

SAN DIEGO PRESIDIO PARK COUNCIL  
Call for Members

The **San Diego Presidio Park Council** is an officially recognized advisory board for the City of San Diego Park & Recreation Department. The main purpose/concern for the council is to get a Master Plan for Presidio Park completed and for the preservation and promotion of this important historical and archaeological landmark to the history of the United States. The Park & Recreation Dept., however, also comes to the council for advice and recommendations on anything having to do with or affecting the park and its grounds. The Park & Rec. staff person assigned to the Council is **Casey Smith**, Senior Park Ranger at (619)235-1120 or [cdsmith@sandiego.gov](mailto:cdsmith@sandiego.gov). The current chair of the council is **Eleanor Neely** at [eneely@cox.net](mailto:eneely@cox.net).

The regular council meetings are held every other month so there are only 6 regular meetings a year. Any additional time required by its members would be spent on sub-committee work or for a special event or project. The standing sub-committees are: Development & Marketing; Interpretation; and, Curation/Collections. Ad hoc sub-committees include: Brochure; By-laws; and, Nominations. The makeup of the council currently seems to have a bias toward archaeologists, but members with a wide range of backgrounds and interests are needed to cover all aspects of the entire park including landscape/horticulture, history (settlement, Mormon Battalion, George Marston, John Nolan, etc.), erosion control/maintenance, and more.

The regular meetings of the council are held on the third Wednesday of every other month at 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. at the Park & Recreation headquarters which is located in the:

Balboa Park Administration Bldg., Room 207  
2125 Park Boulevard  
San Diego, CA 92101

The next regular meeting of the council is Wednesday, March 19, 2008, at 4:30 p.m. People interested in joining may go and "sit in" on this meeting before deciding. The next regular meeting after that will be May 21, 2008.

# Old Town San Diego Community Planning Group

Jeanne Ferrell, Chairperson  
2448-C San Diego Avenue  
San Diego, California, 92110

Wednesday  
Feb 13 th  
2008

## MINUTES

The MEETING was called to order at 3:30 PM by Jeanne Ferrell in the Whaley House courtroom.

**Members Present:** Chuck Ambers-3:37; Bruce Coons-3:35; Tom Doyle-3:25; Vickie Durham-3:30; Joanne Einhorn-3:25; Jeanne Ferrell-3:15; Fred Grand-3:15; Geoffrey Mogilner-3:30; Christine Robinson-3:25; Fred Schwartz-3:28; Richard Stegner-3:35; David Thornton-3:25.

**Members Absent:** Luis Barrios

**Members Excused:**

**Seats Vacant:** Olive Chivers; Frank Busic;

**Guests:** Sean Shiraishi - *Plaza del Pasado* 619 997-6123 [s-shiraishi@pikpy.com](mailto:s-shiraishi@pikpy.com); Ann Dahlkamp - *Neighbor* 619 291-4340; Alana Coons - *SOHO* 297-9327 [sohosandiego@aol.com](mailto:sohosandiego@aol.com); Alvin Rencher - *Mormon Battalion* 801 830-6137 [rencher@byu.edu](mailto:rencher@byu.edu); LaRue Rencher - *Mormon Battalion* 801 830-6137 [rencher@byu.edu](mailto:rencher@byu.edu); Craig Caldwell - *Neighbor* 619 291-1377; Todd Schmit - *City of SD - CP & CI* 619 533-6291 [tschmit@sandiego.gov](mailto:tschmit@sandiego.gov); Max Stalheim - *City of San Diego Community Planning* 619 236-6153; Dixon Hyde - *Build E3 Mormon Battalion* 801 898-8534; Erin Youngberg - *CRSA/Mormon Battalion* 801 746-6817 [eriny@crsa.us.com](mailto:eriny@crsa.us.com); Marie Pedren - *Gizoni - Resident* [mepg41@aol](mailto:mepg41@aol).

### Approval of Minutes:

Fred Schwartz made and Tom Doyle seconded a **“Motion to approve the January 9, 2008 minutes with two corrections: Delete the bracketed portion within the Caltrans announcement (Caltrans Deputy Director Leslie Campbell ••• but the property has not been.), and Richard Stegner’s attendance was excused not absent.”** Motion 13Feb08#1 at 3:35 p.m. The motion was approved with 6 for, 0 against, and 5 abstaining.

### Treasurer’s Report:

Treasurer Vicky Durham announced that the beginning January balance was \$82.22 and January donations were \$14 producing a February beginning balance of \$96.22.

### Announcements:

Cinco de Mayo will be May 3rd and 4th 2008. The McFarlane Promotions will be the coordinators. The Old Town web site is open for submissions through March. Caltrans will be installing a transportation museum in the restored historic building at the west end of their property. The National Trust of Historic Preservation will be meeting in San Diego April 11-13, 2008. SOHO Author Series will be on the Third Thursday, February through November at 3950 Conde Street, the Adobe Chapel. Heritage County Park will conduct a family craft day with egg hunt, fun relays, and crafts Saturday, March 22nd 11-3.

### Action Items:

Erin Youngberg, Architect present the modified proposal for the Mormon Battalion Visitor Center remodel. There was community discussion and questions about the project. Bruce Coons moved and Fred Grand seconded a **“Motion to approve the project as presented with two conditions: The informational video screens not be visible from the right of way, and the architectural element on the tower be more in keeping with Spanish colonial, revival architecture.”** Motion 13Feb08#2 at 4:35 p.m. The motion was approved with 11 votes for, 0 against, and 0 abstention.

The proposal to recommend eliminating the lawn and parking uses at Inspiration Point was presented by Geoffrey Mogilner. City Parks was not present but San Diego Community Planning discussed the proposal. Geoffrey Mogilner made and Bruce Coons seconded a **“Motion that with the pedestrian path in Palm Canyon upgraded for ADA access to Inspiration Point, we recommend the elimination of lawn and parking park use on Inspiration Point.”** Motion 13Feb08#3 at 5:18 p.m. The was not approved with 5 votes for, 5 votes against, and 1 absent.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted  
Geoffrey Mogilner, Secretary