

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

Members of the City Council:

**SUBJECT: COMMUNITY SERVICES - Accept and file the Cultural Arts Commission
Annual Report for 2009-2010**

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 2009 through June 2010.

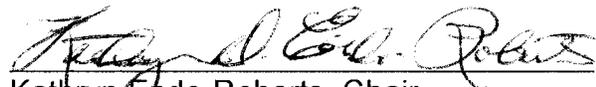
FUNDING

Not applicable

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

The Annual Report for July 2009 through June 2010 as prepared by the Cultural Arts Commission is attached for your information and review. The Commission approved this report at its meeting on September 20, 2010, and moved to request that it be accepted by the City Council.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathryn Endo-Roberts, Chair
Cultural Arts Commission



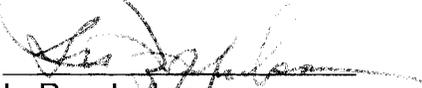
By: Eve Rappoport
Cultural Services Manager

Concur:



John Jones
Community Services Director

Noted:



LeRoy Jackson
City Manager

Attachment A: 2009-2010 Annual Report

ANNUAL REPORT CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION JULY 2009 THROUGH JUNE 2010

Commission Chair Benito Miranda

Lynda Bunting
Marianne Strehler
Marla Shwartz

Ed Candioly
Gerry Rische

Kathryn Endo-Roberts
Ann Smisek
Dale Korman

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 Candioly. The Committee recommended moving the Excellence in Arts award presentation and reception to October to coincide with National Arts and Humanities month. The event is scheduled for Sunday, October 17, 2010.

The Facilities Committee was comprised of Commissioners Candioly, Strehler (retired in January) and Endo-Roberts, and was chaired by Commissioner Miranda. In April 2010, the Facilities Committee reviewed qualifications from design firms interested in providing conceptual design proposals for the Wilson Park Amphitheatre Improvement Project. The Committee recommended the landscape architectural firm Land Concern for the contract. This recommendation was approved by the full Commission and sent to the City Manager for approval. Work is expected to start by September 1, 2010.

The Grant Review Committee was comprised of Commissioners Bunting 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 regant.

2. Additional Highlights 2009-2010:

The Commission elected Benito Miranda as 2009-2010 Chair of the Cultural Arts Commission. Kathryn Endo-Roberts was elected Vice-Chair.

The Commission recommended that October 2009 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.

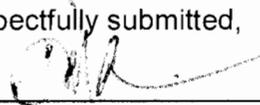
At the January 19, 2010 City Council meeting, City Council approved the re-appointment of Benito Miranda to a new four year term. Dale Korman was newly appointed for a four year term replacing exiting Commissioner Marianne Strehler. Ann Smisek was termed out and replaced by Marla Shwartz, who was appointed for a three year term.

In November 2009 the Commission was asked to review and make a recommendation to City Council to approve the permanent installation of a public art piece called "Dreaming of the Kiss" at Miramar Park. The sculpture was donated by former Mayor Dan Walker. After much public discussion and debate, the Commission recommended to the City Council that they approve the donation and placement of the sculpture in Miramar Park. The Council concurred and the artwork was installed in May, 2010.

The Commission received a total of nine Non-profit Community Arts Organization grant applications by the May 6, 2010 deadline. This year the following organizations received grants: Art Attack Foundation (\$1000), Culture Shock Los Angeles Dance (\$1000), Regina Klenjoski Dance Company (\$2000), and the Torrance Symphony Association (\$1000).

At the May 2010 Commission meeting Commissioner Endo-Roberts was elected 2010-2011 Chair of the Commission and Commissioner Candioly was elected Vice Chair.

Respectfully submitted,



Benito Miranda, Chair
Cultural Arts Commission