

Old Town San Diego
Community Planning Group

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

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Whaley House this meeting to order at 3:30 pm

- **Members Present:** Thurston Coe; Patricia Fillet; Fred Grand; Bruce Johnson; Geoffrey Mogilner; Randi Perez (signed visitors sheet); Richard Stegner; David Swarens; David Thornton; Robert Zink
- **Members Absent:** Chuck Ambers; Ann Dahlkamp; Lorna Rice
- **Guests:** Vickie Durham – Guest 619.987.5013; Tait Galloway - Senior Planner, City of San Diego 619.533-4550 tgalloway@sandiego.gov; Julio GeGuzman – City Attorney’s Office, 619.533.4710, deguzmanj@san diego.gov; Pavel Ratnovsky – Nextdoor.com; Molly Chase – City of San Diego, mchase@sandiego.gov; Kathy Lippitt – North City Prevention Coalition, klippitt@saysandiego.org; Ashley Christensen – SOHO, 619.297.9327, sohosandiego.aol.com; Victor Santana – SOHO, 619.554.7257; Jackie Tolentino – SOHO, 619.846.7113, jodeltino@gmail.com

Non-Agenda Public Comments: 1. Larry, retired Navy Seal provided introduction he’s running for 53rd Congressional District. 2. Julio Deguzman, City Attorney, Criminal Division informed new program to conduct neighborhood prosecution and infractions, per municipal city code. 3. Pavel provided introduction on new Silicon Valley Start up called Next Door a free social network in the neighborhood and has partnered with San Diego Police Department. 4. Kathy Lippitt provided information on next meeting and handouts on statistics of underage drinking and Ecigarettes.

Modifications: None

Meeting Minutes: *April and May to be approved during June 11, 2014 meeting*

Treasurer’s report: None

Action Items:

4. Approval of Treasurer’s report

6a. Special Elections

b. Proposed Deco Bike Installation

Comments to action items:

4. Treasurer’s report - none

6a. Reminder – Only one representative from an organization is allowed to vote. Public statements from those on special election ballot. Results: All open seats are for 3-year terms. Chuck Ambers – 8 votes; Fred Grand, 9 votes; Randall (Randi) Perez – 8 votes; Richard Stegner – 9 votes; David Swarens – 9 votes

6b. Molly Chase from Council Presiden’t office provided a presentation on Deco Bikes

program. Also informed of new City Budget Review for 2015 to restore City services and increase of library hours. A late Council meeting at 6pm next week for public comment. Homelessness and other neighborhood issues/concerns call San Diego Police Department for official report. Pot Holes, broken signage, and street painting Molly to take back to council and address. Geoffrey Mogilner pointed out a few resolutions to consider: To promote and preserve the Birthplace of California at East of Morena Boulevard and Taylor Streets and ask for assistance for historical landmark designation. Fred Grand also mentioned that Molly Chase as our representative is doing so well and has since replaced a long-time representative, Bernadette.

Information Items:

Series of Questions on Juan Street Updates: Richard Stegner asked if any and Thurston informed none at this time. David Swarens asked if “the letter” was sent out and asked this to be reviewed as a formal action item to take a 3rd look at proposal and updates. Patricia Fillet pointed out she had written up a draft and last sent to Richard Stegner for edits and contribution. Tait Galloway updated that this project has been out to bid. David Thornton asked if the special election votes need to be recorded as part of meeting minute notes and Tait Galloway suggested yes, for the record. Fred Grand mentioned that a letter from the Old Town Chamber was sent to City of San Diego – the letter suggested three specific areas to relocate the Deco Bike Installation: Behind the historic Catholic Church, in front of the Old Town Chamber, and the San Diego Transit Center. David Swarens wanted to remind us all that this program is a commercial operation and is unrelated to any businesses in Old Town San Diego. Tait Galloway asked if this is an Action Item and reminded and recommended to the group. Thurston Coe announced he just received a letter from the Hilton Garden Inn as an update, which he read aloud to the group in which they are asking to write a letter asking the OTSDCPG to take action. David Swarens said this is inappropriate and this is not on the Agenda to do so. Geoffrey Mogilner added we should not agree to aggregate our legal rights and maybe a straw vote could be conducted, but not to get involved in any legality of this letter. David Thornton agreed on straw vote and asked who the letter was sent to (Patrick Hooper). Geoffrey Mogilner added that appeal rights of demolition but not on repaving other projects and pointed out that this letter is asking the group to give up our rights. Patricia Fillet asked Thurston Coe to forward the letter to the group and to retain as part of the record. David Swarens brought up good point of community blight of empty lots after demolition. Tait Galloway mentioned that this developer seems to be forthcoming and has an ongoing project currently in Downtown San Diego and another in Mission Valley.

Committee Updates:

None.

Announcements:

1. Richard Stegner mentioned Chamber meeting is next week and Cinco de Mayo turnout was extremely well done this year. Fred Grand mentioned the Mormon Battalion is willing to contribute nearly up to \$50,000 for ADA compliance for access to parking in the public parking lot behind historic Catholic Church and are planning to show plans at next meeting. Many questions were asked about overall turnout of Cinco de Mayo and that some public parking sites were gouging the public on high rates (\$20) to park all day. Richard Stegner mentioned 150,000 people turned out for the 2-day event; Media/radio coverage was provided all weekend long; Dos XX Beer signed up for a three-year contract of sponsorship. David Thornton asked that the cylinder block wall next to Adobe Chapel be placed on the Agenda for June. Fred Grand asked if walls

higher than 6ft. needs permitting and Tait Galloway said yes and reminded the group tht if anyone wants to make this an issued based on the Old Town PDO for architectural accuracy to do so. Fred Grand said he placed a call to the owner to address the issue.

2. Fred Grand motioned and David Thornton seconded to write a letter in support of the Deco Bike Installation Program at: Old Town Chamber, San Diego Transit, and Public Parking behind historic Catholic Church – Patricia Fillet to send letter.

9 yes votes; 3 absent

Meeting adjourned at 5:00pm

Respectfully submitted by, Patricia Fillet