

Old Town San Diego
Community Planning Group

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

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Whaley House Courtroom this meeting to order at 3:40 pm

- **Members Present:** Chuck Ambers; Thurston Coe; Patricia Fillet; Marie Pedrin-Gizoni; Diane Lowery; Geoffrey Mogilner; Lorna Rice; Richard Stegner; David Swarens; Fred Schwartz; David Thornton; Robert Zink
- **Members Absent:** Ann Dahlkamp; Bruce Johnson; Fred Grand
- **Guests:** Tait Galloway - City of San Diego PSP 533-4550 tgalloway@sandiego.gov; Will Harvey – Resident, Old Town; Adrian Granda – District 3 Representative 619.236.6633 agranda@sandiego.gov

Non-Agenda Public Comments: Will Harvey, resident donated previous Community Planning Update Booklets. David Swarens apologized for late start and entry into Whaley House.

Modifications: None.

Meeting Minutes: Approved with edits to typos and a few lines to delete.

Treasurer's report: None.

Action Items:

4. Approval of April Meeting Minutes
5. Approval of Treasurer's report
- 6a. Elections for Officer's Seats on the OTCPG
 - b. Final Changes to By-Laws, presented by Tait Galloway

Comments to action items:

4. Meeting Minutes: Marie Pedrin-Gizoni Motioned and Geoffrey Mogilner Seconded; 10 yes with changes; 3 absent; 1 abstain
5. Treasurer's Report: No updates
- 6a. Richard Stegner motioned for the current Officers to continue to serve in the current capacities: Chuck Ambers (Vice Chair) Thurston Coe (Chair), Patricia Fillet (Secretary), and Lorna Rice (Treasurer).

David Swarens Motioned and Fred Schwartz Seconded. 12 votes yes, 4 absent.

6b. Amendments to by-laws will be presented to City Council to submit for approval. The current version that is being worked on for changes is October 12, 2011 and the City Attorney is part of this process. Geoffrey Mogilner stated that this is not the one the OTCPG took action on and instead it should be from March 17, 2010. Tait Galloway pointed out that the October version is the one that action was taken on. Geoffrey Mogilner pointed out that if this

is the October, 2011 version, then we would like to see the strike-out version of March, 2010 and is unsure if this is the final correct version. Tait Galloway commented that he understands this presentation was placed on the agenda as an action item, but that he is only here to provide information. David Thornton suggested that the current version should be sent to the By-Laws Committee to sort out which version is correct. Tait offered to send the two versions out to the group. Geoffrey showed the group that there was a previous version from 2/22/11 and 3/17/10 is previous to that. Dianne Lowery agreed with David Thornton to allow the By-Laws Committee to sort out correct version. Tait informed the OTCPG that the handed out versions in today's presentation contain the sections that were changed. David Swarens stated as a reminder that there are only currently two members in the By-Laws Committee, and that's not enough membership. Since there are many version of the By-Laws floating around, perhaps a better approach is to include the Old Town Planning Group, as a whole. Tait said that he could just present information. Fred Schwartz reminded the group that he believes there is a motion on the floor. Diane Lowery suggests to remove the motion and just review what we have as information. David Swarens states we should take action on what we have. Tait says that any changes have to be kept by group and to only be used as information. Geoffrey points out that the example from March 2010 version are changes that the city made. Tait summarized that the March 2010 version went to City Council and these are the current By-Laws. Geoffrey cited the election process by article 8, section 1, subsection 9 and does not say voter can only place 1 vote per candidate. Robert Zink stated that 2010 is the version the City Council approved and that's what we have to work with and that we should change the motion and make changes to the current version (March, 2010) and asked who makes updates? Tait commented that the City Attorney's office makes administrative changes, but goes to City Council for approval if this deviates from 600-24. Robert also agreed with Richard to use this as a starting point and make changes. David Swarens also agreed that this is consistent with last two speakers and was repeated two years ago and suggests to approve 3 items within 15 minutes and moved to accept the administrative bullet point from the current version being used (March, 2010). Diane Lowery pointed out that the issues are important and If we're not comfortable to voting/agreeing, let's table the action item to next meeting. Geoffrey noted that from the March, 2010 to October, 2011 version, there are changes and there should be meeting minute notes. Geoffrey is OK with Map Description and Article I, Section 3. David Swarens points out that the old map shows encroachment of Mission Valley and that this should be replaced. Geoffrey states to use "attachment" or "A" or "B" as the descriptive language. Tait says that he will send out the strike-out version to OTCPG members to review the two versions.

The OTCPG voted to recommend administrative change in first bullet point, Article 1, section 3, Exhibit A.

David Swarens Motioned and Robert Zink Seconded; 9 votes yes and 5 votes absent.

Information Items:

A few members need to complete the required COW

Discussion Items:

None.

Committee Updates:

b. By-laws presented by Tait Galloway

Announcements:

- 1. David Schwartz mentioned that Caltrans is very close to transferring old CALTRANS building to the California State Parks.**
- 2. Richard Stegner said that the Cinco de Mayo event was an overall success, until the unexpected rain helped to keep many from enjoying the event – nearly 150,000 attended this annual event with many live TV spots and radio stations helping to get the word out. Richard Stegner provided more updates on: San Diego County Fair opening day is June 8, 2013 and the Old Town Chamber will have a table and that all businesses are invited to have a table. The annual car classis is September 7th, Tequila Trail is September 15th, Art Festival is in October, Dia de Los Muertos is November. There is an increase in graffiti throughout out Old Town and asked members to forward any photos to the Chamber in order to forward to the SDPD Gang Unit. There are 6 new trash barrels in Old Town and the Old Town Trolley will paint Kiosk. Geoffrey Mogilner asked if the ‘Letter to SANDAG’ was sent on behalf of the Chamber and Richard stated that the letter was approved and will now be sent. Old Town will now see Flags throughout the community between Harney, San Diego, and Twiggs Streets, during holidays.**
- 3. Adrian Granda, representative from Todd Gloria’s Office will be at Chamber Meetings and sent around current Newsletter; This is National Bicycle Month and there will be a Coffee with council representative at Mission Hills May 18th, 2013.**
- 4. Chuck Ambers attended the April 25th Design Review Board on Hilton Hotel’s new sign and stated that the sign will want to be similar to what we see at two major entry ways into Old Town – One at the Old Town Avenue Exit and near the Trolley/Public Transportation - “Welcome to Old Town San Diego” as a means to keep the same meaning for all signs. There was an announcement during this review that the hotel is now short 75 parking spaces at the Cul de Sac and there is a negotiation with CALTRANS to have 86% of parking for offsite parking – now there needs to be underground parking, due to inability to negotiate with CALTRANS/State. Tait Galloway mentioned there is no deviation from the PDO from the Community Planning and though there was an understanding for underground parking. Chuck Ambers stated that Hilton representatives made overall efforts to integrate any historical accuracy to fit within the community. Geoffrey Mogilner suggested if Hilton is looking for an interpretive theme to consider Co’saay as an inclusion. Chuck Ambers said the Hilton representatives will come back to the Old Town Community Planning Group for further suggestions and interpretations within the community. Tait Galloway mentioned that if those parking spaces are removed from private use, this can be an issue for Old Town. David Swarens agreed to invite the representatives back to explore options for parking.**

Meeting adjourned at 5:10pm.

Respectfully submitted by, Patricia Fillet