

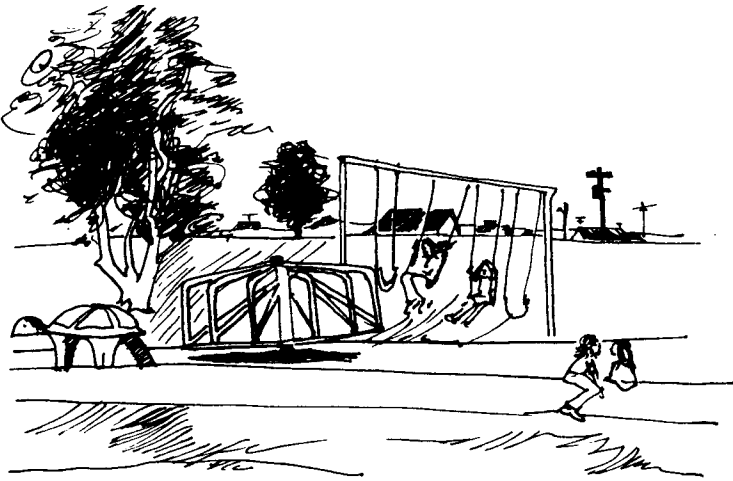
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EL RETIRO PARK

LIBRARY EXPANSION

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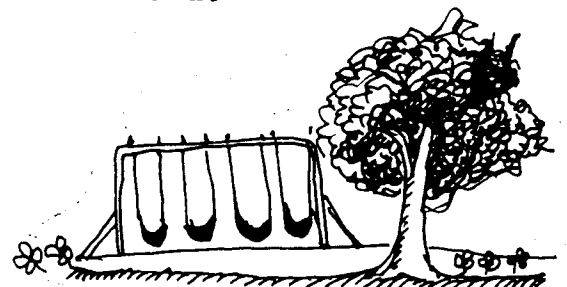
Homeowners Membership Meeting

Monday May 7 8:00 p.m.

Parkway School

Ed Ferraro, Torrance City Manager, and Harry Van Bellehem of the Park and Recreation Department and others will join us at our May general membership meeting at Parkway School to make a presentation of plans for the expansion of the city library branch at El Retiro Park, plus proposed lighting additions, landscaping and new paving in the parking area. The project is planned to be funded by the City, but it is understood that other potential sources of funding are under consideration.

In recent times El Retiro Park has been beset with considerable problems, and the considerations for the proposed undertaking in the light of these problems promises to make for a very interesting meeting of concern to residents of the Riviera. All Rivierans, whether members of the Association or not, are cordially invited to attend.



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

The development of the Torrance Municipal Airport, a rather remarkable facility, has become one of the liveliest local issues in our memory, just in the last few weeks. The notion of a vast increase in the scope of use of the airport, possibly to include jet aircraft or commuter services, has created profound concern for citizens of Torrance, very much including the Riviera.

A master plan is now being formulated to help to determine the ultimate optimum development and use of the Airport, considering all the diverse interests which are concerned and affected by the direction the airport is to take. We are told by the City Council in a recent rather definitive policy statement that it supports the master plan concept, and that as the body with ultimate airport policy-making authority, it will discourage the use of the Airport by jet aircraft.

The Homeowners Association has adopted a position for presentation to the Airport Commission at its presentation of development options under the master plan, recently held.

The Association is opposed to increased aviation use and commercial growth at the Airport. The potential impact from increased noise and air pollution particularly render such increased activity totally inconsistent with the interests of homeowners. We propose these means of achieving our purpose, especially to decrease noise and traffic:

1. A system for monitoring aircraft for excessive noise can and should be installed. Properly implemented, such a system can check the noise levels and adherence to flight regulations of individual aircraft, and cumulatively for the entire area.
2. Training and pilot instructional schools should be curtailed and ultimately discontinued. Student pilot traffic has been one of the more constant sources of excessive noise over the Riviera.
3. Installation of a system of landing fees for aircraft based outside our Airport should reduce the volume of use and should be initiated.
4. Insignia of locally-based planes and numbers on the under-side of the wings should be required for planes using our airport, for identification and resulting accountability for violations of regulations which bother residents.

Other possibilities for preventing unwelcome intrusions from airport use which merit consideration are the phasing out of helicopters and installation of a curfew.

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Pressure is great for Airport expansion and increased use. We must be very attentive to this issue and make our views known and felt whenever necessary so that the ultimate decision-makers, whether elected officials or persons economically involved, will have full and constant insight into our posture regarding the Airport, and the reasons for our views.

... Bob White

COASTAL COMMISSION VACANCY TO BE FILLED

Candidates to fill a vacancy on the South Coast Regional Commission are soon to be considered by the Executive Board of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG). Torrance City Councilman Dr. Donald Wilson has received the unanimous support of his fellow councilmen for the appointment. Mayor Ken Miller is a member of the SCAG Executive Board.

The post is open following the resignation of Santa Monica councilman (an original SCAG appointee) who was among three Santa Monica incumbents defeated in their re-election bids April 10th.

The Santa Monica situation is similar to that of Redondo Beach where the voters, apparently responding negatively to city policies which have allowed high density development along the coast, turned out of office three of the four incumbents running for re-election. Only Mayor William Czuleger managed to retain his city post.

The new Redondo councilmen-elect, Paul Burke, Anthony DeCou and Lee Solomon, who will take office May 7, have already appealed to the South Coast Regional Commission to deny any further Redondo Beach development until they have had a chance to assess the overall impact of current zoning on their city.

HOW WE VOTED

For your interest we list here the school board votes in the four Riviera precincts for the three winners, Stanley Dunn, Hyman Silver and Dorothy Baker. Because his support here was so great, we include also Dr. Spencer Willen's totals.

<u>Polling Place</u>	<u>Dunn</u>	<u>Silver</u>	<u>Baker</u>	<u>Willens</u>
Riviera School	223	140	168	138
Via Monte d'Oro	248	139	145	176
Via Buena Ventura	150	84	86	123
Parkway School	136	104	56	91

