

**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, April 18, 2016 in the West Annex meeting room, Torrance City Hall.

**2. FLAG SALUTE**

Commissioner Frangos led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. ROLL CALL**

Present: Commissioners Frangos, Kang, Korman,  
Sargent, Taylor, and Chairperson Muhammed.

Absent: Commissioner Candioly.

Also Present: Cultural Services Manager Rappoport.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Sargent moved to grant Commissioner Candioly an excused absence for the April 18, 2016 Commission meeting. Commissioner Korman seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 6-0 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 Taylor seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 6-0 approval.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**5A. MINUTES OF MARCH 21, 2016**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Sargent moved to approve the Commission meeting minutes of March 21, 2016 as presented. Commissioner Frangos seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 6-0 approval.

**6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1**

Margaret Lindsey, Destination: Art, distributed fliers for "Life's A Beach," an exhibition of beach themed art at Destination: Art, on April 30, 2016. She stated that following the public reception the exhibit is traveling to Java Man in Hermosa Beach and other South Bay venues. She was pleased to announce that Destination: Art received a Torrance Advantage Award and discussed plans to have an annual downtown Torrance art walk.

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

**7A. MID-YEAR 2015-16 CITY BUDGET UPDATE**

Cultural Services Manager Rappoport provided an overview of the mid-year budget presented to City Council's Committee on Finance and Governmental Operations on March 22. She stated that the City's operating budget remains balanced and the economy continues to grow at a slow and steady pace. She reported that as of January 2016 all department expenditures are within budget and that revenues are tracking below budget by approximately 2% to 3% compared to the prior two fiscal years. She stated that Utility Users Tax revenues would increase when Exxon-Mobil begins working at full capacity in the next 30 to 45 days. She announced that planning for the next two-year 2016-18 City budget is taking place with workshop hearings on May 10 and 17 in City Council Chambers.

**7B. REVIEW EXCELLENCE IN ARTS APPLICATION, GUIDELINES, TIMELINE, AND COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

Cultural Services Manager Rappoport informed the Commission that the Excellence in Arts Awards Ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, October 23, 2016. She stated that no changes have been made to the application or guidelines and noted that Commissioner Candioly has offered to act as Master of Ceremonies at the event. She provided a chart of last year's committee assignments and requested that Commissioners consider which category they would like to be responsible for this year. Committee assignments were selected as follows:

Arts Education	Commissioner Taylor
Dance	Commissioner Sargent
Drama & Theatre Arts	Commissioner Korman
Literary Arts	Commissioner Frangos
Music	Chairperson Muhammed
Visual Arts & Design	Commissioner Kang
Katy Geissert Award	Commissioner Candioly

**MOTION:** Commissioner Frangos moved to approve the Excellence in Arts application, guidelines, timeline, and committee assignments. Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 6-0 approval.

**8. ON-GOING BUSINESS**

**8A. RECAP OF THE CHERRY BLOSSOM CULTURAL FESTIVAL**

Cultural Services Manager Rappoport led a discussion regarding the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Cherry Blossom Festival on April 3 at Columbia Park. She distributed programs and thanked the Commissioners who attended. She reported that it was a successful event, with more food, vendors, and entertainment this year. She stated that DJ Ozzie has made several suggestions for next year and that in the future they hope to get instructors involved to provide interactive craft projects.

**8B. UPDATE ON ARTS COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP MEETING**

Cultural Services Manager Rappoport reported that a meeting with City non-profit art groups is scheduled for April 25 and that so far nine organizations have confirmed

they will attend. She stated that agenda topics include the Torrance Cultural Arts Foundation and budget process.

**9. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**9A. EXCELLENCE IN ARTS COMMITTEE**

Previously discussed in Item 7B.

**9B. FACILITIES COMMITTEE**

Cultural Services Manager Rappoport reported that the set of plans for the Wilson Park Gazebo project is with the Building Department.

**9C. GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Cultural Services Manager Rappoport stated that that the deadline for the Grants Program applications is May 6.

**10. CORRESPONDENCE FOR COMMISSION REVIEW TO ACCEPT AND FILE OR FOR CONSIDERATION AT A FUTURE MEETING - None.**

**11. MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Cultural Services Manager Rappoport noted that the Cultural Services Division Report for March 2016 was included in agenda packets. She reported that Torrance Theatre Company's "39 Steps" has closed and that "Self-Help" opens on May 14. She stated that the Torrance Art Museum exhibit "doppelganger" opened on April 2 and will run through May 28. She noted that the students going to Kashiwa, Japan would be presented at the April 19 City Council meeting and that 300 volunteers attended the volunteer recognition event.

**12. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2**

**12A.** Commissioner Sargent stated that she attended the Torrance Art Museum exhibition, Cherry Blossom Festival, Volunteer Recognition, Bunka-Sai Festival, and "Cinderella" at the San Francisco Opera cinema series.

**12B.** Commissioner Kang stated that she enjoyed the Torrance Art Museum opening, Cherry Blossom Festival, and Bunka Sai Festival.

**12C.** Chairperson Muhammed stated that he attended the Cherry Blossom Festival and Torrance Theatre Company's "39 Steps."

**12D.** Commissioner Taylor stated that he enjoyed the cultural mix at the Cherry Blossom Festival and particularly liked the Mystic Wave jazz band.

**12E.** Commissioner Korman stated that she went to Torrance Theatre Company's "39 Steps," Destination: Art, Glen Campbell tribute at the Armstrong Theatre, and Studio Cabaret's "Big Lucky" at the Nakano Theatre.

**12F.** Cultural Services Manager Rappoport discussed two events in early May: Los Angeles County Arts Commission town hall meeting at Toyota Meeting Hall and Arts For All candidate forum for County Supervisor at the Nakano Theatre.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** At 7:50 p.m., Commissioner Korman moved to adjourn the meeting to Monday, May 16, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall. Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected approval.

Approved as submitted  
May 16, 2016  
s/ Rebecca Poirier, City Clerk