

**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, June 15, 2015 in the West Annex meeting room, Torrance City Hall.

2. FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Bunting led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Commissioner Korman.

Also Present: Cultural Services Manager Rappoport and Cultural Services Senior Supervisor Kaemerle.

MOTION: Commissioner Bunting moved to grant Commissioner Korman an excused absence for the June 15, 2015 Commission meeting. Commissioner Rische seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

4. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

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

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5A. MINUTES OF MAY 18, 2015

MOTION: Commissioner Rische moved to approve the Commission meeting minutes of May 18, 2015 as presented. Commissioner Bunting seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous (absent Commissioner Korman).

6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1 - None.

7. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

7A. CARL KAEMERLE, SENIOR SUPERVISOR

Senior Supervisor Kaemerle distributed packets to Commissioners and discussed current and upcoming programming at the Cultural Arts Center. He reported that art exhibits "Forgetting the Future Entropy in the Reflective Age" and "Storm"

opened June 6 at Torrance Art Museum (TAM) and that all five performances of Torrance Theatre Company's "Picasso at the Lapin Agile" sold out. He stated that rehearsals are underway for the summer musical "Hairspray" opening August 8 at the Armstrong Theatre. He informed Commissioners that David Burks, Torrance Civic Chorale Director, retired after 24 years. He announced the Torrance Rose Float Association's fundraiser "A Night for Roses" at the Comedy and Magic Club on June 24. He stated that Mary Drobney with Artful Days will begin lecturing at TAM beginning July 7 and that students from Kashiwa, Japan will be visiting August 8-19.

Manager Rappoport announced Friends of Torrance Theatre Company's 2nd Annual Murder Mystery Dinner fundraiser on June 21 at the Double Tree.

8. OLD BUSINESS

8A. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2015-16 COMMUNITY ARTS GRANT FUNDING

Manager Rappoport stated that she received responses from South Bay Conservatory and Adventures in Art as requested by Commissioners at the May 18 Commission meeting. She stated that Linda Dyer, Executive Director of South Bay Conservatory, confirmed that the Conservatory is essentially acting as a fiscal receiver and co-producer for the production, adding that their role is to ensure that funds are used as proposed. Referring to Adventures in Art, she distributed a modified Project Budget Sheet, noting the decrease in opportunity drawing income and increase of ten cents per child. She requested that the Commission approve the grants for recommendation to City Council.

Peggy Dowell, Torrance Performing Arts Consortium and President, South Bay Conservatory, stated that the reading "The Journals of Osborne P. Anderson" is an adult production under the umbrella of the Conservatory that is the only program currently celebrating black history.

Manager Rappoport suggested that the Arts Council of Torrance ask City Council for funds to defray costs of using the Ken Miller Recreation Center for its annual student spotlight/teacher recognition awards event.

Commissioner Candioly noted that 110 attendees for the reading does not seem many and recommended promoting the production in schools.

Ms. Dowell responded that the capacity of the Nakano Theatre is 145 and, because it is a reading, the audience should be up close and personal. She added that when they begin selling out they would consider moving into the Armstrong Theatre.

MOTION: Commissioner Candioly moved to approve 2015-2016 Community Arts Grants Awards as follows: Adventures in Art (\$1,500), Saturday Night Bath Concert Fund (\$1,500), and South Bay Conservatory (\$2,000), not to exceed a total of \$5,000. Commissioner Rische seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Commissioner Korman).

9. NEW BUSINESS

9A. 2015-2016 NOMINATION AND ELECTIONS OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Manager Rappoport recommended that the Commission follow past practice and elect a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Commission based on seniority.

MOTION: Commissioner Candioly moved to elect Commissioner Muhammed for Chairperson and Commissioner Taylor for Vice-Chairperson of the Cultural Arts Commission effective July 1, 2015. Commissioner Bunting seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Commissioner Korman).

10. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

10A. EXCELLENCE IN ARTS

Commissioner Candioly stated that the Excellence in Arts Committee is meeting soon to finalize plans for the Awards Ceremony.

10B. FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Manager Rappoport reported that construction drawings for the Wilson Park Gazebo Project are 60% complete.

10C. GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE

Previously discussed in Item 8A.

11. MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORT

Cultural Services Manager Rappoport noted that the Cultural Services Division Report for May 2015 was included in agenda packets. She discussed the successful June 13 Cultural Arts Center Open House and Tours that had 250 people in attendance. She announced the 30th anniversary of Farmers' Market on June 16 at 10:00 a.m.

12. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

12A. Commissioner Taylor stated that he enjoyed the Rolling Hills Street Fair last weekend, especially a youth performing arts group.

12B. Commissioner Bunting stated that she went to LACMA, the TAM opening, and is impressed with the Lago Seco Park community gardens.

12C. Commissioner Candioly shared information about his visits to an interesting "Alice in Wonderland" park in Denver and the Cultural Center in Chicago.

12D. Commissioner Muhammed stated that he is looking forward to going to Torrance Theatre Company's Murder Mystery Dinner fundraiser and the TAM exhibits.

12E. Chairperson Frangos stated that she enjoyed a shoe designer exhibit at the Craft and Folk Art Museum, the Beach Boys movie, and "Picasso at the Lapin Agile."

12F. Commissioners and staff expressed their appreciation to Chairperson Frangos for a job well done as Chairperson.

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: At 7:50 p.m., Commissioner Candioly moved to adjourn the meeting to Monday, July 20, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall. Commissioner Bunting seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

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Approved as submitted July 20, 2015 s/ Rebecca Poirier, City Clerk
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