

**OLD TORRANCE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
JANUARY 24, 2009
MEETING MINUTES
BARTLETT SENIOR CENTER**

Co-President Todd Hays brought the meeting to order at approximately 7:30 p.m. and acknowledged the current Officers, Co-President Charles Payne, Vice President Bob Voeste (who was out of town and not in attendance), Treasurer Trish Stewart, and Secretary Delores Sutherland.

Elections for the OTNA Board are held in January of each year. Todd advised that this year's Nominating Committee consisted of Mary Ann Kendall, Janet Payne and Debbie Hays. The following nominations were made for the 2009 OTNA Board:

Trish Stewart – President
Bob Voeste – Vice President
Jim Herren – Treasurer
Delores Sutherland – Secretary

Mary Ann Kendall introduced our 2009 proposed slate to the membership. Maureen O'Donnell approved the slate by affirmation and past-president Debbie Hays 2nd the motion.

Trish Stewart presented our current Treasurer's Report and reminded everyone that OTNA is now accepting membership renewal fees for 2010 – cost is only \$10.00.

The immediate past co-president's – Todd Hays and Charles Payne were acknowledged for their years of service to OTNA and Trish Stewart was recognized for her two recent terms as Treasurer.

Trish Stewart presented the membership with the list of charities, which OTNA would like to support in this upcoming year:

Torrance Education Foundation
Madrona Marsh
Torrance Cultural Arts Center Foundation

Motion was made, seconded and approved for this year's donations. In addition, OTNA has approved our sponsorship of the Bartlett Center's Valentine Day Dance by donating cupcakes for this event as a *thank you* for their continued hospitality for our bi-monthly meetings.

Todd Hays introduced this month's meeting sponsor – Laurie Brandt – co-owner of our "local" Red Car Brewery & Restaurant. "Red Car" began business in our community some nine years ago. They feature wood-fired pizzas, pasta's, seafood, burgers and more. They also feature fine English Ales (brewed on site) and an eclectic wine menu. *Make sure to take advantage of their hospitality whenever you have a chance!*

Charles Payne introduced our guest speaker for the evening – Ted Semaan, the Transportation Planning Manager for the City of Torrance. He provided us with a comprehensive and informative presentation on the new "Intelligent Transportation Systems" (ITS) technology, which the City of Torrance is in the ongoing process of implementing and upgrading to provide our city with a much more efficient and comprehensive traffic control system throughout our city.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, March 18th, 2009 at the Bartlett Senior Center. Refreshments will be served at 7:00 p.m. with the meeting beginning at 7:30 p.m.

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