

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
TORRANCE CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Torrance Centennial Committee convened at 6:00 p.m. in the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library Meeting Room, 3301 Torrance Boulevard.

ROLL CALL

Present: Members Chan, Dreike, Duperron, Ernster, Gilbert, Hardison, Hays, Herbers, Heughins, Hoffman, Khan, Daniel Lee*, Don Lee, Love, Matsuda, Morgan, Mullan, Nishimura, Polcari, Rische, Scotto, Stecker, Trivelli and Yee.

Absent: Members Joiner and Members Gibson and Payne (both excused).

Also Present: Mayor Scotto, Councilmember Barnett (serving as Chairman Pro Tem), Councilmembers Brewer, Furey, Rhilinger, and Sutherland, Management Associate Barthe-Jones, Management Associate Fulton and Community Relations Specialist Paras.

*Daniel Lee arrived at 6:10 p.m.

2. **INTRODUCTIONS**

Chairman Pro Tem Barnett introduced Councilmembers Brewer, Furey, Rhilinger and Sutherland, former Mayor Hardison, former Councilmember Lee and City Clerk Herbers.

3. **WELCOME REMARKS**

Mayor Scotto welcomed those present. He expressed his pleasure with the formation of and shared information on his vision for the Torrance Centennial Committee. Mayor Scotto he clarified that the Committee will make its own decisions, with the exception of budgetary items, and he thanked the Committee members for their time.

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At 6:25 p.m., Mayor Scotto and Councilmembers Furey and Sutherland departed the meeting.

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4. **INTRODUCE STAFF LIAISONS & THEIR ROLES**

Chairman Pro Tem Barnett acknowledged staff liaisons to the Centennial Committee present at the meeting as follows: Management Associate Fulton, Community Relations Specialist Paras and Management Associate Barthe-Jones.

5. **INITIAL PREPARATIONS**

Overview/Preliminary Preparations

Management Associate Barthe-Jones presented an overview of staff's efforts thus far toward the Torrance Centennial Celebration, including research of milestone celebrations in other municipalities/organizations and interviews with residents to obtain historical information. She invited the Committee members to notify staff of any ideas they might have, or to send them to CitiCable@torranceca.gov, and extended gratitude to the Torrance Historical Society for the photographs on display at the meeting. Management Associate Barthe-Jones noted that information about the Centennial Celebration can be obtained on the City's website and she called attention to the need to raise additional funding for this event.

Review Materials and Past Celebrations

Community Relations Specialist Paras distributed binders containing written material relevant to the Torrance Centennial Celebration. She offered information about previous milestone celebrations in the City and summarized various ideas for the Centennial Celebration staff has obtained up to this time.

Next Steps

Management Associate Fulton highlighted the Committee's next meeting date of November 23, 2009, 6:00 p.m., and she asked the Committee members to review the information in the binders distributed earlier in the meeting by that date. Management Associate Fulton also asked the Committee members to think about their preferences for the structure of the Committee.

Members briefly introduced themselves and shared why they applied for the committee.

Committee Member Hardison related her understanding that the agenda for the next meeting will be broad enough for discussion in many directions, including the structure of the Committee.

The Committee members echoed Member Hays' expression of thanks to staff in organizing the meeting etc.

Chairman Pro Tem Barnett advised that Committee Members Gibson and Payne were excused from the meeting. He encouraged the Committee members to review the material provided in the binders prior to the next meeting.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:05 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Monday, November 23, 2009, 6:00 p.m., in the Katy Geissert Library Meeting Room.

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Torrance Centennial Committee
October 26, 2009