

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Torrance Redevelopment Agency convened in joint session with City Council on Tuesday, December 12, 2006, at 10:28 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: None

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

**2. Report of the Agency Clerk on the Posting of the Redevelopment Agency Agenda**

Agency Clerk Herbers reported on the posting of the agenda.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 21, 2006**

**MOTION:** Member Sutherland moved for the approval of the November 21, 2006 as written. The motion was seconded by Member McIntyre and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**4. COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER BUSINESS**

**4A. PROPOSED DESIGN AND LOCATION OF “OLD TORRANCE FOUNDED 1912” SIGNAGE**

**Recommendation**

The Deputy Executive Director recommends that the Redevelopment Agency approve the proposed design and locations of “Old Torrance Founded 1912” signage that identifies the Original Torrance Tract. (*Companion item to Council Item 10A*)

Sr. Planning Associate Chun reported that staff was recommending the purchase and installation of “Old Torrance Founded 1912” signs around the perimeter and along major arterials of the Original Torrance Tract so that residents and visitors would recognize this special area of Torrance. She advised that 30 signs would be purchased at a cost of \$8,250.00, with 20 to be installed immediately and 10 to be reserved should signs need to be added or replaced in the future.

Member Witkowsky expressed concerns that the white lettering on the sign would be difficult to read from a distance.

Sr. Planning Associate Chun explained that a reflective material will be used for the white lettering to make it more visible at night.

Debbie Hays, President of the Torrance Historical Society, voiced support for the staff recommendation, noting that the Historical Society worked with Planning staff on the design and sign locations.

Janet Payne, Engracia Avenue, expressed support for this project and thanked the Council and City staff for their efforts.

Don Barnard, Save Historic Old Torrance, proposed that all 30 signs be installed immediately to create a clear boundary around the area, submitting a chart with potential locations for the 10 remaining signs.

Sharon Imel, Border Avenue, questioned why the area was designated as "Old Torrance" instead of "Downtown Torrance," as it is commonly known.

Chairman Scotto explained that the Original Torrance Tract encompasses more than just the downtown area.

Ms. Payne stressed the importance of reserving signs to replace those that become damaged. She noted that the proposed locations were carefully thought out and staff verified that they would not affect the safety of pedestrians or motorists.

**MOTION:** Member Sutherland moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Member Witkowsky and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

5. **HEARINGS**

None.

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

None.

7. **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

None.

8. **ADDENDUM MATTERS**

None.

9. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

10. **REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 10:47 p.m. Member Brewer moved to adjourn the meeting to Tuesday, December 19, 2006 at 5:30 p.m. for an Executive Session, with regular business to commence at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The motion was seconded by Member Witkowsky and passed by unanimous roll call vote.