

**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, October 19, 2015 in the West Annex meeting room, Torrance City Hall.

2. FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Taylor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Commissioners Candioly and Korman.

Also Present: Cultural Services Manager Rappoport.

MOTION: Commissioner Frangos moved to grant excused absences to Commissioners Candioly and Korman for the October 19, 2015 Cultural Arts Commission meeting. Commissioner Rische seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

4. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

MOTION: Commissioner Frangos 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 unanimous approval.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5A. MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2015

MOTION: Commissioner Rische moved to approve the Commission meeting minutes of September 21, 2015 as presented. Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Commissioners Candioly and Korman).

6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

6A. Margaret Lindsey, Studio Artist, Destination: Art, distributed invitations for Destination: Art's 1st anniversary and holiday party on November 14. She stated that handmade ornaments, 2016 calendars of historic sites, and original artwork would be available for purchase.

6B. Megan Willis, Los Cancioneros Master Chorale, introduced new conductor Allan Petker, and stated that they had a successful concert “Getting to Know You” on October 18.

Allan Petker noted that he has had a rewarding six weeks as the new conductor and that the Chorale is off to a great start. In response to inquiries, he stated that there are approximately 50 members who come from all over the South Bay.

6C. Christian Wolf, Executive Director, Torrance Cultural Arts Foundation, provided background on the Foundation and distributed the 2015-16 season brochure. He stated that the 21st season opened with South Bay’s Got Talent on September 26 followed by a tribute to John Denver on the 27th. He highlighted upcoming events in the Guest Artist Series, Family Series, Studio Cabaret Series, and Opera Cinema Series. He announced a United States Army Field Band free concert on March 10, 2016.

7. OLD BUSINESS

7A. 2015 EXCELLENCE IN ARTS AWARDS UPDATE

Manager Rappoport and Commissioners discussed final preparations for the October 24 Excellence in Arts Awards ceremony at Toyota Meeting Hall. Manager Rappoport distributed a draft program and informed the Commission that Councilman Rizzo would be standing in for Mayor Furey.

8. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

8A. EXCELLENCE IN ARTS

Previously discussed in Item 7A.

8B. FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Manager Rappoport reported that the architect’s redesign for the Wilson Park Gazebo Project was presented to the City Manager last week and that it was decided to move forward with the original design.

8C. GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE - No report.

9. MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORT

Manager Rappoport noted that the Cultural Services Division Report for September 2015 was included in agenda packets. She stated that the October 13 10th anniversary reception at Torrance Art Museum was very successful, with several City officials attending. She expressed appreciation to Chairperson Muhammed for speaking and noted that seven volunteers were honored at the event. She informed the Commission that the October as Arts and Humanities Month proclamation would be presented at the October 20 City Council meeting and Chairperson Muhammed stated that he would be there to accept it.

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

11. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

11A. Commissioner Frangos stated that she enjoyed the Manhattan Beach Hometown Fair, Tom Wudl art opening at the L.A. Louver, Kurt Vile rock concert, and the Steve Jobs movie.

11B. Chairperson Muhammed stated that he enjoyed Torrance Theatre Company's "One Slight Hitch" and the Torrance Art Museum anniversary reception.

11C. Commissioner Taylor stated that he attended the Del Amo Mall opening and shared his participation on the recent Metropolitan Water District's water inspection tour to the Central Valley.

11D. Commissioner Taylor initiated a brief discussion regarding the City's micro-breweries and ways to capitalize on the draw that they have.

12. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:50 p.m., Chairperson Muhammed adjourned the meeting to Monday, November 16, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall.

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Approved as submitted January 25, 2016 s/ Rebecca Poirier, City Clerk
