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**TORRANCE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION AGENDA
MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2022
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P.M.
WEST ANNEX COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
CITY HALL, 3031 TORRANCE BOULEVARD**

**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, October 13, 2022 /s/ Rebecca Poirier

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 ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (Limited to a 15 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 1 minutes per speaker. Your comment to the Commission meeting will be recorded as part of the meeting. By staying in the meeting and making public comment during the meeting, you are agreeing to have your comment 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 September 19, 2022.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

7A. UPDATE ON EXCELLENCE IN ARTS AWARDS EVENT

- Commissioners to sign certificates

7B. UPDATE ON UTILITY BOX PUBLIC ART PILOT PROGRAM

- Recommendation that the Commission receive an update from the Sub-Committee regarding initial results of their review of potential utility box locations to begin the pilot program.

7C. CULTURAL SERVICES DIVISION UPDATES

Recommendation of the Cultural Services Division that the Cultural Arts Commission receive and file updates on the Cultural Services activities:

- Torrance Art Museum 2023 Art Exhibit
- October Arts and Humanities Month
- Division Manager Recruitment

8. COMMISSION ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

9. ADJOURNMENT

- 9A.** Adjournment of the Cultural Arts Commission Meeting to MONDAY, November 21, 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 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 19, 2022, in the West Annex Commission Meeting Room.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Cabrera, Hsiao, Klinenberg, Kraemer, Sargent, and Chair Polcari.

Absent: Commissioner Carrasco.

Also Present: Cultural Services Program Coordinator Gia Jordahl and Community Services Director John La Rock.

2. FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Hsiao.

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

Cultural Services Program Coordinator Jordahl reported that the agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Boulevard and on the City's website on Thursday, September 15, 2022.

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 ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS:

- None.

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- None.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: Commissioner Sargent moved to accept the Consent Calendar. Commissioner Hsiao seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 6-0 approval. (Commissioner Carrasco absent)

6A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: AUGUST 15, 2022

7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

7A. UPDATE ON EXCELLENCE IN ARTS

Commissioner Klinenberg stated that Eve Rappaport should be recognized separately from the Excellence in Arts Awards.

The Commission discussed potential recipients of the Excellence in Arts Awards.

MOTION: Commissioner Kraemer moved to approve the list put forth by the Committee. Commissioner Hsiao seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 6-0 approval (Commissioner Carrasco absent).

Commissioner Klinenberg requested to present the Excellence in Arts Music Award.

Commissioner Hsiao requested to present the Excellence in Arts Dr. Tom Rische Arts Education Award.

Commissioner Cabrera requested to present the Excellence in Arts Drama & Theatre Arts Award.

Chair Polcari requested to present the Excellence in Arts Visual Arts & Design Award in addition to the Katy Geissert Award.

Commissioner Kraemer requested to present the Excellence in Arts Literary Award.

The Commission assigned Commissioner Carrasco to present the Excellence in Arts Dance Award.

MOTION: Commissioner Cabrera moved to approve the assignments for the Excellence in Arts Awards. Commissioner Sargent seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 6-0 approval (Commissioner Carrasco absent).

7B. UPDATE ON UTILITY BOX PUBLIC ART PILOT PROGRAM

Community Services Director La Rock reported that 96 utility box locations are available for the subcommittee (Commissioners Kraemer, Sargent, and Chair Polcari) and the Commission's review; once the locations have been reviewed and recommendations made, a presentation will go before the City Council for official assignment of the program.

Community Services Director La Rock requested the subcommittee pick 6-12 locations for staff's review.

Commissioner Cabrera suggested interactivity with the public through the Utility Box Public Art Program to learn more about the city; Commissioner Cabrera stated that a QR code could be present on the utility boxes that provides historical information on the designated utility box location. Community Services Director La Rock acknowledged the request and stated that the QR code information will be upon Commissioner's recommendation.

Commissioner Cabrera requested that a printed brochure scavenger hunt be considered and Community Services Director La Rock acknowledged the request.

MOTION: Commissioner Kraemer moved to accept and file the update on the Utility Box Public Art Pilot Program. Commissioner Cabrera seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 6-0 approval (Commissioner Carrasco absent).

7C. INFORMATION ON THE WINDOW ART PROJECT

Community Services Director La Rock reported the Window Art Project, an art exhibit at the Del Amo Fashion Center in storefronts throughout the mall.

A member of the public spoke.

MOTION: Commissioner Sargent moved to accept and file the information on the Window Art Project. Commissioner Klinenberg seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 6-0 approval (Commissioner Carrasco absent).

7D. CULTURAL SERVICES DIVISION UPDATES

Community Services Director La Rock reported that City Council is preparing a Resolution to recognize Arts and Humanities Month for the month of October.

Community Services Director La Rock reported that the recruitment for the Division Manager position is underway; recruitment closes at the end of the month, September 2022.

Cultural Services Program Coordinator Jordahl reported that summer programs were successful; season subscriptions are being sold with 350 subscribers signed up for the Downtown venue.

Cultural Services Program Coordinator Jordahl reported that the Torrance Civil Chorale is back with approximately 40 participants; a concert will be held Friday, December 16, 2022, at the Armstrong Theater.

MOTION: Commissioner Hsiao moved to accept and file the Cultural Services Division updates. Commissioner Klinenberg seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 6-0 approval (Commissioner Carrasco absent).

8. COMMISSION ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Sargent requested that a roster be put together for the Commission. Community Services Director La Rock replied that Commissioners can reach out to staff for communicative purposes.

Chair Polcari commended the Lauridsen Ballet Centre and stated that recognitions / awards should be investigated. Cultural Services Program Coordinator Jordahl replied that a special recognition certificate could be investigated.

Members of the Commission spoke.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: At 7:56 p.m., Commissioner Kraemer moved to adjourn the meeting to Monday, October 17, at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex Commission Meeting Room. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Klinenberg; a roll call vote reflected 6-0 approval (Commissioner Carrasco absent).

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TO: CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

FROM: JOHN LA ROCK, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: CULTURAL SERVICES DIVISION REPORT – September 2022

Administration

Staff have been working on the Excellence In Arts event. Digital invitations have been emailed and posted online. Staff has contacted the office of Assemblyman Muratsuchi and Supervisor Janice Hahn for certificates of recognition. Excellence in Arts Awards have been created and are ready to be signed by the Commissioners.

Staff has begun photographing and creating digital content to promote Cultural Services classes for social media.

Nico Clifton, Performing Arts Program Coordinator

September began with the preparation of the fall session. Any classes that are below the minimum were cancelled on September 6th. A total of 19 out of 103 classes were cancelled due to low enrollment, which is slightly higher than the average for a fall session, especially after seeing great enrollment numbers in the summer. During the fall session, we plan to promote classes through our social media, with 1-2 posts highlighting classes each week.

The fall session began the week of September 12th. The first few weeks of the session have had no issues. The planning for the spring 2023 schedule has begun. Hoping to expand our offerings, we are working towards adding more Zumba classes as well as outdoor fitness classes that will be held in parks throughout the city. A goal for 2023 is to expand our class offerings.

Gia Jordahl, Producing Artistic Director, Torrance Theatre Company

Torrance Theatre Company

The Torrance Theatre Company prepared for the launch of the downtown season at 1316 Cabrillo Ave. Rehearsals were held for PARAGON SPRINGS by Steven Dietz, adapted from AN ENEMY OF THE PEOPLE by Henrik Ibsen. The show opens on October 3rd and runs through October 22nd. Season subscriptions and single tickets are available via phone at 424-243-6882 and on the website at www.torrancetheatrecompany.com

The search for interns funded by a grant from the LA County Arts Commission continues.

Torrance Civic Chorale

The Torrance Civic Chorale started its Fall session on September 12th. Enrollment is at 43 participants. There will be a holiday concert on December 17th at 8:00 pm at the James R. Armstrong Theatre. The concert will feature holiday music from around the world, and cover

various holiday traditions. Tickets will go on sale in November; more info and a link to purchase tickets will be available on www.torrancecivicchorale.net.

Additionally, the TCC is working on securing other performance opportunities for the holiday season, including the TMMC Festival of Trees. More info will be available at a future Commission meeting.

Torrance Sister City Association

Torrance Sister City Association held its monthly board meeting on September 12th, and a 50th anniversary committee meeting on September 14th.

Rose Float Association

The Rose Float Association held their monthly meeting on September 6th. Rose Vial donation drive inserts for the City water bills started hitting in September.

Excellence In Arts

The Cultural Division is working with the Cultural Arts Commission on the 44th annual event that will be held on October 22nd at 2 pm at the Toyota Meeting Hall. The commission also voted on and set the awardees. Music- Wole Oni. Drama and Theatre Arts-Garrett Engle. Literary Arts-David Howard & Bret Simmons. Visual Arts and Design-Sean O'Malley. Dr. Tom Rische Arts Education Award-Joseph Mancuso. Dance-Niko Montelibano. Katy Geissert Award-Patrice Lefevre. The host of the event will be Recreation and Parks Commissioner Ed Candioly and the presenters will be members of the Cultural Arts Commission.

Max Presneil, TAM Curator and Director

Torrance Art Museum opened its new exhibition, ***UnCivil War (an Election Special)*** on Saturday October 1st. The exhibition explores various artist's approaches to thinking about the future of democracy in light of the upcoming mid-term elections and the shadow of January 6th 2021. The show will run until December 10th and so will encompass the November elections.. TAM also opened ***92 Events***, an ongoing decades long project by Fluxus artist Ken Friedman that uses short, text based, activity suggestions to engage the public.