

OLD TORRANCE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
MAY 20, 2009
MEETING MINUTES
BARTLETT SENIOR CENTER

OTNA President Trish Stewart brought the meeting to order at approximately 7:30 p.m. and introduced current board members Jim Herren (treasurer) and Delores Sutherland (secretary). Vice President Bob Voeste was not in attendance. Also present were advisors - past co-presidents Charles Payne and Todd Hays, Debbie Hays (community relations) and Janet Payne (the "Guru" of all advisors). Web Master Mike Peterson was not in attendance.

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

presented the membership with the list of charities, which OTNA has made donations to in 2009:

Torrance High School - Sober Grad Night
Switzer Center
American Cancer Society – Relay for Life
Torrance Education Foundation

A request was made to make a donation to the Torrance Historical Society for the upcoming Rock Around the Block Party. Motion was made by Maureen O'Donnell, seconded by Debbie Hays and carried by the membership for a donation to this upcoming event.

On Tuesday, May 26th OTNA was recognized by the City of Los Angeles and presented with the county's Green Leadership Award for its ongoing clean-up program in downtown Torrance. A special thanks to Charles Payne for spearheading this program! A motion was made by Maureen Odonnell, seconded by Debbie Hays and carried by the membership that any and all future recognitions, awards, etc. given to OTNA be permanently housed at the Torrance Historical Society.

The following events took place since our last meeting in March with support from many of our OTNA members:

- Easter in El Prado Park
- American Cancer Society's Relay for Life walk at Wilson Park
- Participation in the Alcoholism Council of the South Bay "Cigarette Butt Clean-up" of our local "Torrance Park."

This month's OTNA meeting sponsors were Ahmed Atallah and Samia Zaki of Our Friendly Neighborhood Pharmacy – FOX DRUGS! Don't forget to take advantage of one of the "gems" of our downtown Torrance neighborhood.

Our special speakers this evening were the City of Torrance Green Action Team Panel led by Linda Cessna, who began by giving us a brief introduction to their organization and specific environmental issues in our city. Alison Sherman spoke on "recycling", Sharon Jones on "storm water" and Danny Santana on the "green" building concept. Although a very "broad" subject, we were educated with simple plans that can be implemented by anyone in varying ways that can immediately make a difference to our environment.

UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS

- Saturday, May 23rd – Switzer Center Rummage Sale
- Sunday, May 24th – Torrance Historical Society Walking Tour of downtown Torrance

- Saturday, May 30th - OTNA Neighborhood Clean-up Day
 - Saturday, June 6th – Hazardous Materials Drop-off at Honda
 - Saturday, June 13th – Green Fair at Madrona Marsh
 - Thursday, July 16th – THS Rock Around the Block Party
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Our next meeting will be Wednesday, September 23, 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.