

**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, October 15, 2007 in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall.

**2. FLAG SALUTE**

Commissioner Wang led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. ROLL CALL**

Present: Commissioners Armstrong, Endo-Roberts, Strehler, Wang, and Chairperson Smisek.

Absent: Commissioner Miranda.

Also Present: Acting Cultural Services Manager Kaemerle, Cultural Services Senior Supervisor McClelland, and Cultural Services Supervisor Ferguson.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Wang moved to grant Commissioner Miranda an excused absence for the October 15, 2007 Cultural Arts Commission meeting. Commissioner Strehler seconded the motion; voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

**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 Armstrong seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Armstrong moved for the approval of the September 17, 2007 Cultural Arts Commission meeting minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Strehler and passed by unanimous voice vote approval (absent Commissioner Miranda).

**6. OLD BUSINESS**

**6A. JOINT MEETING WITH CITY COUNCIL**

Chairperson Smisek noted that the joint meeting with City Council is scheduled for February 26, 2008 and asked that Commissioners send her ideas for agenda topics.

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

**7A. REVIEW CRITERIA FOR EXCELLENCE IN ARTS AWARDS**

Cultural Services Senior Supervisor McClelland requested that Commissioners review the current criteria for Excellence in Arts awards and discuss any changes that may better define each category.

Chairperson Smisek questioned the wording of the definition in the Literary Arts category and there was general consensus that it was unclear. She recommended that the Excellence in Arts sub-committee, consisting of Commissioners Miranda, Strehler, and Wang, be responsible for creating a better description of the category.

**8. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**8A. EXCELLENCE IN ARTS**

No report.

**8B. FACILITIES**

Has not met.

**8C. GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE**

No report.

**9. MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Cultural Services Supervisor Ferguson reported that the current Torrance Art Museum's exhibition of *Themes and Variations: New Abstraction in Los Angeles* will conclude on November 3, 2007, noting that there have been excellent turnouts and interesting feedback regarding Regina Klenjoski's *Triptych*. She stated there was a volunteer recognition luncheon on October 15, 2007 in recognition of the Museum's second anniversary, noting that there are 33 active volunteers with 1,565 volunteer hours last year. She announced a new all juried exhibition titled *Winterium* open to all artists beginning November 17 through December 15, 2007 in the Main Gallery, adding that Gallery Two will feature its first faculty exhibition.

She distributed a list of municipal museums in Southern California and those that are accredited as well as a list of accredited museums in California as a whole.

Cultural Services Senior Supervisor McClelland introduced Acting Cultural Services Manager Kaemerle who shared his background with the Commission.

Cultural Services Senior Supervisor McClelland announced and distributed fliers for "Nonsense" in the Nakano Theatre on November 2-11, 2007 and the Sola Contemporary Dance Festival in the Armstrong Theatre on November 10, 2007.

**10. ORALS**

**10A.** Cultural Services Consultant Powers presented information about the 2008 Works in Progress "1968" featuring four original stage works: Memphis on February 27, Los Angeles on March 26, Chicago on April 30, and Mexico City on May 28, 2008.

**10B.** Commissioner Endo-Roberts stated that she is on the Governor's Disability Inclusion Task Force and asked Cultural Services Supervisor Ferguson to consider starting a volunteer program for disabled college students.

**10C.** Commissioner Strehler stated that she and Chairperson Smisek attended an informative Chamber of Commerce workshop on volunteering and Commission work.

**10D.** Commissioner Strehler stated that she met with staff to discuss the Facilities sub-committee, noting that they would focus on Torrance Art Museum accreditation, the proposed Wilson Park amphitheatre, and issues related to cultural facilities.

**10E.** Commissioner Strehler stated that she enjoyed *Triptych*, the last Art at the Beach, and an Artist Studio Tour sponsored by the Palos Verdes Art Center.

**10F.** Commissioner Strehler stated that she did a demonstration on colored pencils for the Torrance Artist Guild on October 9, 2007.

**10G.** Commissioner Armstrong stated that she enjoyed Side Street Strutters, a Redondo Beach art show, and Artful Days with Mary Drobney.

**10H.** Commissioner Wang shared information about her trip to southern China where she saw outdoor performances by minority groups and a museum near the border regarding road construction.

**10I.** Acting Cultural Services Manager Kaemerle discussed plans for the International Surf Festival that will be hosted by Torrance in 2008 and 2012.

**10J.** Chairperson Smisek stated that she attended the Chamber of Commerce program with Commissioner Strehler and that she and Commissioner Armstrong accepted the Proclamation last week recognizing October 2007 as National Arts and Humanities Month.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** At 7:51 p.m., Commissioner Armstrong moved to adjourn the meeting to Monday, November 19, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall. Commissioner Wang seconded the motion and, hearing no objection, Chairperson Smisek so ordered.

Approved as Submitted November 19, 2007 s/ Sue Herbers, City Clerk
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