

November 18, 2013

**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, November 18, 2013 in the West Annex meeting room, Torrance City Hall.

2. FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Miranda led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None.

Also Present: Cultural Services Manager Rappoport and Administrative Analyst Orpe.

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 OCTOBER 21, 2013

MOTION: Commissioner Candioly moved to approve the October 21, 2013 Commission meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Miranda seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

None.

8A. PARKS CONDITION SURVEY

This item was taken out of order.

Administrative Analyst Orpe reported that one of the goals of the Parks Division is to maintain the spirit of continuous improvement and organizational development. He distributed a Public Satisfaction Survey that was designed to assess public satisfaction with Torrance parks.

Commissioners and audience members completed and turned in the survey. Administrative Analyst Orpe noted that he would compile these responses, as well as those from other Commissions, and return at a future meeting with results in a report format. He stated that they are considering conducting an online survey and reaching out to residents at Torrance Certified Farmers' Market as well.

In response to Commissioner Miranda's inquiry, he stated that currently four Torrance parks require permits for picnic reservations.

8B. MURAL PROPOSAL AT EL RETIRO LIBRARY

Manager Rappoport presented a proposal by Riviera Garden Club to donate a mural for the exterior wall at El Retiro Library. She stated that Dean Bardos, a local artist, has volunteered to design and paint the mural and called attention to the rendition of the mural included in Attachment A. She noted that the budget for the project is estimated at \$4,600, all of which would be funded by the Riviera Garden Club.

Commissioner Candioty stated that the wording in the rendering seems pale and Mr. Bardos explained that in actuality the words would be bolder and stand out more.

Commissioner Endo-Roberts expressed her appreciation and stated that the mural will greatly improve the facility.

Mr. Bardos stated that the work will take two to three weeks, depending on the weather, and that he would like to start as soon as possible. He added that he lives in the neighborhood and wants to contribute to the beautification of the park.

MOTION: Commissioner Endo-Robert moved to recommend acceptance of Riviera Garden Club's proposal to donate a mural at El Retiro Library. Commissioner Candioty seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

7. ON GOING BUSINESS

7A. UPDATE ON LOS ANGELES COUNTY MUSEUM OF ART (LACMA) ART & FILM LAB PROJECT IN TORRANCE

Manager Rappoport provided an update on the proposal from Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA) to bring their Art & Film Lab to Torrance on August 8 to September 7, 2014. She distributed photographs of the Lab and stated that the plan is to install the Lab at Wilson Park on a concrete pad between the pond and hockey rink. She noted that, to date, the Lab has been in San Bernardino, Redlands, and Altadena, and that Torrance will be the final stop. She explained that the Lab holds two classrooms, one for holding Oral History Workshops and the other for film making, and that additionally there would be an outdoor screen for showing films. She added that LACMA would provide the programming, security, and staffing, there would be no cost to the City, and all events would be free to the public. She stated that LACMA would prepare a Schedule of Events and that there would be a launch party. She mentioned that she plans to visit the Lab when it is in Monterey Park in January 2014.

A brief discussion centered on publicizing the event and Commissioner Endo-Roberts suggested promoting it through utility bill inserts.

8C. CANCEL DECEMBER COMMISSION MEETING

MOTION: Commissioner Bunting moved for the Cultural Arts Commission to go dark in December 2013. Commissioner Candioly seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

8D. REVIEW UPCOMING EVENTS IN EARLY 2014

Manager Rappoport noted that a list of upcoming events was included in agenda packets. She announced Torrance Civic Chorale's "Spirit of the Season" on December 13-14, 2013 at the Armstrong Theatre and Torrance Art Museum's South Bay Focus on November 23 – December 31, 2013.

8E. SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2014 MEETINGS

Manager Rappoport noted that the Commission would need to meet on the fourth Monday in January and February 2013 because the third Mondays are holidays.

Commissioner Miranda pointed out that his term ends on January 31, 2014 and that January would probably be his last meeting.

9. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

9A. EXCELLENCE IN ARTS

Chairperson Korman mentioned that L.A. South Town Show Chorus displays their Excellence in Arts award certificate at all their performances.

9B. FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Manager Rappoport stated that the Capital Project budget is going to City Council on November 19 and is hopeful that the Wilson Park amphitheatre project will be approved.

Responding to Commissioner Bunting's inquiry, she described the 555 Maple Avenue project, adding that the groundbreaking ceremony was on November 18.

9C. GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE

No report.

10. MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORT

Manager Rappoport noted that the Cultural Services Division Report for October 2013 was included in agenda packets. She distributed fliers for Torrance Theatre Company's "It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play" and noted that the production is receiving good reviews.

11. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

11A. Commissioner Endo-Roberts encouraged fellow Commissioners to go see “It’s a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play.” She mentioned that Torrance Theatre Company is collecting new or used coats to donate to Infinite Ways Foundation. She also enjoyed seeing the play “Nihonmachi” in Little Tokyo.

11B. Commissioner Frangos discussed her attendance at a Redondo Beach Art Group fundraiser, Johnny Lang and Tony Joe White performances, the film “All is Lost,” and a Japanese Festival at Descanso Gardens.

11C. Commissioner Miranda discussed fundraising efforts to assist victims of the typhoon in the Philippines and recommended that donations be directed to the Red Cross or Unicef. He stated that he is looking forward to hearing the Christian singers at the Armstrong Theatre on November 23.

11D. Commissioner Candioly stated that he has been doing a lot of traveling but had the opportunity to attend an event at Paramount Studios.

11E. Chairperson Korman stated that she enjoyed “It’s a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play,” L.A. South Town Show Chorus, and the Foundation’s Jazz Cabaret. She announced a Palos Verdes Symphonic Band concert on December 8 at South Coast Botanical Gardens.

11F. Manager Rappoport stated that she enjoyed the documentary “Looking for Sugerman.”

11G. Dr. Anil Muhammed stated that he works with North Torrance Homeowners Association and hopes to get more involved with the City and Cultural Arts.

11H. Milton Herring, Cyprus Street, Traffic Commissioner, introduced himself and stated that he is a candidate for City Council.

11I. Commissioners and staff wished each other a happy holiday season.

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: At 8:02 p.m., Commissioner Candioly moved to adjourn the meeting to Monday, January 27, 2014 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 Korman so ordered.

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Approved as submitted January 27, 2014 s/ Sue Herbers, City Clerk
