

**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, August 17, 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, Korman, Rische, and Chairperson Muhammed.

Absent: Commissioners Frangos and Taylor.

Also Present: Cultural Services Senior Supervisor Kaemerle and Farmers' Market Manager Chan.

4. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

MOTION: Commissioner Rische 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 JULY 20, 2015

MOTION: Commissioner Candioly moved to approve the Commission meeting minutes of July 20, 2015 as presented. Commissioner Rische seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Commissioners Frangos and Taylor).

6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

None.

7. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

7A. UPDATE ON FARMERS' MARKET AND COMMUNITY GARDENS

Farmers' Market Manager Chan presented the Torrance Certified Farmers' Market Monthly Report and reported that the Market earned \$37,800 more in fiscal year 2014-2015 than 2013-2014. She noted that she is impressed with the Market's farmers who are meeting the supply and demand for produce in spite of the drought. She stated that everyone is harvesting at the Community Gardens and are getting ready to plant for the fall.

In response to Commissioner Candioly's inquiry, she attributed the increase in revenue to a busier Saturday Market, an increase in food vendors on Tuesdays, and a growing movement where more people want produce from local farmers.

8. OLD BUSINESS

8A. DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2014-2015

Senior Supervisor Kaemerle presented the draft Cultural Arts Commission Annual Report for July 2014 through June 2015 and requested that Commissioners review and amend as needed.

MOTION: Commissioner Korman moved to accept the Cultural Arts Commission Annual Report for July 2014 through June 2015 as presented and to forward it to City Council to accept and file. Commissioner Bunting seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Commissioners Frangos and Taylor).

8B. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EXCELLENCE IN ARTS AWARDS NOMINEES

Commissioner Candioly, Chair of the Excellence in Arts Committee, reported that on August 10 the Committee met to review 11 submissions for Excellence in Arts Awards. He presented the Committee's recommendations for Awards as follows:

Literary Arts	Ted Lange
Music	Ready, Willing and Mabel
Visual Arts Design	David Wolfram
Dance	Allyson Lockhart, The Dance Lounge
Drama & Theatre Arts	Larry Watts
Tom Rische Arts Education	Patrick Tierney
Katy Geissert Award	Pam Barrett and Jim Hill

Megan Willis asked the Commission to reconsider the Music category recommendation and to award Patty Breitag with Los Concioneros Master Choral, noting that she has been an exceptional collaborative artist for 20 years.

Commissioners Korman and Candioly explained that she was not selected because Joanna Nacheff, conductor for Los Concioneros was awarded last year, and they encouraged Ms. Willis to re-nominate her again next year.

MOTION: Commissioner Bunting moved to approve the Excellence in Arts Committee's recommendation as presented for Excellence in Arts Awards. Chairperson Muhammed seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Commissioners Frangos and Taylor).

9. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

9A. EXCELLENCE IN ARTS

Previously discussed in Item 8B.

9B. FACILITIES COMMITTEE

No report.

9C. GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE

No report.

10. MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORT

Senior Supervisor Kaemerle noted that the Cultural Services Division Report for July 2015 was included in agenda packets. He reported that the Mystic Wave concert at Columbia Park was successful and hopes that the Concerts in the Park series can begin again.

11. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

11A. Commissioner Rische stated that she enjoyed Torrance Theatre Company's "Hairspray."

11B. Chairperson Muhammed stated that "Hairspray" is a phenomenal production.

11C. Commissioner Candioly stated that he has been busy traveling on business and that he was excited to read a recent Daily Breeze article about all the building and development in the City.

11D. Commissioner Korman stated that the Daily Breeze gave an outstanding review for "Hairspray." She announced a Palos Verdes Symphonic Band concert at South Coast Botanical Gardens on Labor Day and the South Bay Community Concert series starting September 9.

11E. Commissioner Bunting stated that she enjoyed a holiday in Cambria and that she has resigned her Cultural Arts Commission position as she has been offered a position at Torrance Art Museum.

11F. Commissioner Korman relayed a concern raised by the Commission on Aging about the difficulty for seniors to go down the ramp at the Armstrong Theatre.

Senior Supervisor Kaemerle pointed out that there is an elevator and offered to check with General Services to see if rails could be installed.

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: At 7:33 p.m., Commissioner Candioly moved to adjourn the meeting to Monday, September 21, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall. Chairperson Muhammed seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

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Approved as amended September 21, 2015 s/ Rebecca Poirier, City Clerk
