

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  
2010-2011 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 2010 through June 2011.

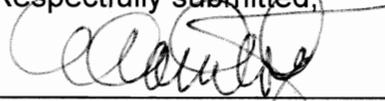
**FUNDING**

Not applicable

**BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS**

The Annual Report for July 2010 through June 2011 as prepared by the Cultural Arts Commission is attached for your information and review. The Commission approved this report at its meeting on August 15, 2011, and moved to request that it be accepted by the City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

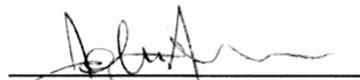



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Ed Candioly, Chair  
Cultural Arts Commission

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By: Eve Rappoport  
Cultural Services Manager

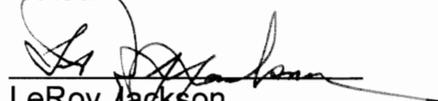
Concur:




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John Jones  
Community Services Director

Noted:




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LeRoy Jackson  
City Manager

Attachment A: 2010-2011 Annual Report



# ANNUAL REPORT CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION JULY 2010 THROUGH JUNE 2011

Commission Chair Kathryn Endo-Roberts

Lynda Bunting  
Benito Miranda

Ed Candioly  
Gerry Rische

Dale Korman  
Marla Shwartz

## **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 Facilities Committee was comprised of Commissioners Candioly and Endo-Roberts, and was chaired by Commissioner Miranda. The big project for this committee currently is to review progress on the enhancement of the Wilson Park amphitheatre. The Committee was instrumental in selecting Land Concern to design this project, and has reviewed and provided input as the project moves forward.

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 grant.

### **2. Additional Highlights 2010-2011:**

The Commission elected Kathryn Endo-Roberts as 2010-2011 Chair of the Cultural Arts Commission. Ed Candioly was elected Vice-Chair.

In August several Commission members painted tiles that were later incorporated into the park design for the new Seaside Heroes Park.

Additionally in August the Commission approved a request from the Torrance Artist's Guild to move their annual art sale from Miramar Beach (Art on the Beach) to Columbia Park (Art in the Park.)

The Commission recommended that October 2010 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 33<sup>rd</sup> annual Excellence in Art Awards on October 17, 2010. Recipients were recognized for their outstanding contribution to the arts in Torrance. Receiving awards were: Tiffany Maisonet in Dance; Charley Miller in Music; James T Russell in Visual Arts and Design; Connie M. Dial for Literary Arts; South Bay Conservatory for Drama and Theatre Arts; Diane Reeves for Arts Education; and for outstanding dedication to the arts the winner of the Katy Geissert Award went to Ann Smisek.

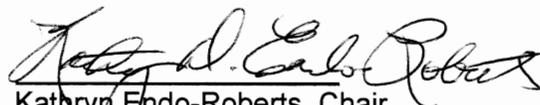
At the February 1, 2011 City Council meeting, City Council approved the re-appointment of Kathryn Endo-Roberts to a new four year term.

On February 15, 2011, the Commission hosted a joint meeting with City Council. Items on the agenda included creating the Cultural Arts Center as a destination; reporting on upcoming arts education workshops, and an update on the Wilson Park Amphitheatre project. Mayor Scotto encouraged the Commission to schedule an annual joint meeting with City Council.

The Commission received a total of seven Non-profit Community Arts Organization grant applications by the May 6, 2011 deadline. This year the following organizations received grants: North Torrance Youth Musicians Ensemble \$2,500; Saturday Night Bath Concert Fund \$1,500; and South Bay Ballet \$1,000.

At the June 20, 2011 Commission meeting Commissioner Ed Candiotti was elected 2011-2012 Chair of the Commission and Commissioner Lynda Bunting was elected Vice Chair.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Kathryn Endo-Roberts, Chair  
Cultural Arts Commission

CONCUR:

  
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John Jones, Director  
Community Services Department