

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE OLD TOWN SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY PLANNING
GROUP

April 2018 – March 2019

Old Town San Diego Community Planning Group (OTSDCPG) meets the second Wednesday of each month except the month of August. August is a dark month.

The officers are:

Chair, Ann Dahlkamp

Vice Chair, Chuck Ambers

Secretary, Linda Acuna

Treasurer, Arvilla Rodgers

Subcommittees are: Impact Fee Study (IFS) committee, five (5) members, Election committee, four (4) members and Code Enforcement committee, four (4) members.

The last update of Bylaws was reviewed and approved by the city of San Diego Planning Department on October 13, 2017.

The OTSDCPG consist of fifteen (15) elected members. Currently, there are fourteen (14) elected members. Ten (10) members are local business persons and or representatives of community organizations that have physical presence in the community planning area. Four (4) members are residents whose primary address of residence is an address in the community planning area. OTSDCPG is actively looking for another resident to fill an empty seat.

In the working phase for the past six years with city planners, Vickie White and Tate Galloway, OTSDCPG, in 2018, completed the review and incorporated all the edits and updates to the Community Plan Update.

March 15, 2018, OTSDCPG submitted to Susan Morrison, Environmental Planner, City of San Diego Planning Department the OLD TOWN SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE DRAFT PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, Project #561630. On July 11, 2018 during the regular monthly meeting, it was motion and passed to forward the Community Plan Update to the City Council with Old Town Planning Group support of 12 yeses and 2 absents. On July 26, 2018 it was motioned and passed with the City Planning Commission approval. Then on October 29, 2018 it was motioned and passed with the City Council approval.

In August and September the IFS subcommittee met with Angela Abeyta, Supervising Management Analyst and Ben Hafertepe, Planning Department, Facilities Financing, to review the project prioritization list of facilities that are needed to implement the goals of the community plan. This study is an update that reflects changes in the amount of anticipated development and to the estimated cost of community serving facilities. During a regular meeting on September 12, 2018, the OTSDCPG approved the project prioritization list and the IFS.

Other projects that OTSDCPG reviewed in the community was Mason Jar, Project #595653. OTSDCPG recommended approval of the initial review, for the interior remodel of a detached one-story retail space and to construct a new exterior accessible ramp and stairs for the purpose of creating a new restaurant located at 2615 Congress Street, on March 14, 2018. The vote to approve was with the conditions that business owner consult architectural design policies and guidelines that apply to all development activity in Old Town. Also, OTSDCPG request to review the business sign, when available , to ensure that the sign is compatible with and enhance the architectural style of their associated building/remodeling and site.

A land use project reviewed by the OTSDCPG, The Congress Parking, Project # 623927 located at 2484 Congress Street was approved on December 12, 2018 during the regular monthly meeting. The planning recommend support for the conditional Use Permit for the construction of new on grade parking lot for a five (5) year term maximum, with two conditions; 1.Headlight beams blocked from adjacent residence and 2. Return to OTSDCPG for approval of signage and other design elements consistent with the Plan Development Ordinance and Community Plan.

Old Town San Diego Community Planning Group's most important focus for 2018 was all the necessary work and steps toward finalizing the Community Plan Update, Plan Development Ordinance and Impact Fee Study report. This report concludes the Old Town San Diego Community Planning Group 2018 Annual Report.

Submitted by Ann Dahlkamp