

**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 20, 2010 in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall.

2. FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Korman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None.

Also Present: Cultural Services Manager Rappoport.

4. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

MOTION: Commissioner Miranda moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on the posting of the agenda. Commissioner Rische seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5A. MINUTES OF AUGUST 16, 2010

MOTION: Commissioner Candioly moved for the approval of the August 16, 2010 Commission meeting minutes as submitted. Commissioner Miranda seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

None.

7. ON-GOING BUSINESS

7A. EXCELLENCE IN ARTS AWARDS

Manager Rappoport discussed plans for the Excellence in Arts Awards Ceremony at the Toyota Meeting Hall on October 17, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. She stated that each Commissioner would present the award of their category and that staff would provide sample scripts for them. She noted that awardees are very excited and honored about their nominations and that some may speak briefly, present their work, or perform.

She stated that South Bay Conservatory will be presenting music from The Sound of Music and that James Russell will provide a display and PowerPoint presentation. She stated that invitations will be mailed out in advance and printed programs will be distributed at the event.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8A. COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT

Manager Rappoport presented the Cultural Arts Commission Annual Report for July 2009 through June 2010 and Commissioners were asked to review and amend as needed. She recognized former Chairperson Miranda for his assistance in developing the Report.

Commissioner Shwarts offered a minor correction.

MOTION: Commissioner Miranda moved to approve the Cultural Arts Commission Annual Report for July 2009 through June 2010 as amended. Commissioner Candioly seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

8B. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 2010 AS NATIONAL ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH

Manager Rappoport presented a draft proclamation declaring October 2010 as National Arts and Humanities Month in Torrance. She noted that annually the Commission recommends that City Council issue a proclamation and encouraged Commissioners to attend the October 5 or 12, 2010 City Council meeting when it is scheduled to be read.

The recording secretary noted a minor correction.

MOTION: Commissioner Candioly moved to adopt as corrected the proclamation declaring October 2010 as National Arts and Humanities Month in Torrance for recommendation to City Council. Commissioner Miranda seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

8C. JOINT MEETING WITH CITY COUNCIL

Chairperson Endo-Roberts asked Commissioners to consider inviting City Council to hold a joint meeting with the Cultural Arts Commission, noting that the last time this occurred was in February 2008. She stated that a joint meeting is a good opportunity to find out what City Council expects from the Commission and to ask questions.

It was decided to form a committee to plan topics for a joint meeting agenda and to schedule it in February 2011. Commissioners Candioly, Korman, and Chairperson Endo-Roberts volunteered to serve on the committee.

8D. UPDATE ON CITY BUDGET (2010-11) REVENUE SHORTFALL

Manager Rappoport discussed the \$5.5 million revenue shortfall expected by the Finance Department and City Manager for this fiscal year. She noted that when the

budget was adopted, staff projections were overly optimistic compared to the reality of numbers being reported, mainly due to the high unemployment rate. She stated that proposed budget revisions will be presented to City Council at their October 5, 2010 meeting to balance the current fiscal year. She noted that the City is still committed to no furloughs or lay-offs; however, employees are being asked to give up one vacation day per year subject to meet and confer. She advised that raising class fees by approximately \$90,000 by the end of the fiscal year is the proposal that will most impact Cultural Services. She explained that General Services has raised facility rental fees including the Armstrong Theatre and subsequently staff has been gradually raising fees. She stated that a recently conducted Market Rate Study shows that current class fees are generally lower than fees for comparable classes in surrounding cities. She noted that non-resident fees have doubled and expressed concern that registration levels may decrease as a result of additional fee increases.

9. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

9A. EXCELLENCE IN ARTS COMMITTEE

Previously discussed in Item 7A.

9B. FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Manager Rappoport reported that staff is having a preliminary meeting with Land Concern on September 21, 2010 to discuss plans for the Wilson Park Amphitheatre.

9C. GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE

Has not met.

10. MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Manager Rappoport noted that the Cultural Services Division Report for August 2010 was included in agenda packets. She distributed announcements for "Baker's Dozen" that opened September 18, 2010 and will continue through November 9, 2010. She announced Torrance Theatre Company's presentation of the play "Art" at Torrance Art Museum on weekends September 24-October 16, 2010, adding that Friends of Torrance Theatre Company is sponsoring it. She stated that fall classes started on September 20, 2010.

11. ORALS

11A. Commissioner Shwartz stated that she enjoyed painting a tile for the Seaside Heroes Park. She expressed hope that if people are passionate about taking classes that they will continue to do so and that the high quality of the classes will continue.

11B. Commissioner Bunting stated that she enjoyed "The Rise of Rad" at Torrance Art Museum, gallery openings in Culver City and Chinatown, and visiting Santa Monica Museum of Art and Los Angeles County Museum of Art.

11C. Commissioner Candioly stated that he enjoyed the "The Rise of Rad" exhibition and seeing the group Air Supply in San Diego.

11D. Commissioner Korman stated that she enjoyed the Torrance Employees Variety Show and is looking forward to seeing “Beehive” tomorrow at Redondo Beach Performing Arts Theatre. She distributed fliers for Torrance Symphony’s “Premiere Musique” on October 23, 2010 at the Armstrong Theatre.

11E. Commissioner Rische stated that she also enjoyed the Torrance Employees Variety Show and is looking forward to seeing “Phantom of the Opera” on September 25, 2010.

11F. Commissioner Miranda discussed the Filipino-American Expo at the Convention Center and the Arts Festival at Point Fermin last weekend. He also shared information about the Asian Business Awards at the Biltmore Hotel on September 10, 2010.

11G. Chairperson Endo-Roberts distributed the California Arts Council Strategic Plan 2010, discussed Assembly Bill 2446, and announced the Youth Council Annual Christmas Boutique on December 12, 2010.

11H. Manager Rappoport stated that she enjoyed Earth, Wind, and Fire at the Hollywood Bowl.

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: At 8:02 p.m., Commissioner Candioly moved to adjourn the meeting to Monday, October 18, 2010 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 Endo-Roberts so ordered.

Approved as Submitted October 18, 2010 s/ Sue Herbers, City Clerk
