

OTNA May 16, 2007 Meeting Minutes - at the Bartlett Center, Torrance

Welcome and meeting called to order at 7:31 p.m. Co-Presidents Todd Hays and Charles Payne thanked everyone for attending and introduced OTNA's other officers, Ida Petrucelli, V.P., Trish Stewart, Treasurer, Paul McCabe, Secretary, and Debbie Hays, Immediate Past President.

V.P. Ida Petrucelli needs assistance and it was asked to please volunteer to assist her in delivering flyers. Trish Stewart, Treasurer advised OTNA has about \$1,300.00 in the bank.

Todd updated everyone on the Sun-Cal / Del Amo property meetings. He indicated that the process was moving slowly and that the owner would have an update for the community soon.

Charles, as a member of the City's Blue Ribbon Ethics Committee, reported that a recommendation would be made to the Mayor and City Council later this year.

Motion by Ida Petrucelli and seconded by Dayna Berman to donate \$100.00 to Switzer Center. Passed.

Charles summarized the "Pay it Forward" neighborhood cleanup. On May 5th eight members of OTNA cleaned at Torrance Park and the railroad tracks from Cabrillo to Arlington. All participants received Fosters Freeze gift certificates. Next cleanup is planned for the first week of July.

The 48th Armed Forces Day Celebration will be held this weekend to honor the men and women of the nation's military. All events are free. The Air Force Band of the Golden West will perform at the Armstrong Theater this Friday at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., (call the box office for tickets). Military displays will be at the Del Amo Fashion Center parking lot near the Acapulco Restaurant, Friday and Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. and Sunday 1:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. The parade starts at 1:30 p.m. Saturday along Torrance Blvd. from Crenshaw to Madrona. Torrance holds the record for hosting the longest consecutive running military parade in the nation. See <http://www.tornnet.com/326.htm>.

A free walking tour of local landmarks in Old Torrance will be hosted by the Torrance Historical Society & Museum on Sunday May 27th at 1:30 p.m. See OTNA's website under "Community Events" or see <http://www.torrancehistoricalsociety.org> for more information.

Todd introduced Janet Payne who recapped the Easter egg hunt, "Easter in El Prado Park", and thanked Todd and Debbie with a gift.

July's OTNA meeting will be a partnership with the Torrance Historical Society & Museum on Thursday, July 19th from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. for a 1950's "Rock Around the Block Party." OTNA members will receive a special treat for attending. Walk along Post Ave. by the Museum and see 1950's cars, eat "In-N-Out" burgers, (for a nominal fee). You can eat your burgers at the Bartlett Center while listening to the South Bay Strummers Ukulele group, enter hula hoop, bubble gum blowing and pie eating contests,

sip a real milkshake made by "real" soda jerks from the 50's, (also a nominal fee), win a bowling party for 12 and marvel at a 50 year old Toyota "Toy-pet' automobile. See museum exhibits, visit with neighbors and have a great summer evening of family fun right in your own neighborhood while honoring the City of Torrance All America City Award!

Debbie Hays spoke for "PiggyArt", the meeting sponsor. "PiggyArt" provides art fun for children ages 1-5 years of age. See our Sponsor link for more information.

Program:

The National Trust for Historic Preservation designated May as National Preservation Month. Carolyn Chun and Kevin Joe from the City of Torrance's Planning Department previewed the City's new voluntary Architectural Design Guidelines for Old Torrance.

Carolyn announced that the Torrance City Council decided to do the following:
New signs for Old Torrance, a voluntary Mills Act Program and voluntary Architectural Design Guidelines.

The guide includes pictures and resources to assist homeowners restore their homes. This will be printed soon and will be available for purchase on line. Guides will be sold at the "Rock Around the Block Party" in July and will be available for purchase at our September OTNA meeting. Guide books will be \$5.00 each. Carolyn and Joe answered questions.

Self introductions occurred.

Todd thanked Carolyn and Joe. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Paul McCabe, Secretary