

OLD TORRANCE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
MAY 21, 2008
MEETING MINUTES
BARTLETT SENIOR CENTER

Co-President Todd Hayes brought the meeting to order at approximately 7:30 p.m. and introduced the current Officers, Treasurer Trish Stewart, Secretary Delores Sutherland and Immediate Past President Debbie Hayes. Co-President Charles Payne and Vice President Bob Voeste were out of town.

The first order of business was to approve the allocation of a **\$100.00 donation to Readership Torrance** (a special project of Leadership Torrance that provides participating students in after-school clubs with educational materials for their use.) Maureen O'Donnell motioned and Mary Ann Reese seconded this years OTNA donation.

Our meeting this month is being sponsored by **Torrance Bakery** and owner Kirk Rossberg was introduced. Not only were we treated to some of their famous brownies and cookies, but we were interested to find out that **State Representative Ted Lieu had chosen Torrance Bakery as a representative for "Small Business Day" in California** and Kirk will be traveling to Sacramento next week for this event. Also, Kurt graciously offered to provide coffee and pastry for the volunteers participating in the upcoming OTNA neighborhood clean-up. **Thanks Kurt!**

Mayor Frank Scotto (pros) and Rick Marshall (cons) were given an opportunity to present their views relative to **Measure T (a Utility User's Tax modernization measure on the June 2008 ballot)**. It proved to be very informative for those in attendance.

Janet Payne (Torrance Historical Society) reminded us of **upcoming events**:

- Saturday, May 31st – Neighborhood Clean-up. Meet at the home of Co-President Charles Payne – 1381 Engracia Avenue at 8:45 a.m. for morning treats! Clean-up to last for several hours.
- Sunday, June 1st – Free Docent led tour of the Downtown Torrance Area, 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM
- Thursday, July 17 – Torrance Historical Society 4th Annual "Rock Around the Block" – Downtown Torrance.

Our guest speaker, Mike Partelow was introduced and gave a very interesting presentation on "Water-Wise" gardening. Mike is a California native and Torrance Resident (as well as our newest member of OTNA). Mike has a Horticultural Degree from Foothill College and has spent more than 30 years in the business. He currently

works for Armstrong Garden Center in Torrance.

There were a lot of interesting questions presented and he provided us with a great deal of helpful information as it pertained to “every day” gardening tips that not only improve the health of your garden, but are environmentally helpful as well.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, September 17th at the Bartlett Senior Center.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00 p.m.