

**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, November 20, 2006, in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall.

2. FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Armstrong led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Commissioner Smith.

Also Present: Senior Supervisor McClelland and Cultural Services Consultant Powers.

4. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

MOTION: Commissioner Wang 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

Chairperson Stadler noted the following correction to the October 16, 2006 meeting minutes:

Page 4, 9G, line 2: "...the jazz concert, and the cast party for "The Man Who Came to Dinner."

MOTION: Commissioner Smisek moved for the approval of the October 16, 2006 Cultural Arts Commission meeting minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Miranda and passed by unanimous voice vote approval.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6A. SCHEDULE FOR 2007-08 NON PROFIT ART GRANTS

Senior Supervisor McClelland reported that a total of \$5,000 will be available in 2007-08 for the Nonprofit Arts Grants Program and recommended that the Grants Committee meet early next year to discuss its recommendations.

In response to Chairperson Stadler's inquiry, Senior Supervisor McClelland stated that she could continue to chair the Grants Committee. It was confirmed that other members of the Committee are Commissioner Armstrong, Commissioner Smisek, and Dr. Owen Griffith.

6B. TORRANCE ARTIST GUILD DONATION

Torrance Artist Guild President Penny Kastiger and Treasurer Richard Whitehorse presented a \$500 donation to the Cultural Arts Commission. They thanked Commissioners for their continued support of their organization and welcomed them to attend their December 12, 2006 annual elections meeting at the Toyota Meeting Hall.

Senior Supervisor McClelland expressed appreciation to Torrance Artists Guild for their service to the community.

7. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

7A. EXCELLENCE IN ARTS

No report.

7B. COMMUNITY CULTURAL PLAN

No report.

7C. GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE

No report.

8. MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Cultural Services Consultant Powers distributed fliers for the Works in Progress series "Executive Order 9066." He noted that the first event on February 19, 2006, a presentation of two films followed by a panel discussion, will be free admission and presented in the Armstrong Theatre. He provided clarification that the March 28, April 25, and May 30 plays were written by Japanese American artists and will be presented in the Nakano Theatre.

He stated that the November 2, 2006 Starters! event featuring DJ Ant was a wonderful evening and that he is still experimenting with this program to attract new audiences.

Senior Supervisor McClelland reported on the success of Torrance Theatre Company's November 3-12, 2006 production of "The Glass Menagerie" and noted that the next season's shows will be announced on December 4, 2006. He noted the article in the Rave about Hiro Yamagata and stated that his exhibition would continue at the Torrance Art Museum through December 9, 2006. He thanked Ruby Wang and Norman Davies for their book donations to the Museum and stated that South Bay Watercolor Society artists were being displayed in the Armstrong Theatre lobby. He shared information about the Art Camp and the December 5, 2006 Artful Days lecture with Mary Drobny.

He congratulated Commissioners for completing the ethics training and stated that they were working with the Cultural Arts Center Foundation to procure digital electronic equipment.

9. ORALS

- 9A.** Commissioners welcomed visitor Melanie Jordan.
- 9B.** Commissioner Armstrong distributed information about the Getty Villa and the passing of Charles Lundquist.
- 9C.** Commissioner Armstrong stated that she enjoyed the Mozart flute concerto with Robert Theis on November 19, 2006.
- 9D.** Commissioner Miranda discussed the October 28, 2006 Forum for Arts Commissioners in Culver City and the Glendale Open Studio tour
- 9E.** Commissioner Miranda stated that he enjoyed meeting with Ray Solley as well as seeing "I Am Today's Phillipino."
- 9F.** Commissioner Smisek stated that she attended the Forum for Arts Commissioners and the ethics training session, and added that she will be on a Cable TV crafts show.
- 9G.** Chairperson Wang stated that she enjoyed the Torrance Art Museum exhibition and the ethics training.
- 9H.** Commissioner Strehler stated that she enjoyed the Torrance Symphony and "The Glass Menagerie."
- 9I.** Chairperson Stadler stated that the Forum for Arts Commissioners was very informative and suggested that the Commission discuss the City's current Cultural Arts Plan.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: At 7:46 p.m., Commissioner Armstrong moved to adjourn the meeting to Monday, December 18, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall. Commissioner Smisek seconded the motion and, hearing no objection, Chairperson Stadler so ordered.

Approved as Submitted December 18, 2006 s/ Sue Herbers, City Clerk
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