Old Town San Diego
Community Planning Group

Thurston Coe, Chairperson   March 12, 2014
2836 Juan Street
San Diego, California, 92110

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Whaley House Courtroom this meeting to order at 3:30 pm

- **Members Present:; Thurston Coe; Ann Dahlkamp; Patricia Fillet; Fred Grand (arrived at 3:50pm, did not sign in); Bruce Johnson; Geoffrey Mogilner; Fred Schwartz; Richard Stegner; David Swarens; David Thornton; Robert Zink**
- **Members Absent: Chuck Ambers; Lorna Rice**
- **Guests: Benjamin Alacazar – Resident 602.717.9733 alcazarvii@gmail.com; Tom Doyle – tomdoyle92176@gmail.com 619.501.6421; Vickie Durham – Guest 619.987.5013; George Lombard – Resident, GPLOMARD@aol.com; Tait Galloway - Senior Planner, City of San Diego 619.533-4550 tgalloway@sandiego.gov; Randi Perez – Resident, perez.randi@gmail.com, 619.823.4823; Hanna Multila – Visiting scholar/SDSUI, hanna.maltila@aalto.fi; Lionel Barzon, III – Visiting, lionel.barzon@gmail.com, 219.263.6291; Fred J. Simon, Jr., M.D. – Visitor, simon.fred@scripps-health.org and simon4congress52@gmail.com; 619.990.1344; Jacqui Nguyen – Visiting, 619.999.7706; Molly Chase – Council District 3, mchase@sandiego.gov, 619.847.8287; Vincent Palmer, II – Resident/Business (SDUIS), vpalerii@icloud.com, 619.381.8058; LaVonne MadayPeyrol – Resident, 619.764.1952; Peter St. Clair – Visitor, phstc@aol.com; Howard Guess – City Attorney, hguess@sandiego.gov, 619.533.5500; Rashida Cabrales – SDSU City Planning Student, rashida.cabrales@navy.mil, 619.948.3446; Juliana Versui – SDUIS; Gredevia Rebari - SDUIS**

<u>**Non-Agenda Public Comments:**</u> **1. Fred Simon Jr., M.D., running for 52nd District Congress introduced himself and emphasized his platform of education as key and more respect for service industry and impact on City of San Diego. 2. Howard Guess, City Attorney for Western Division San Diego Police Department is neighborhood prosecurtor and discussed community courts for public service where crimes are committed. – the overall court system is overwhelmed with 37,000 cases a year and 10-15,000 cases are tried per year. Ann Dahlkamp asked if this will apply to graffiti and Howard Guess said, "yes" these cases will be tried. 3. Peter Sinclair, volunteer with Native Plant Society is creating an historical landscape proposal for the Old Caltrans property and shared the work located at transit center entrance and was completed/donated by the Society. 4. Thurston Coe provided update on the Hilton Hotel proposal and this is to be continued.**

<u>**Modifications:**</u> **Moving item #7 before #6, no objections.**

<u>**Meeting Minutes:**</u> *Approved with edits: 1. Change Marriott to Hilton*

<u>**Treasurer's report:**</u> **None, Treasurer absent**

<u>**Action Items:**</u>
   4. Approval of February Meeting Minutes

   5. Approval of Treasurer's report

6a. Elections for open seats

<u>Comments to action items:</u>
4. February Meeting Minutes Approved, with edits noted above.
Robert Zink Motioned and Ann Dahlkamp Seconded. 9 yes votes; 1 abstain; 3 absent

5. Treasurer's Report: None, Secretary absent

6a. Elections for open seats – 6 candidates on Ballot: Chuck Ambers; Fred Grand; Vincent Palmer, II; Randall (Randi) Perez; Richard Stegner; David Swarens; Write-In Candidates (3): Vicky Durham, Benjamin Alcazar; George Lombard. Each candidate provided a 2-minute limit of background/profile.

Patricia Fillet, Ann Dahlkamp, and Geoffrey Mogilner ran the elections and counted the ballots – Thurston Coe recounted to confirm the following results: 3-year terms to : Richard Stegner (re-elected); Fred Grand (re-elected); George Lombard (new); Benjamin Alacazar (new); Chuck Ambers (re-elected). 2-year term: Vicky Lombard. Finally, a coin-toss between David Swarens and Vincent Palmer II, as both were tied for 10 votes each, resulted in Vincent Palmer II for a 1-year term.

<u>Information Items:</u>
7a. Presentation by volunteers of the Old Town Sheriff's Museum. Many concerns were expressed and discussed, but no permits have yet been awareded to allow the improvements. Most of the improvements are to 2nd floor to reflect an mid-19th century adaptation and the planning process is to follow. The hope is to have meetings and to make accessible for docents to lead tours to have more of a public and educational outreach emphasis. The materials and engineering were explored further: a "Western and Spanish" theme are the exterior time-period the museum wishes to achieve. The museum is delighted that the 4th grade program that ended in 2011 (due to budget deficits) is now returning to Old Town to include additional grades. The presenters also emphasized this improvement fits well for San Diego Avenue. Fred Grand encouraged the Sheriff's Museum to come before the OTSDCPG to share and to emphasize how $1million dollars were raised for this project, which were all by private donations. Geoffrey Mogilner added that the museum is a wonderful San Diego history interpretation, but looking at the visual presentation shown, asked if this will accomplish what is needed by now having no visual access to the courtyard, may make this less appealing. Furthermore, the architectural ordinance for exterior appearance prior to 1872, however, this proposal is of Mexican/American periods and the stucco makes it look more mid-19th century (1850s) and suggested to narrow scope for specifics and the visual presented rendering is not what is intended, and to double check the ordinance for historical accuracy. Presenters explained that they understand this and many points and will make every effort to comply with the ordinance for Old Town. David Thornton asked about construction time and presenters said this year, 2014 with $160,000 left to raise and with two fund raisers, the goals will be met. David Swarens disagreed with Geoffrey Mogilner and stated that the rendering looks more like "Monterey" style and raises the point of running into difficulties with historical accuracy and the venacular and emphasized the need to follow the historical referencing from the PDO.

<u>Discussion Items:</u>
None.

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<u>Committee Updates:</u>
None.

<u>Announcements:</u>
1. **None.**

Meeting adjourned at 5:40pm

Respectfully submitted by, Patricia Fillet