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**TORRANCE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION AGENDA
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2025
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 STAFF 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, February 20, 2025.

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 ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (Limited up 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 Councilmember from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.

6A. Approve Commission Minutes: January 27, 2025

7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

7A. 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.

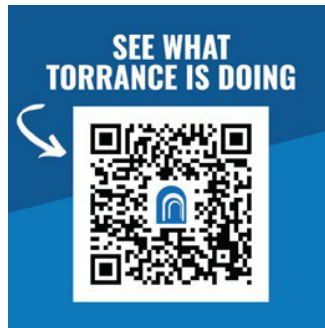
7B. CULTURAL SERVICES MANAGER – RECEIVE AND FILE VISIONS OF UNITY PRESENTATION

Recommendation of the Cultural Services Manager that the Cultural Arts Commission receive and file the Visions of Unity presentation.

8. COMMISSION ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

9. ADJOURNMENT

9A. Adjournment of the Cultural Arts Commission Meeting to MONDAY, March 17, 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 7:01 p.m. on Monday, January 27, 2025, in the West Annex Commission Meeting Room.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Commissioner Klinenberg.

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

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

2. FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Polcari.

Commissioner Carrasco arrived at 7:02 p.m.

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

Cultural Services Manager Harte reported that the agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Boulevard and on the City's website on Thursday, January 23, 2025.

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 ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

Cultural Services Manager Monica Harte reported presentations and a handout for TOCA.

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

A member of the public spoke.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

6A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: NOVEMBER 18, 2024

MOTION: Commissioner Ohara moved to approve the November 18, 2024, minutes. Commissioner Hsiao seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 6-0 approval (Commissioner Klinenberg absent).

7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

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

Cultural Services Manager Monica Harte presented Item 7A, providing the Cultural Services Division updates.

MOTION: Commissioner Polcari moved to receive and file the report as presented. Commissioner Hsiao seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 6-0 approval (Commissioner Klinenberg absent).

7B. CULTURAL SERVICES MANAGER – RECEIVE AND FILE TOCA 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

Cultural Services Manager Harte presented Item 7B, providing a handout to the Commission.

MOTION: Commissioner Polcari moved to accept the handouts presented. Commissioner Carrasco seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 6-0 approval (Commissioner Klinenberg absent).

TOCA Board President, Mr. David Kartsonis, presented the 2024 annual report for TOCA, highlighting the success, setbacks, outreach, and collaborations through the year.

Mr. Chris Wolf, Executive Director of TOCA, provided insight on TOCApalooza's funding and sponsorships.

MOTION: Commissioner Carrasco moved to receive and file the TOCA 2024 Annual Report. Commissioner Hsiao seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 6-0 approval (Commissioner Klinenberg absent).

7C. CULTURAL SERVICES MANAGER – RECEIVE AND FILE TORRANCE THEATRE COMPANY 25TH ANNIVERSARY UPDATES

Ms. Gia Jordahl, Senior Supervisor of the Cultural Services Division, provided a presentation on the Torrance Theatre Company's history, programs, outreach, and future ambitions.

Ms. Jordahl announced that the Torrance Theatre Company's 25th Anniversary Gala will take place on Friday, March 7, 2025.

MOTION: Commissioner Hsiao moved for the Commission to receive and file the Torrance Theatre Company's 25th Anniversary Updates. Commissioner Polcari seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 6-0 approval (Commissioner Klinenberg absent).

7D. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR – RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT ON COLUMBIA PARK WWII CAMP WALL MONUMENT

Community Services Director La Rock presented Item 7D, providing an update on the new Columbia Park monument which will recognize Japanese Americans that were incarcerated during WWII. The project is scheduled to be completed by April 2026.

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

7E. CULTURAL SERVICES DIRECTOR – RECEIVE AND FILE KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (KPI)

Cultural Services Manager Harte presented Item 7E, providing key performance indicators for Summer 2024.

MOTION: Commissioner Hsiao moved for the Commission to receive and file Cultural Services Division Key Performance Indicators (KPI) for Summer 2024. Commissioner Polcari seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 6-0 approval (Commissioner Klinenberg absent).

7F. CULTURAL SERVICES MANAGER – EXTEND UTILITY BOX PROGRAM ART SUBMISSIONS TO INCLUDE ARTISTS THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Cultural Services Manager Harte presented Item 7F and stated that staff is pushing to have the first six utility boxes wrapped by February 2025; once the first six utility boxes are wrapped, staff is hopeful to get more art submissions.

Commissioner Ohara stated that art submissions should open to all of California.

Commissioner Cabrera recommended to prioritize / give extra consideration to artists who are closer to Torrance. Commissioners Hsiao and Polcari concurred.

MOTION: Commissioner Ohara moved to open the utility box program art submissions to all of California. Commissioner Carrasco seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 5-0 approval. (Commissioner Polcari voting against the motion and Commissioner Klinenberg absent).

8. COMMISSION ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Kraemer announced the Torrance Rose Float Association (TRFA) Celebration Dinner, Saturday, February 8, 2025.

Chair Kraemer announced the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce, State of the Region 2025 Luncheon, Tuesday, February 18, 2025.

Chair Kraemer recommended the Commission sign up to receive Agendas for all Torrance Commissions.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: At 8:25 p.m., Commissioner Polcari moved to adjourn the meeting to Monday, February 24, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex Commission Meeting Room. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hsiao; a roll call vote reflected 6-0 approval (Commissioner Klinenberg absent).

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TO: CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

FROM: MONICA HARTE, CULTURAL SERVICES MANAGER

RE: 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 Torrance Theatre Company's **25th Anniversary Gala** at the James Armstrong Theatre on March 7, 2025, at 7: 30p.m is rapidly approaching. This event features members of the TTC ensemble, including alumni from Broadway shows such as *Stranger Things*, *Gypsy*, *Into the Woods*, and the Lincoln Center's *Camelot*. The evening includes a post-show dessert and champagne reception, a silent auction, a wine pull, and dancing under the stars in the Plaza. Tickets are on sale at the James Armstrong Box Office, \$100 for Reserved, and \$200 for VIP (which includes premium seating, a pre-show reception with food and entertainment, and a variety of opportunity drawings). Details at www.TorranceTheatreCompany.com/gala.

The Torrance Theatre Company is currently rehearsing the fourth show of the downtown season, **HOW THE LIGHT GETS IN** by E.M. Lewis, directed by Richard Perloff. The story revolves around a travel writer who never travels; a Japanese architect who can't figure out how to build a simple tea house; a gifted tattoo artist who resists the power of his talents; and a homeless girl who lives under a weeping willow tree in the Japanese Garden. Four lonely people, their stories written on paper, earth and skin, find each other when one of them falls apart. Together they realize the heart is as strong as it is fragile, and that the safety of home might be found in the most fearsome explorations. A beautiful, haunting and richly human play. The show runs Thursday-Sunday through April 5-26, 2025. Tickets are on sale at <https://torrancetheatre.easy-ware-ticketing.com/events>, general admission \$30.

Auditions for the final show of the downtown season, **The Birthday Club** by Phil Olson, will be announced in March. The show will be directed by Perry Shields.

- Torrance Art Museum closes the **Burner** and **Outside In** Exhibitions March 1, 2025. Museum Director, Max Presneill and artist, Richard Ankrom have completed the first episode documenting **Culturide: A Two Wheel Odyssey Into the Heart of the American Artland**. We look forward to presenting that episode at the Torrance Art Museum and sharing through CitiCable and the TAM website.
- Cultural Services Division is in the process of getting the first six utility boxes wrapped. The artists are customizing their designs to the various shapes and sizes of the individual boxes. Wrapping will follow suit.

For Commission Meeting
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TORRANCE THEATRE COMPANY

25TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

MARCH 7, 2025 at 7:30PM
JAMES R. ARMSTRONG THEATRE
3330 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE - TORRANCE, 90503

The party of the year!

Musical Performances

TTC Alumni on Broadway

Special Appearance by Hot Tip

Champagne & Dessert Reception

Silent Auction & Wine Pull

Dancing Under the Stars

**BLACK TIE
OPTIONAL**

**DOORS OPEN
AT 6:30PM**

The stage is set... all we need is you!

\$100 PER TICKET

VIP- \$200 PER TICKET

Phone: (310) 781-7171

TorranceTheatreCompany.com/gala

VIP PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- PREMIUM SEATING
- PRIVATE PRE-SHOW RECEPTION AT 5:30 PM
- DRAWING FOR A WALK-ON ROLE IN THIS YEAR'S SUMMER MUSICAL

The Torrance Theatre Company is a program of the Cultural Services Division of the Torrance Community Services Department. www.TorranceCA.Gov and sponsored in part by Friends of Torrance Theatre Company

