

**OLD TORRANCE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
MARCH 19, 2008
MEETING MINUTES
BARTLETT SENIOR CENTER**

Todd Hays welcomed all attendees and called the meeting to order at approximately 7:30 p.m..

The current Board was introduced: Todd Hays and Charles Payne (co-Presidents), Bob Voeste (VP), Trish Stewart (Treasurer – not in attendance), Delores Sutherland (Secretary), Debbie Hays (Immediate Past President/Publicity) and Mike Peterson (Web Master).

In Trish Stewart's absence, **Todd Hays gave a financial update.** (Members may request details).

Expenditures:	\$100.00 THS Grad Night
	\$119.00 Coffee Pot for Bartlett Center

In March of each year, **OTNA donates \$100.00 to the Armed Forces Day Parade and \$100.00 to the Torrance Education Foundation,** A motion was made and seconded for this expenditure.

Janet Payne outlined and gave details on **upcoming neighborhood and local community events.**

Charles Payne gave updates on the **Mobil Oil and Water Commission Soil Contamination** meeting which he attended. He also advised that the **Torrance Blue Ribbon Ethics Committee** has finished their formal recommendations to the City and the Council is in the process of deciding the specifics of program implementation. He also reminded everyone of the upcoming **Easter in El Prado Park** celebration and asked for volunteers on Saturday to help clean-up the in preparation.

Todd Hays reminded us of the upcoming **OTNA Candidates Forum** to be held on April 23rd @ 7:00 p.m., giving us an opportunity to meet and listen to the candidates for the upcoming City Council election as well as a reminder that **“Rock Around the Block”** takes place on July 17th from 5-7 p.m. in downtown Torrance.

Tonight's meeting is sponsored by **Torrance Produce Market & Deli (1303 El Prado Avenue, Old Torrance).** Tommy Murakoshi and family took over the former Torrance Neighborhood Market in May of 2007, with a vision to “provide the best available

produce to the residents of this ‘Mayberry’ community at fair and reasonable prices.” They have a hot deli that serves authentic Mexican cuisine Monday-Friday, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please take a moment to stop by, introduce yourself and browse all the new fresh items and cuisine that they offer.

Charles Payne then introduced our special guests for the evening – **Dave Crespín (of the Torrance Police Department) and the A-Team**. Presentations were made by the various police divisions that handle the many issues in the City of Torrance and our membership had the opportunity to share concerns about a current rise in neighborhood burglaries, traffic issues, varying problems that occur in our local alleyways, issues with homeless people and community safety in general.

OTNA members were provided with a comprehensive contact list that may be used at any time. The department urged each and everyone to use the resources that were outlined and residents should never hesitate to call any of these departments when there is a concern. There is an ongoing program to recruit “block captains” in the Neighborhood Watch Program – please call Community Affairs / Neighborhood Watch if you would be interested in serving our community in this way – their number is (310) 618-6392.

As a point of information, don’t forget that many City of Torrance resources are already posted on the OTNA website, which can be accessed at www.OldTorranceNeighbors.org