

**Seaside Neighborhood Association
Meeting Minutes
February 27, 2019**

BOARD ATTENDANCE:

Tricia Blanco..... President
Jenna Christenson..... 1st VP, Membership
Pam Jensen..... Social Media Coordinator
Melissa Wright..... Treasurer
Perry Shields..... Secretary

Approximately 25 residents in attendance

LOCATION: Sea-Aire Golf Course

Meeting called to order at 7:02pm

INTRODUCTIONS

- President Tricia Blanco opened the meeting, introduced Torrance City Councilman Mike Griffiths and Torrance City Planner Leo Oorks.
- Seaside Girl Scout Troop #6175 selling Girl Scout Cookies at the door
- Tricia explained the purpose of the Seaside Neighborhood Association (hereby referred to as SNA) which is to foster community between residents, recognition of Christmas lights activity, and the awarding of two Scholarships to two high school seniors in the Seaside area.
- Tricia presented “Seaside Rocks” to two new residents in the Seaside area of Torrance.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

- Perry Shields presented highlights of minutes from the last SNA meeting and named the two Holiday Lights award winners, Mary Michael and family on Doris Ave., and Josh Reike and family on Bindewald.

1st V.P. REPORT

- Jenna Christensen represented the Seaside Heroes Park volunteers as explained the monthly clean-up effort which she leads.

TREASURER REPORT

- Melissa Wright presented the Treasurer's Report. The financials were posted for all to see. Total in reserves are \$1570.20.

SOCIAL MEDIA COORDINATOR

- Pam Jensen presented the SNA website (www.seasideneighborhoodassociation.org), Facebook page (www.facebook.com/SeasideRanchos/), and stated the various categories of information available on the website (crime trends, pet laws, solicitors, coyotes, street light repair, etc.)

REDISTRICTING

- Councilman Mike Griffiths presented on the new Torrance redistricting and what it means:
 - Result of the California Voters Rights Act

- City of Torrance was one in a line of cities being forced to parcel the city into districts for the purposes of representative council presence for each part of the city. There will be six districts.
- Every city who sued to prevent this has lost. Torrance filed a suit in early 2018 and did not want to waste money fighting it. The city subsequently voluntarily imposed districts.
- For comparative purposes, the city of Redondo Beach has been represented by districts for years.
- Councilmembers must live in the districts they represent and must have lived there for at least 30 days.
- The March 2020 election will be the first to roll out the new district voting in districts 2, 4, and 6. Districts 1, 3, and 5 will be voted on in 2022.
- Councilmembers currently serving terms will finish their terms.
- Problems that could occur are that less-populated districts could produce fewer qualified candidates, or one singular candidate. Other problems are yet to be determined, but citywide issues that are not limited to one single district could be one of them.
- Council still remains at six members and the Mayor, insuring that no issue is split 50/50.
- The time is nearing to update the Torrance General Plan. Citizens are encouraged to give input to their city councilmembers.

ADDITIONAL DWELLING UNITS (ADU) Leo Oorks, Torrance City Planner

- City Planner Leo Oorks presented on ADUs (aka “Granny Flats”) and different examples – converted garage, additional unit built on back lot of a single dwelling unit, etc. More information can be found at www.torranceca.gov/home/showdocument?id=40401. This is also linked on the SNA website.
- These rules are State-imposed. The State is requiring additional housing be built to meet population demands, and are not necessarily sympathetic to individual city needs.
- At least six feet must separate the ADU from the main dwelling.
- One additional parking space must be provided per ADU.
- R1 zones can be turned into R2 zones. Essentially, all properties in R1 zones are eligible to have ADUs built provided they meet the requirements.

TRIVIA -Perry Shields

- Perry had four boxes of Girl Scout cookies to give away to attendees who could name the title of the movie or T.V. show he gave a clue about that was filmed in or around Torrance:
 - Gone in 60 Seconds (1972), Gardena and Torrance
 - American Beauty (1999), South High gym
 - Batman, Torrance Beach, “Surf’s Up! Joker’s Under!” episode in 1967.
 - Valley Girl (1983), Del Amo Mall food court.

CITY COMMISSIONS – Melissa and Garrett Wright

- Melissa and Garret Wright presented on City Commissions. More info can be found at www.torranceca.gov/government/commissions.
- The city currently has twelve commissions. Commissions serve as liaisons between citizens and the City Council.

- Commissions meet once per month and members receive \$10.00 per meeting.
- Commissioners may serve up to two consecutive four-year terms and cannot serve on more than one commission at once.
- Potential members must complete a Form 700 and disclose their financial information to ensure no one has a financial interest in any particular activity influenced by a commission.
- Citizens have until 4/24/2019 to register for one of the twelve commissions.
- We heard from Garrett Wright of the Environmental Quality and Energy Commission, Melissa Wright of the Civil Service Commission, and Mario Obejas of the Traffic Commission.
- An information sheet on City Commissions was made available.

HOLIDAY LIGHTS – Tricia Blanco

- Expressed SNA's disappointment that the City changed policies on vendor selling and trash pickup.
- Tricia presented a strip of five star-stickers to all attendees to place on a series of large Post-It posters regarding issues surrounding the Holiday Lights.
- She is gathering information for which issues are the most pressing.
- Each person present may vote up to four times for the statements they most strongly agree with.
- They can vote for five different statements, or vote up to five times for the same statement.
- Tricia will then compile the lists for discussion by the committee.
- People were encouraged to sign up to be on the Holiday Lights committee, which will advocate for issues to the City Council as well as awarding homeowners for outstanding lights displays.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:57pm

These minutes are accurate to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Perry Shields".

Perry Shields, Secretary