

## MINUTES: SEASIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING

September 21, 2016 Sea Aire Golf Clubhouse 7 pm

Finance Report: Pam Combar

SNA is now reinstated by State as a Not For Profit entity. Donations/dues are tax deductible. Presently, SNA has about \$1100. in bank.

Membership Committee: Melissa Weight

New flyer was distributed which details the three ways people can support SNA, i.e., Resident Membership (\$20), Business Membership (\$50) and Scholarship Sponsor (\$50 - \$500+). Receipts were distributed to paid members. Paid members have the right to vote for Board Members.

Landscape Committee: Jenna Christensen

The proposed Tree and View Ordinance was explained. City Council will hold a public hearing on this on October 4. Volunteers are needed every month to help beautify Seaside Heroes Park. Next Clean Up Day is October 15, 8 to 11 AM. A sponsor is providing signage and materials. SNA Landscape Awards will be awarded in the spring.

Scholarship Committee: Linda Conkey

All materials (i.e., rubric, application, sponsorships info) have been linked to the SNA website. Scholarship donations are tax-deductible.

Holiday Lights Awards Committee: Kurt James

Teri Kuwahara has generously agreed to organize the selection of two Awards this year for best holiday lights decorations. Solicited members for this fun committee.

Holiday Lights Traffic Committee: Kurt James and Committee Members

After extensive outreach to residents, Kurt convened a committee of 7 residents who met three times to review the myriad of issues associated with the Sleepy Hollow lights tradition. They pared down the issues to two categories, Residents' Responsibilities and City's Responsibilities. Met with City representatives twice to confirm how TPD will help. Upshot: Electronic Signage will be moved to better location, and will direct visitors OUT of the area. It will state that lights go out at 10 pm. Hardware stores will be asked to offer a discount to residents for lights timers, and an SNA member has offered to install said timers if necessary. Residents will receive reminders about lights-out time, plus guidelines on the selling of food and merchandise. Police will maintain presence (bike patrol?) and keep area clear for emergency vehicles.

Optimal Street Sweeping Program: Tricia Blanco

Since 2015, Program has spent the initial \$2 million dollars (\$518,00 of City funds) allotted but has only completed work on half the city. Council approved expenditure of about 1 million more dollars (\$145,293 from city funds) to complete work on the second half of city. City has made a profit of almost \$800,000 to date on parking ticket fees, without increasing the administrative staff.

Members questioned why Torrance chose to increase street sweeping with No Parking periods in the first place, since Rancho Palos Verdes, under the same threat of fines (TMDL's) as Torrance, did not. Why didn't the City Staff August 23rd report explain the reasons behind the huge increase in the cost of the Program? Member noted that storm drain grates are clogged with leaves and trash, which the Street sweeping truck doesn't seem to be picking up. Members questioned why parking tickets are so expensive, why Council has been resistant to lowering the ticket fine, where the profit is going

and why the Council and Mayor didn't ask the same questions. Some members stated they would bring all of the above up during upcoming City Council meetings.

#### Torrance Urban Coyote Management Plan: Member discussion

TPD and Animal Control have been trained in what's called Wild Life Watch by Dept. of Fish and Wild Life; i.e., how to track and report coyotes so that TPD can consider trapping and euthanizing. Dept. of Fish and Wild Life wants the previously- mentioned parties to train Neighborhood Watch Captains, who will then train their neighborhood people to do the same. City has hired a licensed trapper to locate dens and eliminate aggressive animals. Individuals may trap on their own property IF they follow Fish and Wild Life guidelines regarding a licensed trapper and permission of neighbors surrounding the property. TPD has spent almost \$100,000. for educational materials (door hangers, 6 warning signs, kids' materials, video production) and personnel expenditures, and has to date trapped and euthanized 5 coyotes. Although the City paid to have an Urban Coyote door hanger delivered to every residence, some residents and some streets have reported they never got one. TPD stated it is improving the map on their web site that indicates (with a dot) reports of coyote sightings. Residents have asked for lots more warning signs and more aggressive trapping and euthanizing. Pet owners, educators and parents are frightened for the children and animals in their charge.

#### Torrance Refinery Action Alliance: TRAA

Member stated that the city is in a Kill Zone if there is a release of hydrofluoric acid. Member urged residents to get involved with this issue and apply pressure on City Council to rid the refinery of the chemical.