

Old Town San Diego
Community Planning Group

Ann Dahlkamp, Chairperson
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Whaley House, this meeting came to order at 3:33pm

Members Present: Linda Acuña; Chuck Ambers; Paul Chace; Ann Dahlkamp; Patricia Fillet; Fred Grand; Amie Hayes; Sunny Lee; Andres Ortiz; Andrew Perry; Arvilla Rodgers; Victor Santana; David Swarens; Robert Zink

Members Absent: None

Visitors: Robert Cota; Mark Nesbit, Sherriff's Museum; Vickie Durham; Geoffrey Mogilner; David Thornton; Vanessa Bernal <vbernal@sandiego.gov>; Alijandra Mogilner, <alijandra1@gmail.com>; Minerva Brace <braceminer@yahoo.com>; Richard Dennison, CA State Parks <richard.dennison@parks.ca.gov>; Vickie White

1. Non-Agenda Public Comments:

On behalf of Chris Ward's office, Vanessa Bernal presented Certificates of Commendation to Vickie Durham, Geoffrey Mogilner and David Thornton in appreciation of their service and dedication to the Old Town Community Planning Group.

Residents' Concerns re State Park Public Restroom

Concerned citizens in attendance inquired about what hours the public restrooms are open in the State Park. There have been issues with the homeless using the restrooms in businesses, particularly in the early morning hours. Richard Dennison informed that the public restrooms in the State Park are open during the regular hours that the park is open.

2. Agenda Modifications: None

3. Meeting Minutes:

Amie Hayes motioned and Patricia Fillet seconded that the March meeting minutes be approved as written. Motion passed (14 yes).

4. Treasurer's Report:

Today's meeting collected \$18.00 which brings the total-to-date to \$122.00.

5. Action Items:

Officer Elections

Patricia Fillet motioned and Fred Grand seconded that the following individuals be voted as officers for the Office Year of 2019: Linda Acuña for the Secretary position; Ann Dahlkamp for the Chair position; Chuck Ambers for the Vice Chair position, Arvilla Rodgers for the Treasurer position. Motion passed (14 yes).

Donation to Whaley House

Fred Grand motioned and Arvilla Rodgers seconded that a donation of \$122.00 be made to Whaley House. Motion passed (12 yes, 2 abstain).

6. Information items:

Presidio Heritage Trust

Paul Chace informed that the newsletter is now available in English, French, Spanish and Chinese.

Property on Harney/Congress Street

Fred Grand informed that the property at the corner of Harney/Congress Street is in escrow. A new plan is in development and more information will be provided as it becomes available. Residents in attendance expressed concerns regarding excessive noise/air pollution and potentially adverse health effects. Also of great concern is the effect of increased homeless issues. A community outreach/site meeting has been scheduled with Officer Surwilo, SDPD. This meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 17, time/location TBD.

Homeless Update

Patricia Fillet reported that some progress has been made in Districts 2 & 3 to clean up, but problems still persist. All are encouraged to attend the April 17 meeting with Officer Surwilo. David Swarens encouraged all to report any incidents to SDPD as that is important criteria used to allocate resources and funding.

Code Enforcement Committee

Ann Dahlkamp informed that she has reached out to City code enforcement personnel to see if they would be available to attend a meeting of the OT Planning Group. Ann Dahlkamp, Patricia Fillet and Andrew Perry have volunteered to serve on the Planning Group's code enforcement committee.

Residents' Continuing Concerns re Unlicensed Business

Andres Ortiz raised continuing concerns regarding an unlicensed business operating at the location previously occupied by Java Joe's. This business continues to hold concerts and it appears that there are still ongoing alcohol licensing violations occurring along with noise violations. Vanessa Bernal informed that the vice squad

has been informed. However, per residents' concerns, no action seems to have been taken to address any of these issues.

Old CalTrans Building/State Park

Richard Dennison, CA State Parks, informed that work on the old CalTrans building has experienced some delays due to inclement weather. Upcoming activities in the State Park include: Earth Day (Saturday, April 13); I Love A Clean San Diego (Saturday, April 27); Descendants of San Diego family event (Saturday, May 18).

City Council Update

Vanessa Bernal distributed Councilman Ward's monthly newsletter and gave information on upcoming community meetings and events the Councilman will be attending. On April 11, there will be an event at the Maritime Museum as the first tier of the 250th Commemoration.

Council activities include an upcoming vote on April 23 regarding issues with scooters; the homeless shelter in Golden Hall will relocate back to the Imperial Avenue location; cool pavement is being explored to see if there is a benefit to San Diego.

On Monday, April 8, the Old Town Impact Fee Study was approved by City Council. The revised cost estimate for storm water improvements now included in the proposal fee basis is \$2.85M. The amended cost estimate is due to a new more detail estimating methodology and updated unit costs. Based on the amended costs, the proposed DIF has been revised from \$3,874 per dwelling unit as presented at Committee to \$4,154 per dwelling unit.

City Planning

Vickie White informed that the City is preparing a parks master plan. A workshop has been scheduled on April 23, 4:00PM-8:00PM, at Balboa Park, Club Ballroom.

The ADA project at Serra Museum remains in the draft phase. Input continues to be received. If anyone has specific questions please send them to her.

The owners of the purple building on the corner of Congress and Harney have agreed to repaint and will look at incorporating the purple in some other way.

The next COW training session for new Planning Group members will be on May 18.

Update from Todd Gloria's Office

On behalf of Todd Gloria's office, Vanessa Bernal informed that Easter basket donations are being accepted and can be dropped off at Chris Ward's or Todd Gloria's office.

Old Town Chamber

Sunny Lee, Executive Director, informed that planning for the Fiesta Cinco de Mayo is continuing.

7. **Committee Updates:** None

8. **Announcements:** None

Adjournment

Linda Acuña motioned and Arvilla Rodgers seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:48pm.
Officially submitted,
Linda Acuña, Secretary