

Council Meeting of
August 15, 2006

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

Members of the Council:

SUBJECT: COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION 2005/2006 ANNUAL REPORT

RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of the Community Services Director and the Community Services Commission that Your Honorable Body accept and file the Community Services Commission 2005-06 Annual Report.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

The Annual Report for July 2005 through June 2006, as prepared by the Community Services Commission is attached for your information and review. The Commission approved this report at its meeting of July 27, 2006 and asked Staff to transmit it to Council.

Respectfully submitted,

GENE BARNETT
COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

CONCUR:



GENE BARNETT
Community Services Director

By 

Kenny Kelso, Senior Recreation Supervisor
Liaison to Community Services Commission

NOTED:



LeROY J. JACKSON
City Manager

Attachment: A) Excerpt of the Community Services Commission Meeting of July 27, 2006, Item 6. Approval of Annual Report.
B) Community Services Commission 2005-2006 Annual Report

EXCERPT OF MINUTES

Minutes Approved
 Minutes Subject to Approval

July 27, 2006

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION****1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Torrance Community Services Commission convened in a regular session at 7:11 p.m. on Thursday, July 27, 2006 in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL / MOTIONS FOR EXCUSED ABSENCE

Present: Commissioners Gilbert, Hicks, Numark*, Orpe, and
Chairperson Ning.

Absent: Commissioners Adams and Hazell.

Also Present: Senior Recreation Supervisor Kelso.

*Commissioner Numark arrived at 7:15 p.m.

6. APPROVAL OF COMMUNITY SERVICES ANNUAL REPORT

MOTION: Commissioner Hicks moved for the approval of the Torrance Community Services Commission Annual Report for July 2005-June 2006 as submitted. Commissioner Gilbert seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Commissioners Adams and Hazell).

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TORRANCE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION

**ANNUAL REPORT
July 2005- June 2006**

Members of the Community Services Commission

Howard Orpe, Chairman
Michael Ning
Keri Gilbert
Tom Hazell

Clark Adams
Rusty Hicks
Cliff Numark

Commission Appointments

During the first six months of 2005 the commission was short two people. In January 2006, Mr. Cliff Numark and Mr. Rusty Hicks were appointed by the City Council to their terms.

Commission Activities

Grant Program for non-profit Social Services Agencies 2005/2006:
The Commission, through the Community Services Department, makes recommendations to the City council on monetary grants for non-profit social services agencies. This year, 15 organizations applied for funding with request totaling \$86,665.00. Following two public hearings and a public deliberation session in October 2005, the Commission selected 14 agencies to receive available grant funds in the amount of \$40,000.00.

As well as the public hearings, the Commission, through the Social Services Advisory Committee, devoted one entire meeting to discussing the grant application process with those non-profit organizations interested. This resulted in better prepared grant applications.

The Commission wishes to express its appreciation to members of the City Council for the previous years funding increase to \$40,000.00.

Social Services Advisory Committee

During the past year, the Commission had quality meetings of the Advisory Committee with leadership being offered in the person of Phil Duthie. We are always trying to achieve the best for all our Torrance citizens.

Youth Council

The Commission worked closely with the Torrance Youth Council, participating in the selection of members and providing at least one Commission member attendance at each meeting. The Youth Council was encouraged to participate in the Commission hearings and provided valuable youth input. The Commission anticipates continuing our strong relationship.

Acknowledgments

This past year, staff support from the Community Services Department has been at its usual stellar level. Specifically, the professional attitude and guidance of Mr. Kenny Kelso. Mr. Phil Duthie regarding the Social Services Advisory Committee and the Harvest Health Fair, and Ms. Debbie Reed with the Youth Council are greatly appreciated. In addition, the Commission sincerely appreciates the support shown by the Community Services Department leadership team of Gene Barnett and John Jones.

The Community Services Commission appreciates the opportunity of being part of the effort to make the City of Torrance a better place to live. The Commission thanks the City Council for its support and leadership.

For the ensuing year 2006-2007, Mr. Michael Ning was selected as Chairman of the Community Services Commission and Mr. Rusty Hicks as Vice-Chairman.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Howard Orpe". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Howard Orpe
Chairperson (2005-2006)