

**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 7:01 p.m. on Monday, February 23, 2015 in the West Annex meeting room, Torrance City Hall.

**2. FLAG SALUTE**

Commissioner Rische led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. ROLL CALL**

Present: Commissioners Bunting, Korman, Muhammed, Rische, Taylor, and Chairperson Frangos.

Absent: Commissioner Candioly.

Also Present: Cultural Services Manager Rappoport.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Rische moved to grant Commissioner Candioly an excused absence for the February 23, 2015 Commission meeting. Commissioner Korman 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 Muhammed seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**5A. MINUTES OF JANUARY 26, 2015**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Rische moved to approve the Cultural Arts Commission meeting minutes of January 26, 2015 as presented. Commissioner Bunting seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous (absent Commissioner Candioly).

**6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1**

None.

**8A. COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS**

This item was taken out of order.

Commissioners and staff welcomed new Commissioner Greg Taylor who was appointed to a four-year term. Commissioner Taylor shared his background and interests with the Commission.

**7. ON-GOING BUSINESS**

**7A. CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL**

Manager Rappoport provided an update on final preparations for the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Cherry Blossom Festival on March 15 at Columbia Park. She distributed fliers for the event and presented the entertainment schedule included in agenda packets. She stated that she has sent out press releases and discussed participating food vendors.

**7B. UPDATE ON PROPOSED 2013-2018 CAPITAL BUDGET**

Manager Rappoport reported that at their February 10 meeting City Council reviewed wish lists that all Departments presented. She noted that several items were approved for pre-funding for the Cultural Arts Center that include remodeling and renovation of restrooms at the Armstrong and Nakano Theatres as well as Armstrong Theatre Sound and Lighting Upgrades. She added that Councilmembers also showed interest in the bocce ball courts project at Columbia Park and a shade structure for Torino Plaza. She stated that pre-funded projects would need to go back to City Council for final approvals once bids are received.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

**8B. ASSIGN COMMISSIONERS TO STANDING COMMITTEES AND APPOINT CHAIR**

Commissioners reviewed standing committee assignments and all indicated that they were happy with their current assignments. Manager Rappoport explained the committees' responsibilities to Commissioner Taylor, and he offered to fill the vacancy on the Grant Review Committee left by Commissioner Endo-Roberts.

**8C. REVIEW COMMUNITY ARTS GRANT GUIDELINES AND TIMELINE**

Manager Rappoport reviewed the application, guidelines, and timeline for the 2015-2016 Community Arts Grant Program. She noted that no changes were made to the application or guidelines, except for date updates.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Bunting moved to approve the application, guidelines, and timeline for the 2015-2016 Community Arts Grant Program. Commissioner Korman seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Commissioner Candioly).

**9. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**9A. EXCELLENCE IN ARTS**

No report.

**9B. FACILITIES COMMITTEE**

Manager Rappoport reported that she is meeting with the architect tomorrow to discuss minor design changes for the Wilson Park Gazebo Project.

**9C. GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Previously discussed in Item 8C.

**10. MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Cultural Services Manager Rappoport noted that the Cultural Services Division Report for January 2015 was included in agenda packets. She stated that the Department has been busy with its first year reports for the Rose Float Association, Farmers' Market, and Sister City Association. She stated that Torrance Theatre Company's production of "Mrs. Parliament's Night Out" opened on January 17 and several performances sold out. She mentioned that Commissioner Muhammed is accompanying her to a Kiwanis Club luncheon on March 19.

**11. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2**

**11A.** Commissioner Bunting stated that she attended exhibits at LACMA and the L.A. Art Book Show at the Geffen.

**11B.** Commissioner Taylor recommended an art show in Indio at the polo grounds.

**11C.** Commissioner Korman stated that she enjoyed the South Bay Community Concert Association's Four Freshmen, "South Pacific," Coastliners, and Peninsula Symphony.

**11D.** Commissioner Korman stated that she would like to see more publicity about Cultural Arts Center events in the Torrance Tribune.

**11E.** Commissioner Muhammed stated that he enjoyed "Mrs. Parliament's Night Out."

**11F.** Chairperson Frangos stated that she attended an art opening in Santa Monica and the film "Imitation Game."

**11G.** Commissioner Bunting initiated a brief discussion about Santa Monica Museum of Art's relocation.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** At 7:43 p.m., Commissioner Bunting moved to adjourn the meeting to Monday, March 16, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall. Commissioner Rische seconded the motion and, hearing no objection, Chairperson Frangos so ordered.

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Approved as submitted March 16, 2015 s/ Rebecca Poirier, City Clerk
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Deborah Schaffer  
Recording Secretary