

Old Town San Diego Community Planning Group

Thurston Coe, Chairperson
2836 Juan Street
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Whaley House this meeting to order at 3:30 pm

- **Members Present:**; Thurston Coe; Ann Dahlkamp; Vickie Durham; Patricia Fillet; Fred Grand; Bruce Johnson; Geoffrey Mogilner; Randi Perez; Richard Stegner; David Swarens
- **Members Absent:** Chuck Ambers; David Thornton; Robert Zink
- **Guests:** Molly Chase, City of San Diego (mchase@sandiego.gov, 619.236.6633); Elder David Barnes, Director, Mormon Battalion (801.599.3801); Lavonne Maday Peyrot, Artist, Resident (slodlo35@hotmail.com, 619.764.1952); Lee Steiner, Representative Susan Davis' Office (lee.steiner@house.gov, 619.280.5353); Jessica Poole, Representative Susan Davis' office (Jessica.poole@house.gov); Bruce Coons, SOHO; Kathy Lippitt

Non-Agenda Public Comments: 1. Kathy Lippitt informed the next coalition meeting on Dispensaries and correct information to be dispersed to be held at Madison High School, San Diego, CA; Only four licenses are approved to operate within four council districts. Molly Chase chimed in to say this ordinance has been passed by council with lengthy list of requirements.

Modifications: None

Meeting Minutes: *June Meeting Minutes postponed*

Treasurer's report: Vicki Durham, reports previous amount of \$447.48 and donation for October is \$12.00 with a total of \$460.48. No vote taken as this was just a report.

Action Items: None

Information Items:

7a. Juan Street Project Update: Start date is now delayed further due to archaeological sampling being conducted; there is propose the project to be 11 months of construction and detours. If you want the city staff and contractor informed of any issues, please send information to Molly. Currently as an issue is "lane closed" vs. "road closed". Richard Stegner asked if additional signage could be provided. Molly assured that detour maps will be distributed to appropriate restaurants/businesses and residents. Thurston Coe raised the concern of closing the "whole street" for the archaeological findings and raised the question if city or contractor will provide a metal plate over the dig portion of archaeology, once completed. Geoffrey Mogilner suggested perhaps the Chamber of Old Town can put up signs on which restaurants are open. Bruce Johnson reminded the group the Contractor said they in fact would place appropriate and quantified signage. Molly Chase said she keeps Thurston and the Chamber of Old Town informed of beginning of the project and issues raised by OTSDCPG. Thurston Coe added that when there is no work being conducted, perhaps traffic

is allowed to go through and the City never mentioned the street will always be closed. Molly Chase agreed the City does have that information/concern. Geoffrey added that the archaeological portion now being done is causing the delay, but it's significant to complete this portion of the construction impact and that the sampling and monitoring is essential. Richard Stegner mentioned that all information is sent via email to affected businesses. Elder Barnes mentioned the Mormon Battalion has received 100,000 visitors. Molly Chase assured the archaeological portion is to be completed January, 2015 and that additional signage can be provided next week and offered if Contractor could attend meetings to update, periodically.

7b. Bruce Coons representing SOHO provided update on "old Caltrans building". Bruce shared that the best alternative presented, mainly to allow reconstruction of the building and provided a step process on next steps: comment period closes December, 2014 and Draft EIR to be circulated with demolition set for 2016. Geoffrey Mogilner stated that goal should be preservation of Co'Soy and to recreate the place where the Spaniards met the Natives of Old Town. Bruce stated not at this spot. David Swarens emphasized the "interpretive" theory is broad and emphasizes the post-colonial period, not 19th century and that a master plan for this area could not be completed and will require updating the entire master plan.

7c. Geoffrey Mogilner stated the final EIR has been published. Jessica Poole stated the Federal Review was completed in October and next step is for the State to complete the review by November 21st; last, SANDAG can then move forward. Geoffrey Mogilner mentioned the final EIR is online, but it's the Federal approved and reminded the OTSDCPG that the group indeed requested provisions brought forward are included in this version (ie., impact of ignoring historic districts allows for traffic modifications) and makes easier for intersection changes as having no impacts. Thurston Coe asked if there is interest to pursue to protest and raise this concern. Richard Stegner added this can go on record and David Swarens reminded the Group we are bound by previous agreements and we cannot make a recommendation today. Geoffrey states the existing resolution was a good resolution and it's worth to present to SANDAG again. David pointed out that someone other than the Chair will have to persuade SANDAG to take executive action. Geoffrey agrees we should go on record to protest. Richard agrees and says we should resend the response, but revise appropriately. Geoffrey mentioned that it may be beneficial for Thurston Coe to speak at the next SANDAG meeting which is November 21st/22nd or even a delegation from this Group. Geoffrey also asked if SOHO Will go on the record to object to the traffic modification and Bruce Coons stated that no separate letters were sent. Patricia Fillet stated she will send an email to Geoffrey and Thurston of exact dates and location of SANDAG meeting.

Committee Updates:

None.

9. Announcements:

1. Richard Stegner mentioned next Chamber meeting is next Wednesday. Café Coyote will host the annual Christmas get together. The elections cut-off is this Friday morning.
2. Representative from Susan Davis' office circulated Newsletter.
3. Molly Chase reminded that water restrictions effective November 1st is at a level 2 "drought restrictions".

Meeting adjourned at 5pm. Respectfully submitted by, Patricia Fillet, Secretary