

MINUTES

OLD TORRANCE NEIGHBORS ASSOCIATION MEETING, JANUARY 19, 2011

President Todd Hays opened the meeting with greetings and introduction of Association Officers. There were about 36 people present.

Treasurer Trish Stewart reported that bank balance was at about three thousand dollars. She reminded the assembled that 2011 dues were payable at \$10 per family or business.

Community Relations Activist Debbie Hays reported that the Taste of Torrance event, the third week in November, had attracted over 200 people. Great quantities of canned food were contributed by attendees. In addition to the canned food, cash donations of \$179 were contributed to the Food Bank.

Nominating Committee Chair Janet Payne presented a slate of officers for the year 2011: Todd Hays, President; Fern Ruiz, Vice President; Jerry Ronan, Secretary; Tris Stewart, Treasurer. Slate was voted into office.

Announcements: Square dance program at the Women's Club on Thursday evenings. Heroes' Park dedication at 10:00AM, Saturday January 22. South Bay Bicycle Coalition invited interested parties to attend a meeting at the Katie Geissert Library at 7:00 PM, Monday, January 24. Parking lot cleanup is scheduled for Saturday; those present were invited to sign up for the event.

Todd introduced the evening's program: Let's Talk Transportation.

Torrance Transit's Jim Mills reviewed the 70 year history of the Torrance bus service. Current service is delivered by 840 employees providing eight fixed routes. Ten hybrid buses will be joined by 20 similar buses thanks to federal stimulus funds. Improvements in fuel efficiency, public relations, information for riders, EZ monthly passes as well as plans for bus terminal convenient to Metro rail were points of the presentation.

The values and pleasures of bicycle transportation were outlined and the South Bay Bicycle Master Plan were outlined. The objectives are to improve health, fight childhood obesity and encourage fitness of young people, promote bicycling as an alternative form of transportation with the attendant pleasures and health benefits.

The politics and the engineering aspects involved in the Del Amo Extension Project were presented and discussed. The reality of this new East-West corridor will provide alternate routes and reduce the heavy flow of traffic on the other routes.

There is concern as well as civic and community action on behalf to the citizen on the move.

Meeting concluded at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Jerry Ronan, Secretary

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