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**TORRANCE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION AGENDA  
MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 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, August 11, 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 ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**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 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 July 18, 2022.

**6A. 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. CULTURAL SERVICES DIVISION MANAGER-DIVISION UPDATES**

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

- Summer Concerts
- Torrance Art Museum 2023 Art Exhibit
- October Arts and Humanities Month
- New City Librarian
- Division Manager Recruitment

**8. COMMISSION ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**9A.** Adjournment of the Cultural Arts Commission Meeting to MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 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 7:01 p.m. on Monday, July 18, 2022, via teleconference.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: None.

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

**2. FLAG SALUTE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Klinenberg.

**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, July 14, 2022.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Sargent moved to accept and file the posting of the agenda. Commissioner Klinenberg seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 6-0 approval (Commissioner Cabrera absent).

- Commissioner Cabrera joined the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

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 ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS:**

– None.

**5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

– None.

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Commissioner Sargent requested that Item 6B be removed and separated.

**6A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JUNE 20, 2022**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Kraemer moved to accept Item 6A and 6C. Commissioner Klinenberg seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

**6B. INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioners Cabrera and Carrasco introduced themselves.

**7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**7A. UPDATE ON EXCELLENCE IN ARTS**

Staff Liaison Bell presented an Excellence in Arts update:

- Staff posted applications and forms in early June 2022 and to date, no applications have been submitted; deadline is August 15, 2022.
- During the next meeting in August, an application review by a subcommittee is scheduled, this can be pushed to September 2022 if necessary.

Chair Klinenberg suggested that if the Commission does not get enough / any applications, last year's applicants can be reviewed. Commissioner Sargent replied that the Commission often looks back at past applicants.

Commissioner Kraemer and Chairperson Polcari stated that interest has been generated in the application process and would follow up with their leads.

Commissioner Cabrera inquired how people are reached regarding the Excellence in Arts Awards. Staff Liaison Bell replied that Facebook and Instagram are used to communicate with the public. Commissioner Cabrera suggested email to communicate.

Staff Liaison Bell stated that a link with the Excellence in Arts Award information will be sent to the new Commissioners after the meeting.

**7B. UPDATE ON UTILITY BOX MAPPING**

Staff Liaison Bell described the utility box mapping project for the new commissioners.

Commissioner Cabrera inquired if certain printers are required and offered to connect the Commission with contacts that can assist. Community Services Director La Rock replied that vendors have not been selected at this point and that the City will prequalify vendors through an RFQ process; Community Services Director La Rock stated that if a Commissioner has professional / business relations to a vendor, that a level of separation be made so there is no conflict of interest presented.

**8. COMMISSION ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Members of the Commission spoke.

Commissioner Sargent thanked the Commission for nominating her as Vice Chair.

Commissioner Hsiao welcomed the new Commissioners.

Chairperson Polcari stated that the Torrance Historical Society is putting on their annual Rock Around the Block event in celebration of the All-American City Award won in the 1950's.

Chairperson Polcari stated that the Rose Float Association has received the color image of the float that will be in the 2023 Rose Parade and thanked the City of Torrance for the continued support.

9. **ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION:** At 7:35 p.m., Commissioner Sargent moved to adjourn the meeting to Monday, August 15, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. via teleconference. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hsiao; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

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Subject to Approval

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

**Joyce Bell, Acting Cultural Services Manager**

**Administration**

Staff have been working with the Finance Department to renew annual contracts for contract instructors and supply vendors. Most of the new contracts are effective from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023.

Staff have been working with the City Attorney's Office and the Risk Manager's Office to review art loan forms for the Torrance Art Museum and policies and procedures for accepting art loans.

**Charter Clubs**

The Aikido, Fencing, Kendo and Naginata Charter Clubs continued classes in July at the Cultural Arts Center. Requests to book the dance studio for 2025 were sent to General Services.

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 do not meet in July. Reservations for their 2024 and 2025 meetings and craft fairs were sent to General Services.

**Nico Clifton, Performing Arts Program Coordinator**

Summer classes have been great, and except for having to reschedule a few classes due instructors being absent with Covid, there have been no issues. Luckily, that has enabled the focus to be placed on putting together the Summer Concert series. Three bands were secured to perform in August – So Rad, The Wayback Daddies, and Petty Theft. All three are expected to put on a great show!

The final draft of the fall Seasons was submitted on July 28th. The first draft of the winter 2023 Seasons was submitted in July. Both sessions will have some new yoga and music classes to accommodate the growing demand.

**Gia Jordahl, Producing Artistic Director, Torrance Theatre Company**

**Torrance Theatre Company**

The summer musical, *THE ADDAMS FAMILY*, continued rehearsals in July. *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](http://www.TorranceTheatreCompany.com)

**Torrance Civic Chorale**

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 were initially sold out. First camp began on July 11<sup>th</sup>. There have been some participants cancelling due to concerns about Covid or because they were exposed to Covid outside of camp. Thankfully we have not had any exposures during camp. The camp will run 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 July 11.

The students going to Kashiwa left on July 10<sup>th</sup> and returned home on July 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **Rose Float Association**

The Rose Float Association held their monthly meeting on July 5.

Staff received the color rendering of the Torrance Rose Float for 2023. The float, "*For the Love of Nature*" is very beautiful.

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

### **Summer Series**

Shakespeare by the Sea to brought two shows to the Wilson Park Amphitheatre on Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm. The group is celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. The shows were *MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING* and *ROMEO AND JULIET* respectively. The event drew an enthusiastic crowd. Patrons were very happy to see the return of this annual event after a layoff during the pandemic.

The summer series will also feature several contemporary bands. So Rad, a 90s cover band on August 14 from 5-7pm, The Wayback Daddies, classic rock from the 1960s, 70s and 80s on August 20 from 6-8pm, Petty Theft, a tribute to Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers band on August 28 from 5-7pm and the Palos Verdes Symphonic Band featuring over 60 musicians on September 4 from 5-7pm.

### **Max Presneil, TAM Curator and Director**

Torrance Art Museum opened the latest exhibition, The LA6 and the Underground, on Saturday July 16, and was attended by nearly 500 people. The weekly attendance numbers have been high and consistent. The show is photography based with a selection of painting and sculpture included, that investigate the urban experience.

In Gallery Two we presented B/LA/Connect – as part of a LA County wide festival that showcases, as part of an exchange, the art works of Berlin based galleries that are artist-run. Included was a selection of local artists who were exhibited in Berlin last year.

For Commission Meeting  
August 15, 2022

**TO: CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION**

**FROM: JOYCE BELL, ACTING CULTURAL SERVICES MANAGER**

**RE: UPDATE ON EXCELLENCE IN ARTS AND APPOINTMENT OF AN AD-HOC COMMITTEE FOR THE 43<sup>RD</sup> EXCELLENCE IN ARTS AWARDS**

For the past 42 years the Cultural Arts Commission has recognized distinguished individuals for their commitment and dedication to the Arts and Humanities. The Excellence in Arts Awards is dedicated to honoring these contributors to the Torrance community. Nominations can be submitted by Torrance residents, business, or organizations. This year the event will be held on Saturday, October 22, 2022, from 2:00-4:00pm at the Toyota Meeting Hall.

The Cultural Arts Commission Excellence in Arts Ad Hoc Committee will review the nominations and make a recommendation to the full Cultural Arts Commission. Nominees are evaluated using criteria and guidelines established by the Commission.

Staff currently have nominations in the Dr. Tom Rische Arts Education and Katy Geissert categories. The deadline for nominations is August 15, 2022.

Staff recommend that the Commission select members for the Excellence in Arts Ad Hoc Committee that will present their recommendations to the entire body of the Cultural Arts Commission at the September meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Joyce Bell  
Acting Cultural Services Manager

For Commission Meeting  
August 15, 2022

**TO: CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION**  
**FROM: JOYCE BELL, ACTING CULTURAL SERVICES MANAGER**  
**RE: CULTURAL SERVICES DIVISION MANAGER- DIVISION UPDATES**

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

- Summer Concerts series will be presented at the Wilson Park Amphitheater featuring performances of contemporary and classical music. (Flyer attached).
- Torrance Art Museum is searching for corporate/industrial locations to host a 2023 art exhibit similar to NOMAD, called TRYST.
- October Arts and Humanities Month. We want to encourage everyone to explore new facets of the arts and humanities. Excellence in Art is held in October to highlight those that have contributed to the arts and humanities.
- New City Librarian, Heather Cousin, began her appointment on July 25.
- Division Manager Recruitment began on July 14. The application process closed on August 10.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Joyce Bell  
Acting Cultural Services Manager



CITY OF TORRANCE  
CULTURAL SERVICES DIVISION  
PRESENTS

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# 2022 SUMMER CONCERTS

FREE SUMMER CONCERTS AT THE AMPHITHEATER  
AT WILSON PARK, 2200 CRENSHAW BLVD.

**SO RAD**

Sunday  
**AUGUST 14**  
5-7PM

**THE WAYBACK  
DADDIES**

Saturday  
**AUGUST 20**  
6-8PM

**PETTY  
THEFT**

Sunday  
**AUGUST 28**  
5-7PM

**PALOS VERDES  
SYMPHONIC  
BAND**

Sunday  
**SEPTEMBER 4**  
5-7PM