

MINUTES

OLD TORRANCE NEIGHBORS ASSOCIATION MEETING SEPTEMBER 19, 2011

Association President Todd Hays opened the meeting at 7:30 PM. with greetings and an introduction of Association officers.

In the excused absence of Treasurer Trish Stewart, Janet Payne read the Treasurer's Report. Announcements included Debbie Hays' calling attention to sign up forms for the upcoming Light up Torrance at Wilson Park in November. Charles Payne gave a promo for the Clean up Day beginning with coffee at the Paynes' on Saturday, September 24. Taste of Torrance will be repeated in November; participants are asked to bring non-perishable food items and/or contribute money to the local food bank that is serving a needy clientele.

Todd presented and thanked two staff members from Every Body's Pilates, sponsor for the evening's meeting. They gave a brief, informative presentation of the several programs at their just-expanded studio. They explained the health applications and values of their offerings that include yoga and jumba.

Val W. Finnell, MD, MPA, gave a concise and informative power point presentation on common vaccinations and this year's flu vaccination. He explained the benefits and effectiveness of various vaccinations, flu and common cold characteristics and differences. High risk segments of the population: children above six months, pregnant women and the elderly should have the flu vaccination.

Two members of The Olson Company, Seal Beach developers, a construction firm familiar to Torrance residents, presented their tentative proposal for developing 23 free-standing, two story homes on a narrow strip of railroad right-of-way on Dominguez Street. The larger than usual OTNA meeting audience seemed to have one message, "Don't build this development." The Olson Company's reiteration that the plans were fluid and subject to any number of modifications did not assuage the negative position of the vocal audience. (A recent, presentation of the project at the Dee Hardison Sports Center played to a hostile crowd of citizens and Dominguez Street residents.)

President Hays maintained decorum in an audience that sometimes spoke in a disrespectful voice.

Torrance Bakery "goodies," hot beverages and the customary drawing for door prizes contributed to the neighborly atmosphere of the gathering.

Respectfully submitted
Gerald Ronan, Secretary

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