

Council Meeting of
September 25, 2012

Honorable Mayor and Members
of the City Council
Torrance City Hall
Torrance, California

Members of the City Council:

**SUBJECT: Cultural Arts Commission and Community Services – Accept and File the
2011-2012 Cultural Arts Commission Annual Report**

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of the Cultural Arts Commission and the Community Services Director that the City Council accept and file the Cultural Arts Commission Annual Report for July 2011 through June 2012.

FUNDING

Not applicable

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

The Annual Report for July 2011 through June 2012 as prepared by the Cultural Arts Commission is attached for your information and review. The Commission approved this report at its meeting on August 20, 2012, and moved to request that it be accepted by the City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

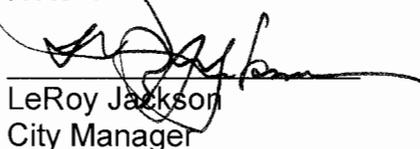

Lynda Bunting, Chair
Cultural Arts Commission


By: Eve Rappoport
Cultural Services Manager

Concur:


John Jones
Community Services Director

Noted:


LeRoy Jackson
City Manager

Attachment A: 2011-2012 Annual Report

ANNUAL REPORT CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION JULY 2011 THROUGH JUNE 2012

Commission Chair Ed Candioty

Lynda Bunting
Dale Korman
Marla Shwartz

Kathryn Endo-Roberts
Benito Miranda

Lynn Frangos
Gerry Rische

Purpose

The Cultural Arts Commission advises the City Council in providing for and promoting opportunities for the artistic and cultural development of its residents. The goal of the Cultural Arts Commission is to develop and encourage an environment that promotes diverse and accessible programming activity in the arts. The Commission also encourages the expansion of the City's role in providing works of art in public places and fosters the participation of all residents in the development of their creative skills and appreciation of the arts.

Following its usual practice, the Cultural Arts Commission divided its work into three broad categories, i.e., Standing Committees, Public Hearings and Workshops, and Research and Advisory.

1. Standing Committees:

The Cultural Arts Commission has the following standing committees: Excellence in Arts, Facilities and Grant Review.

The Excellence in Arts Committee was comprised of Commissioners Miranda and Rische and was chaired by Commissioner Endo-Roberts. The awards presentation was held on Sunday, October 30, 2011.

The Facilities Committee was comprised of Commissioners Candioty and Endo-Roberts, and was chaired by Commissioner Miranda. Phase One of the Amphitheatre project was discussed and presented to City Council for review.

The Grant Review Committee was comprised of Commissioners Bunting, Endo-Roberts and Shwartz and was chaired by Commissioner Endo-Roberts. The committee reviews annual submissions to the Community Arts Grant Program and makes funding recommendations to the entire Commission; the Commission recommendation is passed onto City Council for final approval. Generally \$5,000 is available to grant.

2. Additional Highlights 2011-2012:

The Commission elected Ed Candioty as 2011-2012 Chair of the Cultural Arts Commission. Lynda Bunting was elected Vice Chair.

The Parks and Recreation Commission hosted a joint meeting with the Cultural Arts Commission at their October 12, 2011 meeting. Commissioners were tasked with discussing and developing philosophies about the Community Services Department offering classes/programs to the community.

The Commission recommended that October 2011 be declared **Arts and Humanities** month in the City of Torrance, joining other municipalities and local arts agencies throughout the country. The City Council adopted a proclamation to this effect.

The Commission hosted the 34th annual Excellence in Art Awards on October 30, 2011. Recipients were recognized for their outstanding contribution to the arts in Torrance. Receiving awards were: Southwest Manuscripters in Literary Arts; L.A. Vocal Core in Music; Penny Kastagir in Visual Arts and Design; Hype Studios in Dance; Cary Jordahl in Drama and Theatre Arts; Kenneth R. Tuxford in Arts Education and for outstanding dedication to the arts the Katy Geissert Award was given to Jean Adelsman.

At the February 1, 2011 City Council meeting, City Council approved the re-appointment of Kathryn Endo-Roberts to a new four year term.

On February 28, 2012, the Commission hosted a joint meeting with City Council. The topic of discussion was a presentation by landscape architect Land Concern, on the Wilson Park Amphitheatre improvement project.

The Commission received a total of eight Non-profit Community Arts Organization grant applications by the May 9, 2012 deadline. This year the following organizations received grants: Art Attack Foundation (\$1,000), Culture Shock Los Angeles (\$500) Regina Klenjoski Dance Company (\$1,500) South Bay Ballet (\$1,000) and Torrance Symphony Foundation (\$1,000).

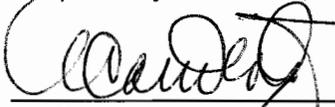
In March 2012, Commissioner Marla Shwartz was reassigned to the Civil Service Commission.

In June 2012, The Commission was asked to review the potential of consolidating the Cable Television Advisory Board with the Cultural Arts Commission. Ultimately, City Council decided not to merge the two Commissions.

At the June 12, 2012 City Council meeting, Lynn Frangos was appointed to the Cultural Arts Commission.

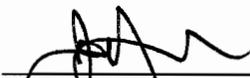
At the June 18, 2012 Commission meeting Commissioner Lynda Bunting was elected 2012-2013 Chair of the Commission and Commissioner Gerry Rische was elected Vice Chair.

Respectfully submitted,



Ed Candioly, Chair
Cultural Arts Commission

CONCUR:



John Jones, Director
Community Services Department

