korman so ordered.

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Approved as submitted September 16, 2013 s/ Sue Herbers, City Clerk
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