

Old Town San Diego  
Community Planning Group

Thurston Coe, Chairperson  
2836 Juan Street  
San Diego, California, 92110

April 10, 2013

**MINUTES v.1 FINAL**

**David Swarens Motioned and Geoffrey Mogilner Approved**

**Whaley House Courtroom this meeting to order at 3:37 pm**

- **Members Present:** Chuck Ambers; Thurston Coe; Ann Dahlkamp; Patricia Fillet; Fred Grand; Marie Pedrin-Gizoni; Bruce Johnson; Geoffrey Mogilner; Lorna Rice; Richard Stegner; David Swarens; Fred Schwartz; David Thornton
- **Members Absent:** Diane Lowery
- **Guests:** Tait Galloway - City of San Diego PSP 533-4550 [tgalloway@sandiego.gov](mailto:tgalloway@sandiego.gov); Robert Zink, Ph.D. – Robert Zink&Associates, 619.296.5802 [RDZink@aol.com](mailto:RDZink@aol.com); James Mabry – SDPI, Inc., 619.971.1659 [jmabry@sdpi.info](mailto:jmabry@sdpi.info); Gloria Barajas – resident, 619.297.7078 [gloriab232000@yahoo.com](mailto:gloriab232000@yahoo.com); Chris Ward (Senator Block’s Office), 610.645.3133 [christopherward@sen.ca.gov](mailto:christopherward@sen.ca.gov); Gavin Deeb (Representative Davis’ Office), 619.280.5353 [gavin.deeb@mail.house.gov](mailto:gavin.deeb@mail.house.gov)

**Non-Agenda Public Comments:** Chris Warden gave an update of upcoming Town Hall meeting on education state budget and more information in the current Davis Dispatch newsletter, April 2013.

**Modifications:** None.

**Meeting Minutes:** Approved

**Treasurer’s report:** March balance at \$298.48, donation of \$28. 00 brings forward new balance of \$2326.48 for April, 2013 - Donation to be made to Save Our Heritage Organisation (SOHO).

**Action Items:**

4. Approval of April Meeting Minutes
5. Approval of Treasurer’s report
- 6a. Draft Letter to the Directors of SANDAG, presented by Geoffrey Mogilner
- b. Elections for five seats on the OTCPG

**Comments to action items:**

4. Meeting Minutes: Geoffrey Mogilner approved and Lorna Rice seconded; 12 votes yes, 1 absent, and 1 missed
5. Treasurer’s Report: Approved. 12 Votes yes, 1 absent
- 6a. Geoffrey Mogilner provided additional background on the final letter “Economic Sustainability of the Old Town Community”, as redrafted with the help of other members from the OTCPG. Fred Grand helped to make clear on state agency process of when one deposes, another agency has the right to proceed, then the state assembly takes action – this process

can take up to 8 weeks. David Swarens wanted clarification of impact of parking and to make comment that his understanding was that there would be no improvements at Old Town. Richard Stegner suggested that this is what in fact needs to be emphasized with key points. Thurston Coe chimed in with where the traffic should be diverted. Richard Segner again pointed out, the City and SANDAG should NOT include Old Town in their plans and to request a hearing, where we can then list grievances. David Swarens agreed to this suggestion and Richard Stegner also noted this will be very helpful and to place the City in a position to commit to a hearing. Tait Galloway suggested to use the language of “public workshop” as more receptive instead of a hearing to make the concerns pointed with the Mid Coast Project and the Separation at Grade in Old Town, altogether. Geoffrey Mogilner elaborated on the issues of the EIR process. David Swarens motioned to have mid sentence emphasized with: solution oriented in the last paragraph and then submit. Fred Schwartz motioned to finalize and accept letter with revisions.

David Swarens Motioned and Geoffrey Mogilner Seconded. 12 votes yes, 1 abstain, and 1 absent.

6b. Elections for five seats on the OTCPG: Bruce Johnson, Diane Lowery, Lorna Rice, David Thornton, Robert Zink (with one year service). There were a total of 15 unanimous votes from hand-written ballots containing the listed names. All were voted on by the OTCPG members with 13 votes yes. Marie Pedrin-Gizoni motioned and David Thornton seconded.

Information Items:

None at this time.

Discussion Items:

None.

Committee Updates:

b. By-laws Committee: Geoffrey Mogilner and David Swartz are the only members on this committee and suggested that perhaps they will need to reform this subcommittee, with an additional person. David Swarens stated that the by-laws are currently inconsistent with State and City standards and wants to make the by-laws tailored to the Old Town Community. The language needs cleaning up to help reduce misunderstanding. For example, two section on elections, or the group can revise and table for next meeting as agenda item for May, 2013. Geoffrey Mogilner stated that there are additional issues – the City Planning Department changed what the OTCPG submitted and what they changed was the Old Town Boundary. Tait Galloway stated that he can submit to City Council on what the overall goal of updating the Old Town Update is to address the issues of Boundary and Community Members, where a 4<sup>th</sup> type of community member has to go to City Council for approval. Fred Grand pointed out that we do indeed have two City Council members that are new and wanted to know where this approval would go to? Thurston Coe mentioned that this could be on the agenda for next meeting in May.

Announcements:

1. Chuck Ambers said there is a meeting on April 25<sup>th</sup> for the OTSD Planned District Design Review Board.
2. Richard Stegner said there is a Chamber meeting on April 17<sup>th</sup> at Mormon Battalion. Geoffrey Mogilner requested the letter (see 6a above) to be included. Richard Stegner

asked if this is a letter or a resolution? Geoffrey Mogilner stated this is a unanimous letter as a resolution. Richard Stegner mentioned upcoming elections for the Chamber and trash clean up efforts of rain gutters were made by volunteers from the Mormon Battalion. The First Annual Golf Classic raised a total of \$77k, with \$10k as a raffle on a motorcycle. Cinco de Mayo this year is 4-5<sup>th</sup> and street closure will be later. No shuttle service this year, since walking will be much quicker. Marie Pedrin-Gizoni emphasized that there will be plenty of parking behind the Caltrans Building with nearly 800 spaces of free parking. Geoffrey Mogilner asked if Chamber can make signs at important State Park exits and Richard Stegner responded that yes, Chamber is doing that. Richard Stegner provided more updates on: San Diego County Fair opening day is June 8, 2013 and the Old Town Chamber will have a table and that all businesses are invited to have a table. The annual car classis is September 7<sup>th</sup>, Tequila Trail is September 15<sup>th</sup>, Art Festival is in October, Dia de Los Muertos is November. There was a reported incident at the Saturday Market with an attempted theft, the individual had an outstanding warrant. The Rock 'N' Roll Marathon is in June and is coming through Old Town. David Swarens stated that Heritage Tours provides good advertising for Old Town Chamber and Richard Stegner mentioned FaceBook does as well.

3. Geoffrey Mogilner added a few historical dates – Old Town Civilly founded on May 15<sup>th</sup> and the April date is the Mission Consecration. Tait Galloway mentioned the Old Town Community Plan update is taking a little longer than expected. And, as soon as a working copy is put together, a copy will be provided to the OTCPG. The next steps are for calibrating traffic lanes, to happen this Fall, 2013. Development Services Manager discusses Juan Street Project and she wanted to know about major dys of significance in order to halt construction. David Swarens stated that those dates were pretty clear. Tait Galloway requested copy of the meeting minutes to forward to project manager and pointed out that the OTCPG meeting only occurred with the city contractors and not the city engineers. Richard Stegner offered to provide a list of the major dates for Old Town that should not be impacted during the Juan St. Project. David Swarens asked when we could see draft plans and Tait Galloway stated that within 2-3 months a draft plan will be ready for helpful edits.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55pm.

Respectfully submitted by, Patricia Fillet