

**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 18, 2010 in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall.

**2. FLAG SALUTE**

Commissioner Rische led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: Commissioner Korman.

Also Present: Cultural Services Manager Rappoport and Cultural Services Senior Supervisor Bell.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Miranda moved to grant Commissioner Korman an excused absence for the October 18, 2010 Commission meeting. Commissioner Rische seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

**4. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Candioly 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 SEPTEMBER 20, 2010**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Candioly moved for the approval of the September 20, 2010 Commission meeting minutes as submitted. Commissioner Miranda seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Commissioner Korman).

**6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1**

None.

**7. ON-GOING BUSINESS**

**7A. EXCELLENCE IN ARTS AWARDS**

Chairperson Endo-Roberts expressed her appreciation to staff and Commissioners for making the October 17, 2010 Excellence in Arts Awards Ceremony a successful event. She gave special kudos to Commissioners Candioly and Commissioner Shwarts for their participation.

Commissioner Candioly stated that he enjoyed being the emcee, winners were ecstatic to receive their awards, the flow and room set-up were excellent, and he received several compliments about changing the event to October.

Commissioner Miranda noted that the performances were excellent.

Commissioner Shwarts commended staff for their professionalism and all they do "behind the scenes."

Manager Rappoport suggested in future years to give awardees something in addition to the certificates they receive.

**7B. UPDATE ON CITY BUDGET (2010-11) REVENUE SHORTFALL**

Manager Rappoport provided background on the \$5.5 million projected budget shortfall for the current 2010-11 fiscal year. She reported that increases in Recreation and Cultural Services Division class fees would generate approximately \$152,000 in new revenue through June 2011 and approximately \$262,000 over a 12-month period. She stated that staff has received few complaints about the fee increases but noted that the Seasons guide has not come out yet.

Chairperson Endo-Roberts raised the possibility of bringing things back in the future that have been cut.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

**8A. MEET TO SET AGENDA FOR JOINT MEETING WITH CITY COUNCIL**

Chairperson Endo-Roberts requested that Commissioners consider February 1, February 8, or February 15, 2011 as tentative dates for a joint meeting with City Council. Following a brief discussion, it was decided that February 15 was first choice and February 8 would be an alternate date. A committee meeting, consisting of Commissioners Korman, Candioly, and Chairperson Endo-Roberts, was scheduled for November 10, 2010 at 6:00 to plan the agenda.

Chairperson Endo-Roberts noted that the regularly scheduled Commission meeting in January 2011 falls on a holiday.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Candioly moved to change the January 2011 Cultural Arts Commission meeting date to January 24, 2011, space permitting. Commissioner Miranda seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Commissioner Korman).

**9. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**9A. EXCELLENCE IN ARTS COMMITTEE**

Previously discussed in Item 7A.

**9B. FACILITIES COMMITTEE**

Manager Rappoport reported that Land Concern is currently working on the design 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 September 2010 was included in agenda packets. She distributed announcements for Torrance Theatre Company's presentation of "Dearly Beloved" on December 3-12, 2010 in the Nakano Theatre. She stated that "Baker's Dozen" opened on September 18, 2010 and will continue through November 9, 2010, adding that Torrance Art Museum is currently preparing for the South Bay Focus Show and that they have received 108 qualifying submissions.

**11. ORALS**

**11A.** Chairperson Endo-Roberts welcomed Youth Council members Andy Tsou from West High School, Tiffany Tran from North High School, Frank Masi and Jackie Bornino from South High School, and Nicole Cristy from Torrance High School. Andy discussed Youth Council plans for the Middle School outreach program, Youth Forum, and Beat the Odds, and thanked Chairperson Endo-Roberts for offering the suggestion to have a fundraiser involving a food truck.

**11B.** Commissioner Rische stated that she enjoyed the play "Art" at Torrance Art Museum, "Leap of Faith," and going on the water inspection tour of Diamond Valley reservoir and Lake Skinner Treatment Plan.

**11C.** Commissioner Miranda stated that his wife and daughter are currently in Milan, Italy.

**11D.** Commissioner Shwartz stated that she enjoyed attending the City Council meeting on behalf of the Cultural Arts Commission. She expressed appreciation to Youth Council representatives and commended them for their Beats the Odds scholarship program.

**11E.** Commissioner Shwartz requested an excused absence for the November 15, 2010 Commission meeting.

**11F.** Commissioner Bunting stated that she enjoyed "Baker's Dozen" and "Art" at Torrance Art Museum as well as an art event "Glow" in Santa Monica. She also mentioned that she gave a talk at USC.

**11G.** Commissioner Candioly commended Youth Council members for their participation in the Beat the Odds scholarship program. He stated that he enjoyed the movie "Mao's Last Dancer," the Chairperson Training session, and the exhibit at Torrance Art Museum.

**11H.** Chairperson Endo-Roberts expressed her appreciation to Youth Council representatives. She stated that she enjoyed the Chairperson Training, "Art" at Torrance Art Museum and helping break down the set for it, and the water inspection tour of Diamond Valley reservoir and Lake Skinner Treatment Plan.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** At 7:50 p.m., Commissioner Rische moved to adjourn the meeting to Monday, November 15, 2010 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 Endo-Roberts so ordered.

Approved as Submitted November 15, 2010 s/ Sue Herbers, City Clerk
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