

## **Summary of TONA General Meeting Business, January 28, 2008**

In addition to the discussion of consumerism at the TONA general meeting (see separate summary), attendees elected board members for the organization, learned of the neighborhood association's Golden Acorn Award recipient for 2008, discussed the pros and cons of restoring the Thousand Oaks urns, and heard comments from the audience about neighborhood safety issues.

### **Golden Acorn Award**

The TONA Golden Acorn was awarded to The Oaks Theatre for providing a neighborhood-serving business that adds to the enjoyment of living near Solano Avenue. The theatre, built in 1925, has been a key element of Solano Avenue ever since, offering entertainment on the big screen that we can walk to.

### **Board Elections**

Six board positions were up for election in January, and five current board members were willing to run again: Karen Chapman, Zippie Collins, Mark Gorrell, Warren Keller, and Elizabeth Sklut. A call for more candidates brought forth Alesia Connelly, a neighbor on Miramar Avenue. These six were elected to serve for the next two years. [The board was grateful for the service of outgoing board member Deborah Durant, who decided not to run again because of current family commitments.]

### **Urn Fund**

A neighbor who had contacted the board to oppose the project of restoring the Thousand Oaks urns voiced his objections at the meeting. While he recognized that the urns were a nostalgic item, he considered the remaining urn ugly. He suggested that the others may have been demolished by residents who didn't want them near their houses, and he believed that money spent to restore the urns would be wasted when the next big earthquake toppled them. Other audience members voiced support for the urns aesthetically and historically. They argued that the urns could be made to withstand a likely earthquake. (A survey about the urn project was included with the dues coupon in the January TONA newsletter, to obtain neighbors' views. The next TONA newsletter will report on the results.)

### **Safety Issues**

One neighbor had a suggestion for increasing the red curbs at Vincente/Portland and Colusa to improve the visibility of Colusa traffic from these cross streets. Another neighbor asked about whom to alert when a suspicious character appears to be casing houses in the neighborhood. Audience members suggesting contacting the city and councilmember Laurie Capitelli about these matters.

### **Lost Donor**

TONA President Elizabeth Sklut reported that she had received an intriguing phone message from a neighbor who expressed interest in donating to the

organization, but her message machine cut off his phone number midway, so she was unable to call him back. We all hope that he reads this and calls again!

Zippie Collins  
TONA Secretary