

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
GRANTS COMMITTEE OF THE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance Parks and Recreation Commission Grants Committee convened in an adjourned regular session at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 27, at the Cultural Arts Center Garden Rooms A & B.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Ning, Robbins, and Chairperson Gilbert.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Recreation Services Senior Supervisor Kelso.

3. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

MOTION: Commissioner Ning moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on the posting of the agenda for this meeting. Commissioner Robbins seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes were not available.

5. GRANTS HEARING

Committee members listened to brief presentations by the following 12 applicants for non-profit social service agencies for year 2011:

Agency: New Life Advocacy
Address: 21213 Hawthorne Boulevard, #5598, Torrance, CA 90503
Project: Victim Emergency Food Fund
Presenter: Karol Sikie, Executive Director
Amount Requested: \$2,000

Ms. Sikie stated that requested funds would be used to provide \$100 food vouchers to 20 victims of domestic violence and their children.

Agency: **National Council on Alcoholism & Drug Dependency of the South Bay**

Address: 1334 Post Avenue, Torrance, CA 90501

Project: Alcohol/Drug/Tobacco Prevention for Teens & Parents

Presenters: Tim Hutson and Barb Smith

Amount Requested: \$7,500

It was noted that funds would be used to facilitate support groups on Torrance High School campuses for students with alcohol and other drug related problems. Parents would also be provided training to strengthen their parenting and prevention skills.

Agency: **Healthcare and Elder Law Programs Corporation (H.E.L.P.)**

Address: 1404 Cravens Avenue, Torrance, CA 90501

Project: The Torrance Guide to Services for Older Adults on the Web

Presenter: Helene Park

Amount Requested: \$3,000

Ms. Park distributed guides and stated that requested funds would be used to update, print, and distribute the 2011 edition of "The Torrance Guide to Services for Older Adults."

Agency: **HOPE (Home Ownership for Personal Empowerment, Inc.)**

Address: 21231 Hawthorne Boulevard, Torrance, CA 90503

Project: HOPE Carson Property in Torrance

Presenter: Jennifer Byram, Fund Raising Staff

Amount Requested: \$3,000

Ms. Byram stated that the grant request would fund replacement of vinyl flooring in the kitchen and bathroom of Unit #212, a unit occupied by two women with developmental disabilities.

Agency: **Harbor Interfaith Services, Inc.**

Address: 670 West 10th Street, San Pedro, CA 90731

Project: Harbor Interfaith Services, Inc.

Presenter: Murielle Kelly, Program Director

Amount Requested: \$7,000

Ms. Kelly stated that with the grant they could continue offering comprehensive services to more than 15,000 homeless and working poor people while constructing a new Family Resource Center on the site of existing facilities.

Agency: **The Gathering Place**

Address: 514 North Prospect Avenue, #115, Redondo Beach, CA 90277

Project: Bereavement Support Services

Presenter: Clair Towle, LCSW, Director

Amount Requested: \$7,000

Ms. Towle discussed the project that provides bereavement support groups, short-term bereavement crisis intervention and counseling, information and referrals, and community education and outreach.

Agency: **Exceptional Kids Parent/Teacher Organization**
Address: 531 Camino de Encanto, Redondo Beach, CA 90277
Project: 2011 EKPTO Prom Night
Presenter: Sandra Demond, President
Amount Requested: \$4,000

Ms. Demond distributed information and described the annual prom held at the Hacienda Hotel in El Segundo that provides the young adult disabled population throughout the South Bay an opportunity to go to a prom.

Agency: **Enrichment Through Employment**
Address: 1860 West 220th Street, #425
Project: Assisting People Recovering from Severe Mental Illness to Achieve Successful Employment
Presenter: Hilda Preston, Vice-President, Board of Directors
Amount Requested: \$1,500

Funds to be used to purchase a new computer and printer as well as MS Office 2010 and QuickBooks accounting software.

Agency: **Assistance League of San Pedro – South Bay**
Address: 1441 West 8th Street, San Pedro, CA 90732
Project: Operation Hug
Presenter: Elaine James
Amount Requested: \$7,200

Funds to be used to purchase teddy bears for local hospital emergency rooms.

Agency: **The Children’s Dental Center of Greater Los Angeles**
Address: 300 East Buckthorn Street, Inglewood, CA 90301
Project: Oral Health for Underserved Children in Torrance
Presenters: Dennis Young and Steven McCain
Amount Requested: \$7,500

It was noted that the grant request would be used to continue to provide comprehensive oral health education, dental screenings, and referral follow-up to 375 dentally underserved children in Torrance.

Agency: **Behavioral Health Services, Inc.**
Address: South Bay Seniors Services
15519 Crenshaw Boulevard, Gardena, CA 90249
Project: Torrance Senior Emergency Funds Program
Presenter: Bill Larson, Senior Services Supervisor
Amount Requested: \$5,000

Mr. Larson stated that requested funds would be used for short-term emergency financial assistance and crisis intervention for 20 to 50 Torrance seniors to allow them to remain living in their own homes.

Agency: The Beacon House
Address: 1003 South Beacon Street, San Pedro, CA 90731
Project: Beacon House Detox Room Program
Presenter: Luis Lozano, Executive Director
Amount Requested: \$7,500

Requested grant is to fund an information and referral program to help individuals find help for substance-abuse treatment services in the community.

6. ORALS

Recreation Services Senior Supervisor Kelso requested that Committee members submit their recommendations for funding to him by November 1, 2010.

7. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: At 6:30 p.m., Commissioner Gilbert moved to adjourn the meeting to November 9, 2010, at 5:00 p.m., at the Cultural Arts Center, Garden Rooms A & B. Commissioner Robbins seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

Approved as Submitted November 9, 2010 s/ Sue Herbers, City Clerk
