

# Old Town San Diego Community Planning Group

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

July 13, 2016

## MINUTE's v.1

### Whaley House, this meeting came to order at 3:39 pm

**Members Present:** Chuck Ambers; Gloria Andrade; Thurston Coe; Ann Dahlkamp; Vicki Durham; Fred Grand; Amie Hayes; Geoffrey Mogilner; Richard Stegner; David Swarens; Robert Zink.

**Members Absent;** Patricia Fillet; David Thornton.

**Visitors:** Vickie White, City Planning of San Diego, [vwhite@sandiego.gov](mailto:vwhite@sandiego.gov) ; Garrett Sauls, City Planning intern, [gsauls@sandiego.gov](mailto:gsauls@sandiego.gov) ; Danielle Zhang, [Danielle\\_Zhang@dot.ca.gov](mailto:Danielle_Zhang@dot.ca.gov); Craig Hooker, San Diego Parks, [chooker@SanDiego.gov](mailto:chooker@SanDiego.gov); Kiran Kavr, SanDag, [KKav@sandag.org](mailto:KKav@sandag.org); Carolina Ilic, SanDag, [cil@sandag.org](mailto:cil@sandag.org); Stephen Hill, Representative Kevin Faulconer, [shill@sandiego.gov](mailto:shill@sandiego.gov).

#### **1. Non-Agenda Public Comments:**

Danielle Zhang of San Diego Agriculture Foundation announced the upcoming Annual Orchid & Onion Award ceremony. Nominations close July 31, 2016. Projects are nominated in categories that include Architecture, Historic Preservation, and more. Such projects must be located in San Diego County, must not be a single-family residence or multi-family projects of less than 4 units. Projects must be completed, and been so within the last 3 years.

Geoffrey Mogilner has new information about "The Birth Place of California" in the San Diego Journal, volume 62. Geoffrey would like to have a resolution to revisit the land use and circulation of the Old Town district. Geoffrey will send link on article to the secretary to forward to members.

#### **2. Modifications:**

None.

#### **3. Meeting Minutes:**

Richard Stegner motioned that June 8, 2016 meeting minutes be approved. Amie Hayes seconded. Motion approved, 8 yeses; 3 abstain; 2 members absent.

#### **4. Treasurer's Report:**

July's meeting collected \$9.00 which brings current amount to \$186.00. Donating some money will be an action item for the following meeting.

**5. Action Items:**

(a) Acceptance of David Swarens resignation from the OTSDCPG as SoHo representative conflict with having two members representing SoHo on the planning group. Richard Stegner motioned and Amie Hayes seconded. Motioned approved, 10 yeses; 1 abstain; 2 members absent.

(b) Fred Grand motioned that David Swarens to fill a seat on the Old Town San Diego Community Planning Group as Presidio Park Counsel representative. Robert Zink seconded. Motion approved, 9 yeses; 1 no; 1 abstain; 2members absent.

(c) Richard Stegner needed a letter to support the upcoming Arts and Crafts show September 24 and 25, 2016 David Swarens motioned that emergency measure be made for the Art Festival letter, Robert Zink seconded the motion. Motioned approved, 11 yeses; 2 absent.

(d) Richard Stegner announced the city of San Diego needed a letter from the OTSDCPG to enable the Chamber to support two Festivals so the festivals would have Police and Fire protection. David Swarens motioned to have the letter of support submitted to city for 2016. Robert Zink seconded the motion. 10 yeses; 1 abstain; 2 absent.

**6. Information items:**

Representative of SanDag, Carolina Ilic, spoke about the ½ cent sales tax increase measure (expiring in the year 2057.) that will be on the November ballot. Ms. Ilic indicated this measure would generate \$30 million the first year and the money stays local. David Swarens wanted to know how it affects Old Town in regards to R.R. grade separation project, traffic on Taylor Street, Trolley services and rapid bus services. David Swarens, Richard Stegner and Geoffrey Mogilner voiced that SanDag never let OTSDCPG have any input into the parking and traffic issues. Thurston Coe would like to see reduced traffic at the R.R. guard crossing.

Juan Street update.

Last Friday an SDG&E electrical tie-in caught fire in front of La Piñata Restaurant.

Thurston Coe has not be contacted by anyone regarding his restaurant driveway.

One day last week businesses along Juan Street had their AT&T phone service interrupted.

Stephen Hill indicated the SDG&E found some corrosion in pipes.

**7. Committee Updates:**

None at this time

**Announcements:**

Richard Stegner needed support letters for upcoming 2016 Festivals. See action items (c) (d).

Thurston Coe announced there will be no meeting in August.

Meeting adjourned at 5:07 pm.

Officially submitted,

Ann Dahlkamp, Secretary