

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Torrance, California.  
February 1, 1927.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, February 1, 1927, and was called to order at 7.45 P.M. by President Dennis. The following Trustees were present: Brooks, Inman, Wolfe and Dennis. Absent: Foley.

The minutes of the regular meeting of January 18, 1927, were read and approved as read.

A communication from the Board of Education, Los Angeles, dated January 19, 1927, locating property acquired by them, was ordered filed.

Trustee Foley came in at 8.00 O'clock.

A letter from Mr. Klusman to Mayor Dennis, dated Jan. 25/27, concerning the dangerous condition of the underpinning and flooring of the Auditorium building, was read.

President Dennis stated that the reason he wanted the communication read was for the reason that people might fear to patronize the theatre, and to get a report from the Building Inspector.

Mr. Leonard reported that he had made an examination of the building and found that there was no ventilation under the floor and that the joists were very close to the ground; the floor was a little weak in places but had been repaired several times in the last year or two; that dry rot was confined to the floor rather than to the joists and that he recommended that a concrete floor be put in; that he had been assured by Mr. Bennett that a concrete floor would be put in; that he saw no chance of special danger even if the floor fell, as it could fall only a matter of four inches; that the Auditorium Company was conferring with the management of the Theatre as to the best time to close for repairs.

Mr. Briney said it was apparent to him that Mr. Klusman had gotten out a circular so as to make it look as if the floor had been ordered only on account of his commotion.

Mr. Briney reported that the Sonoma crossing had been held up trying to get a letter from Santa Fe stating their willingness that the crossing be allowed, which same they refused to do, but that they would tell the Railroad commission that they were agreeable to the opening.

Engineer Leonard stated that the P. E. Engineer would recommend the allowance of practically all the crossings requested except where no improvements have been made by the City; that a letter from the County Grade Crossing Commission would be received in a few days.

The Board proceeded to canvass the votes of the special election held January 18, 1927, in The Meadow Park District.  
 Attorney Briney read:

RESOLUTION NO. 314

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance that said Board has at this meeting on this 1st day of February, 1927, duly canvassed the returns of the annexation election held in "Meadow Park District" on January 18, 1927, at which election there was submitted the proposition, "Shall Meadow Park District be annexed to the City of Torrance?", and from such canvass finds and does hereby declare that there was a total of 47 votes cast at said election; That 27 of said votes were in favor of the annexation of said territory to the City of Torrance, and that 20 votes were cast against such annexation; That a majority of the votes cast at said election were in favor of such annexation.

Trustee Foley moved that Resolution No. 314 be adopted as read and same filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Inman seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Trustees: Brooks, Foley, Inman, Wolfe and Dennis.

NOES: Trustees: None.

ABSENT: Trustees: None.

Chief Calder reported that the Torrance Hospital only expected pay for emergency treatment for patients injured in the City of Torrance when the patients were unable to pay same; that other than first aid treatment would probably be taken care of by the County.

Trustee Brooks moved that the Torrance Hospital be allowed to bill the City for emergency treatment of accident cases brought there by our police or Fire Departments where the patients are unable to pay same. Trustee Foley seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Trustees: Brooks, Foley, Inman, Wolfe and Dennis.

NOES: Trustees: None.

ABSENT: Trustees: None.

President Dennis stated that, at this time, two members of the City Planning Commission were to be appointed and appointed Mrs. Isabel Henderson and Mr. Maxwell.

Trustee Brooks moved that the above appointments be approved by this Board. Trustee Wolfe seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Trustee Foley reported that the budget, taken as a whole, was running very close to expectations; that the expenditures was only 2% above normal.

Engineer Leonard stated that requests had been made for the removal of two trees in front of the pit barbecue and one tree on Arlington at No. \_\_\_\_\_ where the tree was directly in front of the driveway and within 10 feet of another tree.

Trustee Inman stated that a request for the removal of a tree at 1528 Marcelina had been made; that the request had been refused by the Old Board; that the driveway had been built around this tree but that the owner wanted the tree removed so as to straighten the driveway and was willing to plant a better tree in its stead.

Trustee Foley moved that the above requests be granted. Trustee Inman seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Clerk Bartlett brought up the matter of charges for Municipal searches, showing samples of what was necessary.

Some discussion followed but the matter was laid over until the next meeting.

Regarding the extension of Engracia north to the Columbia Steel, same was laid over for further consideration on motion by Trustee Wolfe, seconded by Trustee Inman, and a majority vote.

In re the filling of the alley in Block 53, Trustee Foley moved that the Street Superintendent be instructed to find the necessary dirt and put it in. There was no second.

Trustee Brooks moved that the filling of the alley be left to the discretion of the Mayor. There was no second.

Engineer Leonard reported that it would cost approximately \$275.00 per unit to comply with the ordinance to install proper fire escapes on three story buildings. In some cases two units will be required making the cost \$550.00.

Trustee Foley moved that Ordinance No. 107 be enforced and owners of three story buildings be notified to comply with same. Trustee Wolfe seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Trustees: Brooks, Foley, Inman, Wolfe and Dennis.

NOES: Trustees: None.

ABSENT: Trustees: None.

The improvement of the alley in Block 61, as per Mr. Vonderahe was referred to Mr. Gascoigne.

Trustee Foley requested the City Attorney to bring in a Resolution of Intention to put in sidewalks and curbs on both sides of Madrid between Carson and Redondo and the east side of Madrid from Redondo Boulevard to Dominguez Street.

Trustee Brooks suggested that the City Attorney file a written expression as to the liability of the City where it is possible for machines or pedestrians to fall over embankments on to the Railroad tracks.

Trustee Inman mentioned the matter of the repair of a garage in Block 17, which same had been ordered stopped by the Building Inspector on account of non-compliance with the building ordinance. A discussion followed, but action was deferred for a week.

Trustee Brooks moved that all bills, properly audited be paid. Trustee Foley seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Trustees: Brooks, Foley, Inman, Wolfe and Dennis.

NOES: Trustees: None.

ABSENT: Trustees: None.

At 9.40 p.m. Trustee Brooks moved to adjourn until 7.45 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8, 1927. Trustee Inman seconded the motion which was duly carried.

A. H. Bancroft  
City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved:

John Dennis  
President of the Board of Trustees  
of the City of Torrance.