

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE TORRANCE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Torrance Redevelopment Agency convened in regular session on Tuesday, September 26, 2006, at 10:05 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Members Brewer, Nowatka, Sutherland, Witkowsky and Chairman Scotto.

Absent: Members Drevno and McIntyre.

Also Present: Agency Director Jackson, Agency Attorney Fellows, Agency Secretary Herbers and other staff representatives.

**2. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING**

**MOTION:** Member Sutherland moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on the posting of the agenda for this meeting. The motion was seconded by Member Brewer and passed by unanimous roll call vote. (Absent Members Drevno and McIntyre)

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 12 and September 19, 2006**

**MOTION:** Member Sutherland moved for approval of the minutes of September 12 and September 19. The motion was seconded by Member Brewer and minutes were approved unanimously. (Absent Members Drevno and McIntyre)

**4. COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

**5. HEARINGS**

None.

**6. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR AND OTHER OFFICERS**

None.

**7. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

None.

**8. ADDENDUM MATTERS**

None.

**9. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Rae Thrasher, president of Southwood Riviera Homeowners Association, spoke to the decision of the Agency to remove trees at Skypark with concerns about setback reductions and quality of life issues including air pollution. She asked for reconsideration of the item.

Jackie Decker, Torrance, asked that the Skypark tree issue be reconsidered.

Vanessa Poster, Redondo Beach, asked for a reconsideration of the Skypark tree issue. She commended staff for their work in the matter.

Robert Thompson, president of Madrona Homeowners Association, asked that the Skypark tree issue be reconsidered.

Liz Fobes, Torrance, stated the need for an urban forest policy in the city and asked that the decision of removing mature trees be reconsidered. In addition she asked for more transparency by having titles of item more clearly reflect the actions to be taken and asked for possible review by neighborhood association before action is taken on such matters.

Newt Young, Torrance, asked for reconsideration of the item and questioned the publication of the item and asked for additional notice of Redevelopment Agency items.

Janet Payne, Torrance, questioned the process of the Redevelopment Agency.

Chairman Scotto explained that the owners were going to remove and replace the trees with the same number of trees and that there was room for only as many trees as there are currently. The size of the trees was originally to have been 36" boxed trees but they have now agreed to at least 72" boxed trees as well as an additional 25 to 50 trees to be given to the city with the location to be determined. \

He noted that he had met with the management along with an arborist and the planting of additional trees would be as beneficial for the environment.

He stated that reopening and saying the same thing would not be of help, that the agenda was not hidden and that it had been posted and available to the community.

Responding to Member Witkowsky regarding the state of the trees, Deputy Agency Director Gibson stated that the applicant had discussed the potential damage to the property by the existing trees.

Councilmember Brewer commented that if they were to continue discussing it they may as well bring it back.

Agency Attorney Fellows responded to Member Nowatka regarding the process of reconsideration stating that reconsideration can be made once at the meeting at which the action occurred or within the succeeding fourteen days of the action and that the current meeting was the 14th day and that action would be need to be taken at this meeting if the matter was to be reconsidered.

**10. REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

At 10:30 p.m. the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, September 26, 2006 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. (Absent Members Drevno and McIntyre)