

**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, January 25, 2016 in the West Annex meeting room, Torrance City Hall.

**2. FLAG SALUTE**

Commissioner Candioly led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. ROLL CALL**

Present: Commissioners Candioly, Frangos, Korman,  
Taylor, and Chairperson Muhammed.

Absent: Commissioner Rische.

Also Present: Cultural Services Manager Rappoport.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Candioly moved to grant an excused absence to Commissioner Rische for the January 25, 2016 Commission meeting. Commissioner Frangos seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

**4. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Korman moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on the posting of the agenda. Commissioner Candioly seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**5A. MINUTES OF OCTOBER 19, 2015**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Candioly moved to approve the Commission meeting minutes of October 19, 2015 as presented. Commissioner Frangos seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Commissioner Rische, Commissioner Korman abstaining).

**6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1**

**6A.** Manager Rappoport stated that Commissioner Rische was unable to be present and informed the Commission that tonight would have been her last meeting because her term has ended. A letter of appreciation was circulated for Commissioners to sign.

**7. OLD BUSINESS**

**7A. 2015 EXCELLENCE IN ARTS AWARDS DEBRIEF**

Manager Rappoport led a discussion about the October 24, 2015 Excellence in Arts Awards ceremony at Toyota Meeting Hall. She distributed the November 5, 2015 Torrance Tribune featuring an article about the event. Commissioner Candioly commented on problems with the projection system and Manager Rappoport stated that next year they hope to hire a professional audiovisual person. Commissioner Taylor recommended changing the way awards are handed out to have a smoother transition.

Commissioners agreed that it is important to have a Katy Geissert award winner and to try to get more nominations next year.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

**8A. CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL**

Manager Rappoport discussed plans for the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Cherry Blossom Festival on April 3 at Columbia Park. She announced performers this year that include a koto orchestra, Japanese storyteller, and Southeast Asian music school. She noted that several cherry trees have died due to the high salt content in reclaimed water used at Columbia Park. She announced that Chairperson Muhammed got married in November and expressed appreciation to his wife Zohra for attending the planning meeting.

**8B. REVIEW UPCOMING EVENTS IN EARLY 2016**

Manager Rappoport distributed fliers and noted that a list of upcoming events in early 2016 was included in agenda materials.

**9. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**9A. EXCELLENCE IN ARTS COMMITTEE**

Previously discussed in Item 7A.

**9B. FACILITIES COMMITTEE**

Manager Rappoport reported that the deadline for construction documents for the Wilson Park Gazebo Project was January 9, 2016; however, there is a delay because General Services has requested a 100% instead of 80% submittal. She stated that, once construction begins, it should not take long, and she shared information about the proposal and grant application for a splash pad for the Wilson Park Pond.

In response to Commissioner Korman's inquiry, she reported that City Council is considering the Fourth of July fireworks item on January 26. She discussed how expensive it was to have Police, Fire, and staff at Wilson Park for the full day event and that now they are proposing to have fireworks only from the Civic Center.

**9C. GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE - No report.**

**10. CORRESPONDENCE FOR COMMISSION REVIEW TO ACCEPT AND FILE OR FOR CONSIDERATION AT A FUTURE MEETING**

**10A. KIWANIS 6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL TORRANCE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY LUNCHEON**

Manager Rappoport distributed invitations to the March 3 Kiwanis luncheon at the Double Tree Hotel and asked if any Commissioners were interested in attending. When she stated that she and Chairperson Muhammed attended last year and it was a worthwhile event, Commissioner Korman expressed interest in going.

**11. MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Manager Rappoport noted that the Cultural Services Division Report for November and December 2015 was included in agenda packets. She shared information about a J. Crew grand opening on January 26 and a Start Up Art Fair opening night gala on January 29, with a portion of proceeds from both events to go to Torrance Art Museum. She highly recommended Torrance Theatre Company's "Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike" that opened on January 16.

**12. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2**

Commissioners Taylor, Korman, Frangos, Candioly, Chairperson Muhammed, and Manager Rappoport spoke.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** At 7:50 p.m., Commissioner Candioly moved to adjourn the meeting to Monday, February 22, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall. Commissioner Frangos seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

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Approved as submitted February 22, 2016 s/ Rebecca Poirier, City Clerk
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