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**TORRANCE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION AGENDA
MONDAY, JULY 18, 2022
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P.M. VIA TELECONFERENCE OR OTHER ELECTRONIC MEANS**

**THE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION MAY TAKE ACTION ON ANY ITEM LISTED
ON THE AGENDA**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

ROLL CALL: Commission members Cabrera, Carrasco, Hsiao, Klinenberg, Kraemer, Sargent, Chair Polcari

2. FLAG SALUTE:

3. REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Bl. and on the City's Website on Thursday, July 14, 2022 /s/ Rebecca Poirier

4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (Limited to a 30 minute period)

This portion of the meeting is reserved for public comment on items on the agenda or on topics of interest to the general public. Under the Ralph M. Brown Act, Commissioners cannot act on items raised during public comment but may respond briefly to statements made or questions posed; request clarification; or refer the item to staff. Speakers under this Public Comment period will have no longer than 3 minutes per speaker. Please do not use Bluetooth or speaker devices, mute the volume on your television or other electronic devices and speak clearly. Your phone call to the Commission meeting will be recorded as part of the meeting. By staying on the line and making public comment during the meeting, you are agreeing to have your phone call recorded.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

Matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion and one vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed by a Commissioner from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.

6A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Recommendation of Cultural Services Manager that your Honorable Body approve the Cultural Arts Commission minutes of June 20, 2022.

6B. INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMISSIONERS

6C. ACCEPT AND FILE MONTHLY DIVISION REPORTS

Recommendation of the Cultural Services Manager that the Cultural Arts Commission accept and file the Division Monthly Reports.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

7A. UPDATE ON EXCELLENCE IN ARTS

7B. UPDATE ON UTILITY BOX MAPPING

8. COMMISSION ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

9. ADJOURNMENT

9A. Adjournment of the Cultural Arts Commission Meeting to MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE TORRANCE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Torrance Cultural Arts Commission convened in a regular session at 7:02 p.m. on Monday, June 20, 2022, via teleconference.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Hsiao, Kraemer, Polcari, Radke, Wright, and Chairperson Klinenberg.

Absent: Commissioner Sargent.

Also Present: Staff Liaison Joyce Bell and Community Services Director John La Rock.

MOTION: Commissioner Kraemer moved to excuse the absence of Commissioner Sargent. Commissioner Hsiao seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 6-0 approval (Commissioner Sargent absent).

2. FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Radke.

3. REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA

Staff Liaison Belle reported that the agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Boulevard and on the City's website on Thursday, June 16, 2022.

4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

– None.

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

A member of the public spoke.

Chris Wolf, Executive Director with the Torrance Cultural Arts Foundation, presented information regarding the South Bay Festival of the Arts 2022.

Community Services Director John La Rock spoke.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

6A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MAY 16, 2022

MOTION: Commissioner Kraemer moved to approve the May 16, 2022 minutes as presented. Commissioner Wright seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 6-0 approval (Commissioner Sargent absent).

6B. ACCEPT AND FILE MONTHLY DIVISION REPORTS

Community Services Director John La Rock stated that the Farmers Market data will be shared with the Parks and Recreation Commission Agenda.

MOTION: Commissioner Kraemer moved to approve Item 6B. Commissioner Wright seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 6-0 approval (Commissioner Sargent absent).

6C. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

MOTION: Commissioner Kraemer moved to nominate Commissioner Polcari as Chair and Commissioner Sargent as Vice Chair. Commissioner Hsiao seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 6-0 approval (Commissioner Sargent absent).

Staff Liaison Bell inquired if the Commission could move forward with the Vice Chair nomination given that Commissioner Sargent is not present to accept the nomination. Community Services Director John La Rock replied and confirmed that the Commission could move forward with the action; if Commissioner Sargent denied the position, the nomination for Vice Chair can be placed back on the Agenda.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

7A. UPDATE ON EXCELLENCE IN ARTS

Staff Liaison Bell stated that the information for Excellence in Arts will be posted on the City's webpage; individuals can submit nominations from June 27, 2022 through August 15, 2022.

Commissioner Kraemer inquired where to find information on the City's website. Staff Liaison Bell replied that she could send the link to the Commissioners.

8. COMMISSION ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Kraemer stated that she reached out to Visions in Unity and the Sister City Association regarding the Excellence in Arts. Commissioner Hsiao replied that Heidi Ashcraft could be contacted regarding Visions of Unity.

Commissioner Kraemer stated that the Commission should dig in on the Excellence in Arts to support and provide ideas.

Commissioner Polcari inquired if there was a Facebook page available for sharing. Staff Liaison Bell stated that the Torrance Cultural Services Division does have a Facebook page and that postings can be made.

Chairperson Klinenberg stated that Commissioners Radke and Wright will be leaving the Commission and inquired if new Commissioners had been selected. Staff Liaison Bell replied that Andres Cabrera and Keila Carrasco have been selected to serve on the Commission and that she would follow up with the new Commissioners to brief them before the July meeting.

Chair Klinenberg inquired when the new Mayor and Council members start. Commissioner Wright replied July 12, 2022.

Commissioner Wright stated that she appreciated the Commission and that she will be back in a year doing something somewhere.

Commissioner Kraemer stated the following:

- Shakespeare in the Park will be at Wilson Park July 30, 2022 through July 31, 2022.
- Tickets for The Adam's Family go on sale.
- Aerospace Players will be performing *The Sound of Music*.

Community Services Director La Rock stated that Staff will be delivering a report to the Council June 28, 2022, updating the Council on the progress for the Summer Series at Wilson Park. Staff is actively searching for grants from former agencies that have supported past projects and new agencies looking to support future projects.

Commissioner Radke stated that it's her last meeting and thanked the Commission.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: At 7:29 p.m., Commissioner Radke moved to adjourn the meeting to Monday, July 18, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. via teleconference. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Polcari; a roll call vote reflected 6-0 approval (Commissioner Sargent absent).

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Subject to Approval

For Commission Meeting
July 18, 2022

TO: CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION
FROM: JOYCE BELL, ACTING CULTURAL SERVICES MANAGER
RE: INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMISSIONERS

At the June 14, 2022, City Council meeting, Council was asked to review all applications submitted for Commission vacancies. We welcome our returning Commissioner, Steven Hsiao and our two new Commissioners Andres Cabrera and Keila Carrasco.

The 2022-2023 Cultural Arts Commission is as follows:

Chair	Michelle Polcari
Vice Chair	Toni Sargent
Member	Andres Cabrera
Member	Keila Carrasco
Member	Steven Hsiao
Member	Randy Klinenberg
Member	Lynda Kraemer

Respectfully submitted,



Joyce Bell
Acting Cultural Services Manager

TO: CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION
FROM: JOYCE BELL, ACTING CULTURAL SERVICES MANAGER
SUBJECT: CULTURAL SERVICES DIVISION REPORT – June 2022

Joyce Bell, Acting Cultural Services Manager

Administration

Staff participated in a Human Resources Management Training class this month. Leave of Absence was presented by Senior Human Resources Analyst, Tina Ortiz on June 9. Staff attended a training on the new GIS utility map with a Systems Analyst from the Community Development Department on June 22nd. Staff have begun to enter data on the backend of the system. Live data will be displayed once the project is completed. Staff have been meeting to discuss possible plans to offer a summer series at the Wilson Park Amphitheatre. Staff hope to include performances by contemporary bands and a weekend of Shakespeare. Staff processed invoices to close out the end of the 2021/2022 fiscal year and submitted purchase orders requests for expenditures for the 2022/2023 fiscal year.

Charter Clubs

The Aikido, Fencing, Kendo and Naginata Charter Clubs continued classes in June at the Cultural Arts Center. The Dog Obedience Club of Torrance continued classes at Walteria Park. The South Bay Judo Charter Club continued classes at Wilson Park. The Torrance Craftsmen’s Guild held their general membership meeting on June 2 at the Cultural Arts Center. They held their board meeting on June 16 via zoom because of the recent uptick in Covid cases.

Nico Clifton, Performing Arts Program Coordinator

The summer session began on June 20th, with almost a full schedule of classes – only a total of eleven out of 115 classes were cancelled due to low enrollment. We had to add two more youth dance classes to accommodate the large waitlists. Many classes were full with growing waitlists, a good sign as we hope this trend continues into fall.

The Cultural Services Division had an information booth at the TOCA South Bay Festival of the Arts on Saturday, June 25th. Having a presence there was beneficial as we got to interact with many people and talk about our programs. We received a great response from each person that came to the table, and it generated a good amount of interest in our division programming.

Gia Jordahl, Producing Artistic Director, Torrance Theatre Company

Torrance Theatre Company

In June the Torrance Theatre Company closed the production of *THE LEGEND OF GEORGIA MCBRIDE* by Matthew Lopez, which also closed out the 2021-2022 season. The show was extremely well-received and was touted as the best show that the TTC has ever done by many of the patrons. The 2022-2023 downtown season was announced and put on sale. The shows include *PARAGON SPRINGS* by Steven Dietz (October 2-22, 2022); *THE CORDRAY CHRISTMAS VARIETY SHOW* by Ryan and Sasha Stewart (December 3-18, 2022); *THE HALF-LIFE OF MARIE CURIE* by Lauren Gunderson (February 4-25, 2023); *WILD WITH HAPPY* by Colman Domingo (April 1-22, 2023); and *NATIVE GARDENS* by Karen Zacarias (June 3-24, 2023). Season subscriptions are \$125 for all five shows, and are available for purchase online at www.TorranceTheatreCompany.com; via phone at 424-243-6882, or by mailing in the order form to 1316 Cabrillo Ave. Torrance, CA 90501. As of the first month of sales we are at 152 subscribers. Our goal this year is to get to 400, which is lower than our pre-pandemic number, but higher than the 2021-2022 season.

The summer musical, *THE ADDAMS FAMILY*, began rehearsals in mid-June. *THE ADDAMS FAMILY* will run at the James R. Armstrong Theatre from August 6-13, 2022, for SIX PERFORMANCES ONLY. The show will feature a live orchestra sponsored by the Friends of Torrance Theatre Company non-profit organization. More info is available at www.TorranceTheatreCompany.com. We are still searching for applicants for the intern positions funded through the LA County Arts Commission. Initial interviews are scheduled for early July.

Torrance Civic Chorale

The Torrance Civic Chorale joined the El Camino Choirs in the El Camino Silver Jubilee concert at the Marsee Auditorium on June 3rd.

The Torrance Civic is dark during the summer and will resume in September with the Fall session that will culminate in the December Holiday concert at the Armstrong Theatre.

Summer Drama Camps With Starlight

All six weeks of the Starlight Summer Drama Camp are sold out, and that includes the expanded availability we added to each week. First camp begins the week of July 11th. The camps run weekly July through August, and feature a different theatrical theme each week, and conclude on Fridays with a free showcase for friends and family.

Torrance Sister City Association

Torrance Sister City Association held their monthly meeting on June 13.

The Association introduced the students going to Kashiwa at the June 28th Council meeting. The TSCA is preparing to send a small delegation of students to Japan in mid-July, which has been a herculean feat given the red tape in this post-pandemic world with regards to international travel.

The TSCA is also preparing for the 50th anniversary of the Sister City program in 2023. More details on events and programs related to that will be forthcoming.

Torrance Rose Float Association

The Rose Float Association held their monthly meeting on June 7.

Staff are assisting with logistics to get advertisement for their Rose Vial donation drive inserted into the city water bills.

Summer Series

Staff have been working on logistics with Shakespeare by the Sea to bring two shows to the Wilson Park Amphitheatre on Saturday, July 30th and Sunday, July 31st at 7 pm. The group is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year. The shows are *MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING* and *ROMEO AND JULIET* respectively. Admission is FREE, and patrons are encouraged to come early and bring a picnic dinner and enjoy the shows. More info at www.shakespearebythesea.org

Max Presneil, TAM Curator and Director

We finished the run of the third edition of Studio Systems on Saturday, June 25 with a large crowd coming to view the last day – over 450 people! This exhibition was also well attended during its run through June. Studio System will return to TAM in 2024.

Staff have been working on the installation for *The LA6 and the Underground* which will open on Saturday July 16, 6-9pm. The show features street artists with painting, drawing and sculptures, around a core of 6 street photographers who document the LA underground.

In Gallery Two we will be featuring the work from 2 Berlin based artist-run galleries. And in the Dark Room we will feature the multi-media installation by Cannibalistic Caterpillar.

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TO: CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION
FROM: JOYCE BELL, ACTING CULTURAL SERVICES MANAGER
RE: UPDATE ON EXCELLENCE IN ARTS

The Excellence in Arts information and nomination forms were posted on our webpage and social media pages last month. We were scheduled to begin accepting applications on June 27 with the deadline of August 15. To date we have not received any nominations.

Respectfully submitted,



Joyce Bell
Acting Cultural Services Manager

For Commission Meeting
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TO: CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION
FROM: JOYCE BELL, ACTING CULTURAL SERVICES MANAGER
RE: UPDATE ON UTILITY BOX MAPPING

Staff received training in June on a new GIS map for the utility box and public art mapping project. The new map will allow patrons to view public art and the artworks on the utility boxes on one map. Staff have completed entering most of the data on the backend of the program. Once all the data is entered, staff will establish a timeline for activating the link.

Respectfully submitted,



Joyce Bell
Acting Cultural Services Manager