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**TORRANCE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION AGENDA
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2024
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P.M. IN THE WEST ANNEX COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
AT 3031 TORRANCE BL.**

**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, Ohara, Polcari, Chair Kraemer

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, November 14, 2024 /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 ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS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 comment on items on the Consent Calendar or not on the agenda. Under the Ralph M. Brown Act, the Commission 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. **No longer than 1 minute per speaker**. If presenting handout material to Commission, please provide 10 copies to staff before speaking.*

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: October 21, 2024

7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

**7A.DISCOVER TORRANCE – RECEIVE AND FILE A PRESENTATION ON
CURRENT ACTIVITIES AND FUTURE PLANS**

Recommendation of the Cultural Services Manager that the Commission receive and file a presentation delivered by Debbie Hays, the Community Relations Representative of Discover Torrance.

7B.CULTURAL SERVICES MANAGER – REVIEW CULTURAL SERVICES DIVISION UPDATES

Recommendation of the Cultural Services Manager that the Cultural Arts Commission review updates on the Cultural Services activities.

7C.CULTURAL SERVICES MANAGER – RECEIVE UPDATE AND DISCUSS COMPREHENSIVE ARTS LISTING IN TORRANCE

Recommendation of the Cultural Services Manager that the Cultural Arts Commission hear updates from the Subcommittee formed to research comprehensive arts listings in other cities and discuss whether to move forward with a plan to create a listing in Torrance.

7D.CULTURAL SERVICES MANAGER – REVIEW AND DISCUSS PAST EXCELLENCE IN ARTS EVENTS AND FUTURE MODIFICATIONS

Recommendation of the Cultural Services Manager that the Cultural Arts Commission engages in a discussion regarding the Excellence in Arts event and potential modifications for the 2025 iteration.

- (a) Should the event nominees be expanded to include the South Bay?
- (b) Is there a desire to eliminate the nomination process and instead select participants based on their specific skillsets?

7E. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR – RECEIVE AND PROVIDE INPUT ON RELOCATION OF PUBLIC ART AT COLUMBIA PARK

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Cultural Arts Commission receive and provide input on the relocation of a public artwork at Columbia Park.

8. COMMISSION ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

9. ADJOURNMENT

- 9A.** Adjournment of the Cultural Arts Commission Meeting to MONDAY, January 27, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex Conference Room.



**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, October 21, 2024, in the West Annex Commission Meeting Room.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Cabrera, Carrasco, Klinenberg, Ohara, Polcari and Chair Kraemer.

Absent: Commissioner Hsiao.

Also Present: Cultural Services Manager Monica Harte and Community Services Director John La Rock.

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

2. FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Carrasco.

3. REPORT OF THE STAFF ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA

Cultural Services Manager Monica Harte reported that the agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Boulevard and on the City's website on Friday, October 11, 2024.

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

None.

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Members of the public spoke.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

6A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: SEPTEMBER 16, 2024

MOTION: Commissioner Klinenberg moved to approve the September 16, 2024, minutes. Commissioner Carrasco seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 6-0 approval (Commissioner Hsiao absent).

7. **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

7A. **CULTURAL SERVICES MANAGER – CULTURAL SERVICES DIVISION UPDATES**

Cultural Services Manager Monica Harte presented Item 7A:

- The Excellence in Arts will celebrate its 46th year.
- Torrance Theatre Company's production of *Escanaba in da Moonlight*, written by Jeff Daniels and directed by Cary Jordahl, opened October 5, 2024.
- Torrance Art Museum opened October 12, 2024 with *In Medias Res: Expanded* and *Jet Pascua: The Arrears on Arriva*. The galleries will be on display until December 7, 2024.
- Cultural Services Classes is coordinating with various artists, instructors, and vendors and evaluating additional class locations in various Torrance parks. A new social media campaign was created to support the new goals.
- The cultural marketing subcommittee will meet November 5, 2024 to discuss and develop a proposal regarding a comprehensive listing for Torrance cultural events.
- The Torrance Rose Float Association will hold their first decorator's meeting October 17, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Torrance Cultural Arts Center's Garden Room and is open to public.
- The Torrance Sister City Association has started planning for the annual Bunka-Sai Festival. The event is scheduled on April 5 – 6, 2025 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Cabrera moved to accept and file Item 7A. Commissioner Klinenberg seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 6-0 approval (Commissioner Hsiao absent).

7B. **CULTURAL SERVICES MANAGER – DISCUSS AND DETERMINE COMMISSION DARK NIGHTS**

Cultural Services Manager Harte presented Item 7B:

MOTION: Commissioner Klinenberg moved that the Commission's dark night be in December 2024. Commissioner Polcari seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 6-0 approval (Commissioner Hsiao absent).

7C. **CULTURAL SERVICES MANAGER – REVIEW AND DISCUSS UTILITY BOX SUBMISSIONS FOR PRESENTATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL**

Cultural Services Manager Harte presented Item 7C:

Members of the Commission reviewed utility box art submissions, sought guidance from staff, and selected (13) designs to be presented to City Council for consideration.

MOTION: Commissioner Polcari moved to recommend the (13) art articles chosen to be presented to City Council. Commissioner Klinenberg seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 6-0 approval (Commissioner Hsiao absent).

8. **COMMISSION ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Commissioners Polcari and Cabrera spoke.

9. **ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION: At 8:14p.m., Commissioner Cabrera moved to adjourn the meeting to Monday, November 18, 2024, 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 Hsiao absent).

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Subject to Approval

For Commission Meeting
November 18, 2024

TO: CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

FROM: MONICA HARTE, CULTURAL SERVICES MANAGER

**SUBJECT: DISCOVER TORRANCE – RECEIVE AND FILE A PRESENTATION ON
CURRENT ACTIVITIES AND FUTURE PLANS**

Recommendation of the Cultural Services Manager that the Commission receive and file a presentation delivered by Debbie Hays, the Community Relations Representative of Discover Torrance.

Respectfully submitted,


Monica Harte
Cultural Services Manager

For Commission Meeting
November 18, 2024

TO: CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

FROM: MONICA HARTE, CULTURAL SERVICES MANAGER

SUBJECT: CULTURAL SERVICES DIVISION MANAGER- DIVISION UPDATES

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

- The Excellence in Arts Awards was held on October 27, 2024. Nine winners were honored for their achievements in the arts and nearly 250 people attended.



- Torrance Theatre Company is currently rehearsing *A 1940s Radio Christmas Carol* which opens December 7, 2024, and runs through Sunday, December 22, 2024. Stage direction by Perry Shields and vocal direction by Bradley Hampton, this nostalgic holiday show is fun for the entire family. They are also preparing for the 25th Anniversary Gala scheduled for March 7, 2025.



- The Torrance Civic Chorale and Jazz Singers will present their Holiday Celebration concert December 21, 2024, at 7:30pm at the James Armstrong Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive. They will be performing with the Palos Verdes Symphonic Band and will raise the rafters with joyous holiday music. You can get a sneak preview at the Community Services Holiday Snowday Event December 14, 2024.



- Cultural Services will be present at the Community Services, Recreation Division *Holiday Snowday Event*, December 14, 2024, at Wilson Park. This event will be filled with music, art, games, snow sleds, food, Santa, elves and lots of magic!



- The last day to experience the Torrance Art Museum's current exhibitions *In Medias Res Expanded* and Jet Pascua's *The Arrears on Arrival* installations will be Saturday, December 7, 2024. The *Burner* exhibition celebrating street artists in Galleries 1 and 2, and *Finiteness Infinity* in the Dark Room, open January 18, 2025.



- Our Torrance Summer Nights lineup is secured, featuring movies, a mini-Renaissance Faire, and exciting concerts including tribute bands Locked Out of Heaven – Bruno Mars, Space Oddity – David Bowie, Britain's Finest EPK – Beatles, ABBA LA, Petty Theft as well as South Bay favorites Sangre Nueva, Blue Breeze Band, Grammy-nominated La Charanga Cubana, and the Dylanfest producers and house band Andy & Renee & Hard Rain!



For Commission Meeting
November 18, 2024

TO: CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

FROM: MONICA HARTE, CULTURAL SERVICES MANAGER

**SUBJECT: CULTURAL SERVICES MANAGER – RECEIVE UPDATE AND DISCCUS
COMPREHENSIVE ARTS LISTING IN TORRANCE**

Recommendation of the Cultural Services Manager that the Cultural Arts Commission hear updates from the Subcommittee formed to research comprehensive arts listings in other cities and discuss whether to move forward with a plan to create a listing in Torrance.

The Subcommittee formed to research comprehensive arts listings in other cities and discuss possibilities for Torrance included Commissioners Cabrera, Carrasco and Klinenberg. The Subcommittee met November 5, 2024. The discussion focused on print and online options as well as listings that included only Torrance-sponsored events or all events in the City of Torrance.

Respectfully submitted,


Monica Harte
Cultural Services Manager

For Commission Meeting
November 18, 2024

TO: CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

FROM: MONICA HARTE, CULTURAL SERVICES MANAGER

SUBJECT: CULTURAL SERVICES MANAGER – DISCUSS AND REVIEW PAST EXCELLENCE IN ARTS EVENTS AND FUTURE MODIFICATIONS

Recommendation of the Cultural Services Manager that the Cultural Arts Commission engage in a discussion regarding the Excellence in Arts event and deliberate on potential modifications for the 2025 iteration.

- (a) Should the event nominees be expanded to include the South Bay?
- (b) Is there a desire to eliminate the nomination process and instead select participants based on their specific skillsets?
- (c) Should other changes be considered?

Respectfully submitted,


Monica Harte
Cultural Services Manager

November 18, 2024

TO: CUTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

FROM: JOHN LA ROCK, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: RECEIVE AND PROVIDE INPUT ON RELOCATION OF PUBLIC ART AT COLUMBIA PARK


Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Cultural Arts Commission receive and provide input on the relocation of a public artwork at Columbia Park.

The Capital Project to build a World War II Incarceration Camp Wall Monument southeast corner of Columbia Park, at the intersection of 190th Street and Prairie Avenue. Currently, a public art piece titled "Fujimihara" by artist Roger Berry is installed in the area designated for the Monument. As a result, the City plans to relocate this existing artwork to another location within the park. There are no restrictions on the City's ability to relocate the artwork inside the park.

After reviewing the artwork and park, Cultural Services staff have recommended relocating the artwork to the southern border of the park. This new location would result in an improved view of the artwork by vehicles travelling on 190th St., park users entering the parking lot, and pedestrians on the park pathway and street sidewalk.

At their regularly scheduled meeting on November 13, 2024, the Parks and Recreation Commission under agenda item 7C, provided their input and recommended the new location for the Columbia Park public artwork. Following input from the Cultural Arts Commission, the item will be presented to the City Council for direction.

Respectfully submitted,



John La Rock
Community Services Director

Attachment:

1. Columbia Park Overview Map

COLUMBIA PARK FESTIVAL MAP



Possible new location for art