

Old Town San Diego
Community Planning Group

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

April 8, 2015

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Whaley House this meeting to order at 3:30 pm

- **Members Present:** Chuck Ambers; Thurston Coe; Ann Dahlkamp; Vickie Durham; Patricia Fillet; Fred Grand; Geoffrey Mogilner; Randi Perez; David Swarens; David Thornton; Robert Zink
 - **Members Absent:** Bruce Johnson; Richard Stegner
 - **Guests:** Molly Chase, City of San Diego (mchase@sandiego.gov, 619.236.6633); Gloria Andrade, Resident (gloriaandrade@gmail.com); Michelle Reagan (619.733.9133); Jeff Powers (619.723.3589); Elizabeth Weems, SOHO (858.922.6905); Lee Steiner, Elder (619.280.5353); Vikie White, City of San Diego Planning (619.533.3945); Cindy Furlong, Bazaar del Mundo (619.295.5337); Linda Jacobo, Decendants of Early San Diego (linda92117@yahoo.com); Gary Hines, Broker (714.585.9700); Lynn Adams, Desendants of Early San Diego (760.749.5279); Luis Schaaz, City of San Diego (619.533.7492); John Choi, City of San Diego (619.533.5493)
1. **Non-Agenda Public Comments:** Update from Jeff Powers (see handouts). Juan Paseo project update – 88 million dollars of property in Carmel Valley. Traffic congestion is inevitable. Largest mixed-use development without mass transit. A Draft Resolution the Ocean Beach Planning Group has signed. I'm asking this Old Town Planning Group to also adopt and place on the agenda for May's meeting. 2. Tyler Shear represents the home project and is the opposing view, see handout. Reason why city council approved for implementation, in order to create jobs, corporate face for bringing others as partners. The community wanted the square footage and has been vacant for 20 years. This is a large project and with no transit line due to NTS not finding the ridership and this will help to re-implement public transit in this area. 3. Harry Jensen, public citizen - I support Carmel Valley residents but not the project. And now with the water drought issue will help to place further pressure. I'm not pro-growth. And oppose the project as it is.
 2. **Modifications:** Thurston to announce Action Item 6c and to take a vote, due to The City not ready to talk about the trees, so would like to place it on May's meeting. Most members will want to take a vote.

Meeting Minutes: *March 11, 2015 with one edit on spelling. David Swarens Motioned and Robert Zink Seconded. 7 yes votes; 2 abstain; 4 absent.*

April 8, 2015. David Swarens Motiond and Ann Dahlkamp Seconded. 8 yes votes; 1 abstain; 4 absent

Treasurer's report: Vicki Durham, reports a donation of \$15.00 collected during this month's meeting to bring a new total of \$73.00.

Action Items:

6a) Elections for 6 board members

Introductions: Gloria Andrade presented her interests to join as an elected member. Retired with law enforcement background and native to San Diego and considers Old Town as her home, but born in Coronado, CA. Geoffrey gave a background of being here for 46 years as a business owner and community member and supports architectural control. Patricia Fillet provided background and statement for continued collaboration within the community and others as essential for keeping Old Town as the cultural and historical jewel of San Diego and also supports architectural control. Ann Dahlkamp gave brief background, lives in mission hills/old town boundary and will continue to work with the community. Thurston Coe gave brief background and shared his interests with historical preservation, as he has experienced historical controls with his house in Julian, CA and as a business owner will continue working within the community. All members elected, including the newest member Gloria Andrade.

Gloria Andrade, 15 votes; Thurston Coe, 14 votes; Ann Dahlkamp, 15 votes; Patricia Fillet, 15 votes; Geoffrey Mogilner, 14 votes.

b) Cole Duplex Project:

No presentation/follow-up

c) Vote to approve or not approve the removal to the Calif. Pepper trees along Juan St.:

Robert Zink asked for a summary of the Special Meeting – David Swarens, Patricia Fillet, and Fred Grand provided verbal summaries in terms of what the City will now take next steps working with the Old Town Planning Group with the additional input at this meeting.

Motion: Planning committee to go on record to have city to explore all options available to prohibit unnecessary destruction of the pepper trees identified. Careful pruning, and closely monitoring of the trees will significantly reduce risk factors for the city and if any pepper trees are removed they are to be replaced like for like. And to also consider an amendment for example: to consider other routes for the sidewalk relocation or to use alternative fill, like DG, which is ADA compliance. (Additional comments from Special Meeting March 25, 2015).

Fred Grand Motioned and David Swarens Seconded. 11 yes votes; 2 absent

DS: I would like to add to the meeting: there were at least 20-30 people. Of these, no one said lets get rid of the trees. There were full ranges of view-points supporting to not remove the trees. And overall, the meeting was very successful.

3. Committee Updates: TC: Would like an update on the Signage for the current construction. Contractor: there is signage currently TC: but the road is still closed. This will contradict what the city says and I'd like to talk with someone for traffic control. You're using the state manual? Contractor: I'll sit with you and go over the signage and what's necessary. Cinco de Mayo is coming up. Fred Grand: we talked about this and will discuss in the next meeting. Contractor: The southbound will now be closed and north open. One street will always be open. TC: There was concrete pour. Contractor: it's very difficult to schedule

the pouring. We have another one tomorrow at same time. Taylor and Juan will be the pour site.

Announcements:

Molly Chase: Our City staffer says the pepper trees are not on the list for replacement. I can see if there is an exception (Vickie White added that she will also check if there are exceptions). I know staff is working on the other proposals. I also want to mention other things in the city: Homelessness, and indoor intermittent housing is approved. The winter tents that was used for 20 years and only one month to another is now replaced with indoor housing. This will serve 3000 people a year to include assistance for veterans. New Water Restrictions are in place since November, 2014. Recommended No watering 48 hours after rain. PF: Any more information on Todd Gloria's position for State Assembly? No public comment.

Susan Davis' office: See April 20th handout.

Chuck Ambers: Design Review Board had a meeting. The project on Hacienda heights has been approved. **Vickie White:** confirmed has been approved. Homeless issue has come up in the area near the project and chain link fence is up to help ease with transient issues. **Cole House:** Vickie has stated it's been reviewed and is not ready for the next DRB meeting. There are some design questions on sidewalk and parking. Gloria Andrade had further questions on the earthquake fault that runs under this project. The copy of the report can be distributed. Vikie White offered to help.

AD: wanted to thank PF for moderating and keeping everything calm and collected during the Special Meeting held March 25, 2015. PF wanted to thank all who attended and especially to the community members that helped to take notes, summarized well, and asked specific questions. To the City members that attended and carefully listened and worked with the group and to the public who helped to facilitate questions.

Meeting adjourned at 4:57pm.

Officially submitted,

Patricia Fillet, Secretary