

**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 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 18, 2006, in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall.

**2. FLAG SALUTE**

Commissioner Strehler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: Commissioner Wang.

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

**MOTION:** Commissioner Armstrong moved to grant Commissioner Wang an excused absence for the September 18, 2006 Cultural Arts Commission meeting. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

**4. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Smith 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**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Armstrong moved for the approval of the July 17, 2006 Cultural Arts Commission meeting minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Smisek and passed by unanimous voice vote approval (absent Commissioner Wang).

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

**6A. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 2006 AS NATIONAL ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH**

Cultural Services Manager Myers introduced the item and requested that Commissioners review the draft Proclamation declaring October 2006 as National Arts

and Humanities Month in Torrance. He encouraged Commissioners to attend the October 3, 2006 City Council meeting when it will be read and approved.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Armstrong moved to approve the Proclamation recognizing October 2006 as National Arts and Humanities Month as submitted. Commissioner Smisek seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Commissioner Wang).

**6B. COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT**

Cultural Services Manager Myers noted that the draft 2005-2006 Cultural Arts Commission Annual Report was included in the agenda material and requested that Commissioners review and amend as needed.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Smisek moved for the approval of the Cultural Arts Commission Annual Report July 2005 through June 2006 as submitted, to be forwarded to City Council for its approval. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Commissioner Wang).

**6C. RECOGNITION OF THE FILIPINO AMERICAN CENTENNIAL COMMEMORATION**

Cultural Services Manager Myers led a discussion on potential options the Commission could take in recognizing the Filipino American Centennial. He advised that the Commission could take no action, put forward a proclamation by the Commission, or recommend City recognition to City Council. He noted that a historical commemoration overview of the Filipino immigration to the United States was included in the material of record.

Commissioner Miranda noted that he sent staff examples of proclamations adopted in other cities recognizing the Filipino American Centennial.

Responding to Commissioner Smith's inquiry, Commissioner Miranda stated that he was not aware of any celebrations planned in the City but that Filipino American artists would be performing in the June 3, 2007 Ooodles of Noodles event. He described some Filipino American works of art that exist in Los Angeles County.

Commissioner Armstrong stated that she could not recall any Filipino American program in the City and suggested waiting until next year to consider the item after the Ooodles of Noodles event.

Chairperson Stadler recommended discussing the item next year when there is more of a connection between Filipino American arts and the City.

**7. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**7A. EXCELLENCE IN ARTS**

No report.

**7B. COMMUNITY CULTURAL PLAN**

Commissioner Smith recommended meeting with City Council to see what it thinks about the City's current Cultural Plan and to offer its direction.

**7C. GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE**

No report.

**7. MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Cultural Services Supervisor Ferguson reported that the Torrance Artist Guild juried show was currently at the Museum through September 30, 2006. She stated that they are recruiting for more volunteers, with two orientations scheduled for September 27, 2006. The next exhibition will begin October 14, 2006 with Hiro Yamagata's "Air" in the Main Gallery.

Senior Supervisor McClelland reported on the success of Torrance Theatre Company's "Grease" and "Cabaret" as well as Starlight Production's of "Beauty and the Beast." He announced "The Glass Menagerie" at the Nakano Theatre on November 3-12, 2006.

Cultural Services Consultant Powers announced the next Works in Progress entitled "Executive Order 9066" focusing on the Japanese American internment. He noted that they are working closely with several well-established Japanese American organizations.

He reported that Wild Wednesdays! had excellent attendance and that three of the five concerts were cablecast.

Dr. Owen Griffith shared information about the successful Torrance Symphony Concert in the Park on August 27, 2006, featuring soloists Roberto Cani and Mathew Edwardsen. He encouraged Commissioners to attend the October 21, 2006 concert that will feature one of the winners of the Young Musicians Concerto competition. He announced the Rusty Steel Band performance at the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Arts Alive! Festival on September 30, 2006.

**9. ORALS**

**9A.** Chairperson Stadler welcomed Lawrence Lin, Boy Scout Troop 851.

**9B.** Commissioner Miranda stated that he was involved in the Filipino American Art and Culture Festival in San Pedro on September 8-9, 2006 and gala fundraiser for a Filipino American library on October 14, 2006.

**9C.** Commissioner Smith stated that she traveled to Maine as well as Santa Fe where she enjoyed visiting the Indian market. She mentioned that there was a review in the Rave about her son Justin and that she was looking forward to the Foundation's opening.

**9D.** Commissioner Smisek stated that she enjoyed entertaining the students from Kashiwa, the 50's event in downtown Torrance, "Best of Broadway," and a week in Ireland.

**9E.** Commissioner Armstrong initiated a brief discussion about a rally on September 19, 2006 protesting the removal of eucalyptus trees at Hawthorne Boulevard and Skypark Drive.

**9F.** Commissioner Strehler stated that she enjoyed both Shakespeare by the Sea performances, the South Bay Watercolor Society and Torrance Artist Guild exhibits at the Museum, "Grease," Torrance Symphony's Concert in the Park, "Cabaret", several Wild Wednesdays! performances, and the City Employee talent show.

**9G.** Chairperson Stadler shared information about her trips to San Francisco and Cabo San Lucas and stated that she enjoyed "Grease," "Cabaret," the Laguna Art Festival, Ooodles of Noodles, "Beauty and the Beast," and the Hollywood Bowl.

**9H.** Cultural Services Manager Myers provided an update on the conceptual design for the amphitheater at Wilson Park.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** At 7:47 p.m., Commissioner Smith moved to adjourn the meeting to Monday, October 16, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall. Commissioner Miranda seconded the motion and, hearing no objection, Chairperson Stadler so ordered.

Approved as Submitted October 16, 2006 s/ Sue Herbers, City Clerk
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