

Old Town San Diego
Community Planning Group

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

November 13, 2013

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Whaley House Courtroom this meeting to order at 3:38 pm

- **Members Present; Chuck Ambers (left at 4pm); Ann Dahlkamp; Patricia Fillet; Bruce Johnson; Fred Grand (left @ 4:40pm); Richard Stegner; David Swarens; David Thornton; Robert Zink**
- **Members Absent: Thurston Coe ; Marie Pedrin-Gizoni; Fred Schwartz**
- **Guests: Tait Galloway - Senior Planner, City of San Diego 619.533-4550 tgalloway@sandiego.gov; Randi Perez – Resident 619.823.4823; Lee Seiner – Representative Susan Davis 619.280.5353 lee.steiner@mail.house.gov; Mike McLaughlin – Bazaar del Mundo 619.296.4690 mike@bazaar-delmundo.com**

Non-Agenda Public Comments: 1. Chuck is acting Chairperson, due to Thurston Coe out ill and will leave at 4pm – according to the PDO, the current Secretary, Patricia Fillet will act as Chairperson from 4pm to adjournment and Treasurer, Lorna Rice will take the current meeting's notes. 2. Patricia asked to consider Randi Perez to be voted in to fill one of the vacant seats, currently available.

Modifications: Order of agenda changed: Discussion of filling vacant seat and to be included as "action item".

Meeting Minutes: Approved with edits: Missed to include Geoffrey Mogilner and Lorna Rice as members present; and David Swarens' comments on the CEQA training were to be rephrased as "not worthwhile"; Page 2, #4 under Announcements, to be rephrased as "all of Susan Davis' personnel were participants in the October Federal Furlough".

Treasurer's report: July balance \$374.48, collected \$27.00. No collection in August and September this brings October balance to \$401.48

Action Items:

4. Approval of October Meeting Minutes
5. Approval of Treasurer's report
- 6a. Update on Juan Street Project
- 7a. Vote to designate the site of the 1769 founding of California as a historic, cultural, and economic resource.
 - b. Changes to By-Laws, (ongoing) hosted by Tait Galloway

Comments to action items:

4. October Meeting Minutes Approved, with edits noted above.
Fred Grand Motioned and Richard Stegner Seconded; 10 yes; 1 abstain; 1 absent
5. Treasurer's Report: \$401.48 beginning of October; \$22.31 collected at October meeting,

brings forward a total of \$423.79; Recommend to donate \$300.00 to SOHO
Fred Grand Motioned and Ann Dalkamp Seconded; 10 yes; 1 abstain; 3 absent

6a. Tait Galloway has no update information at this time; however, Richard Stegner received an alternate time frame. Members of the OTSDCPG agree that the project manager (Nitsuh Aberra, naberra@sandiego.gov) needs to be contacted to return to the OTSDCPG to provide most current updates on timeframe and further details.

7a. Geoffrey Mogilner presents handout/paragraph statement on *Resource Designation, 1769 California Birthplace*. Much discussion generated from this action item: Fred Grand was concerned that typically, a planning group does not usually generate items for adoption; David Swarens suggested, instead, the OTSDCPG should adopt this as part of the PDO community plan policy; Richard Stegner also pointed out that there should be more specific details on the location, therefore, rewriting the handout/paragraph. Tait Galloway offered this should be specific to historical resources and clarification of the meaning of phrase “preserve and interpreted”, where this could generate negative impact if not specified for further clarification” and continued with there is value to commercializing the most important event in California History, creating a permanent relationship is important; however, there are several levels of designation. Richard Stegner stated that we should read what was in the actual reference where Geoffrey used some of the language. Geoffrey Mogilner pointed out that the Birthplace of California is a historic resource and the previous community plan update did not make reference to such. Further discussion ensued with making changes to paragraph as permanent and to include in the Old Town Community Plan update as a final resolution of agreement. Geoffrey will also include a map for visual specificity and Tait Galloway will make and include reference to the draft of the Old Town Plan Update.

New paragraph to read: *“Policy Statement to be included in CPU update”. Because the Birthplace of California is located at the base of Presidio Hill, North of Taylor Street and East of Morena Boulevard within the Old Town San Diego Community Planning Area and; because it’s preservation and interpretation will be of continuing benefit to the USA, the Kumeyaay Nations, California, and the Old Town Community and; Because the history of the founding California in 1769 is of primary importance to the heritage of both the European cultures and the Kumeyaay culture; therefore, the Old Town Community Planning Group designates the site of the 1769 founding of California as a historic, culture, and economic resource to be preserved and interpreted for the benefit of future generations”.*

7ai. Motion to Vote and accept with revisions and to be included in Old Town Community Plan Update: Fred Grand Motioned and Robert Zink Seconded 9 yes votes.

7b. Draft of Old Town San Diego Community Planning Group Bylaw Changes continued up to page 6, with approval and no further changes. New changes are noted, below.

Page 7, Article VI, Section 2 (b) (i): Include back in where red strikeout at Election Committee: *“Secretary shall be a member of this committee”.*

Page 8, Article VI, Section 2 (c) (ii): *Agreement with Summary and Considerations.*

Page 8, Article VI, Section 2 (d) (ii): *Stay with City Policy – remove blue underline.*

Page 9, Article VII, Section 4: *Strike last two sentences “All checks shall be signed by the Treasurer and at least one other Officer”.*

Page 9, Article VII, Section 5: *Strike the blue underline “when directed by the Chair or the OTSDCPG as a whole”.*

David Swarens Motioned and David Thornton Seconded that we approve our changes thus far and continue the items page 10, Article 8 with next regular meeting January 8, 2014.

9 yes votes.

Information Items:

1. Lee Steiner from Susan Davis' office gave a briefing at SANDAG concerning Mid-Coast of proposed parking and traffic.

Discussion Items:

None.

Committee Updates:

None.

Announcements:

- 1. Richard Stegner – next Wednesday is the Chamber's Annual Meeting; also working on Chamber Bylaws. The second annual golf tournament will be March 17th, 2014 where theme is "Green in the Green" and will feature again Billy Casper as host. Trash pickup for Old Town is 3 days a week; Election for the Chamber seats – all incumbents were re-elected. 2. No meeting in December, the annual Christmas get-together hosted by the Chamber will be at Café Coyote.**

Meeting adjourned at 5:00pm.

Respectfully submitted by, Patricia Fillet