

# Old Town San Diego Community Planning Group

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## MINUTES v.1

- **Members Present:** Chuck Ambers; Thurston Coe; Ann Dahlkamp; Vickie Durham; Patricia Fillet; Geoffrey Mogilner; Richard Stegner; David Swarens; Fred Schwartz; David Thornton; Robert Zink
- **Members Absent:** Fred Grand; Bruce Johnson; Randi Perez
- **Guests:** Molly Chase, City of San Diego ([mchase@sandiego.gov](mailto:mchase@sandiego.gov), 619.236.6633); Lavonne Maday Peyrot, Artist, Resident ([slodlo35@hotmail.com](mailto:slodlo35@hotmail.com), 619.764.1952); Tom Doyle, Property Owner (619. 501.6421, [tdoyle@nethue.com](mailto:tdoyle@nethue.com))Larrifle Wilske, Candidate; Elizabeth Ocampo, City of San Diego (619.236.6582 [eocampoviver@sandiego.gov](mailto:eocampoviver@sandiego.gov))

## 2. Non-Agenda Public Comment:

A. Officer Surwilo from Western Division introduction again and discussed areas patrolling. Old Town vs. Mission Hills and encouraged the group/community to call and provide time/ area, which for Old Town is 9am-5pm. Currently being pulled to other areas, essential phone calls. Homelessness does affect areas and is a burden on society.

Ann Dahlkamp Mentioned recurring issue on homelessness, and now see homeless in areas of Presidio and around restrooms and softball area, at bottom of Presidio.

Officer Surwillo concluded that Neighborhood resource team is Tues., through Friday – primary job to address quality of life issues, addressing homelessness, overall. If we see encampments or behavior that is in violation of municipal codes, etc., please call 619. 531-2000. Infractions can become warrant for arrest and If we can get them off the street for 10 to 15 days. Biggest issue: complaint driven, mostly being broken into. Many homes around here 32 homes broken into within 5 weeks (Mission hills area for example). Next Door.com is a secured website and able to check neighborhood. Police will go into the park areas (ie rape, etc.).

Chuck Ambers: If criminal things happen in Old Town, we would like to know what kinds of criminal activity is going on and mentioned a real-life incident with K9 unit with many police officers were on my property a few weeks ago. In this case, police officers were here with a complete team, I don't know the details, but you can call the 531-5000 number and ask the dispatcher on what's going on in the neighborhood. Reach out to substation 619. 692. 4800 administration staff can look up the incident.

2B. Larry Wilske – thanks for having me back, several months ago here. Campaign is going well and feedback is aligning. From San Diego, grew up in Sierra Mesa, Linda Vista, this is our neighborhood, we spend a lot of time here. Feedback. Tired of diversity in Congress. Common areas – jobs as number 1. 2. Economy. 3. Security. 4. Energy – renewable and paying too much! My job is to represent those 4 issues and one in which san diego delegation can all work together on. I believe my leadership of 30 years as a navy seal will help to get this to DC on issues and do this in a fair and right way.

Qxs: Geoffrey: does your emphasis on jobs mean securing the border.

Larry – we have many citizens on the border and my interpretation for jobs is securing jobs for these people. Securing the border means to make it fluid – as in the middle east of what we worked on as an example. We secure the border by people securing. Number one comment that San Diego is the most secure for commerce trade and make it fluid.

David Swarens: I appreciate the positive interpretation and shows you in a good light. I would find it helpful to know your platform party.

Larry – I'm a republican. And, I think we move away from bipartisan issues.

### **3. Modifications to the Agenda - None**

**4. Approval of Meeting Minutes: *June 11,2014 (postponed)*** , July 9, 2014, & September 10, 2014

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

\$414.80 with Lorna out  
\$15.00 last month

Total of \$429.48. Current \$429.49 for October 2014, and collected \$15.00 in September, 2014

**Ann Dahkamp Motioned for approval and Fred Schwartz Seconded. 10 yes votes and 3 Abstain**

### **6. Action Items:**

a) Signage approval for the India Grille.

### **7. Information Items:**

a) A presentation on the plans for the Hacienda Apartments by Stosh Poseswik

### **Action Items Presentation:**

6a: Matthew is Co-owner of India Grille. Repeating same request for a painted sign to replace the old Bentowhich sign. The southeast portion with a 24x64in. I've included signage design – which is option 1, but with the pinstripe border within the border. We request approval for the Sign and any documentation we've provided. I spoke with Anthony Preather (*spelling?*), next to coordinate efforts with them, to include building records, copy of plans, elevation all of which are in process with the Landlord, managed by Pemco. We request approval for Sign Design, this case for Painting on. We'd also like to ask for an extension on the existing banner until this gets approved.

Geoffrey Mogilner: My understanding of what you said, your requesting option 2, but the Bento shows the diamond on the sign.

Matthew responds: The shape will be different, but the painting should fit around the lettering, with the minor pinstripe. Everything has been preapproved thus far.

GM: Banners and flags will draw attention, and not neon signs, there are alternative is for you to consider and to bring additional foot traffic into your restaurant.

Tom Doyle mentioned that this is all technicality and there should be a motion, and not discussion

David Swarens reminds the Group, that there needs to be development of the motion first, which is discussion.

Tom Doyle: reminds the point for India Grille Co-Owner is that "he's requested "x" and there has to be a motion, before discussion and states Robert's rule: there should be a motion before discussion.

Fred Schwartz asks for clarification, if there is a motion and David Swarens states there is no motion.

***Richard Stegner makes a motion and David Thornton Seconded, discussion ensues, as below:***

DS: will the banner be the same size?

CoOwner: Yes

Tait: you submitted an application? I'm kinda confused.

CoOwner, yes, we subitted all to the City representative as one package.

Tait: there could be another step with historic concerns.

CoOwner, as soon as I get a letter of authorization, I'll take it as one package.

Tait: Discretionary planning group, requires this to be submitted before approving before the OTSDPG.

GM: I approve for all, except for the removal of the neon sign.

Tom: Tait is saying motion is out of order, until the entire approval from city if final.

TG: he can ask for discretionary approval, you can not condition his project, without final submission. You can come with information item. You may find yourself out of order with City council approval

DS: I have a concern with asking something before final submission. The request is two-part. First part: to recommend the extension of the temporary sign.

TG: This has been docketed as an action item - you can offer advise but I don't think the planning group can get permission.

DS: part of the role is recommendation. This is probably one we will not have a problem to recommend.

GM: perhaps in discussion, we can recommend the signage for which we approve.

DS: Code violation that are not enforced by the City.

TG: Part of the police report is what the community is offering as a complaint.

TC: I think we should allow for temporary sign.

DS: we can't recommend the allowance for temporary signage.  
This is an action item, and we can approve or not

GM: this group does not approve signs. We can give community feedback, but we can't approve signs, it's not in our jurisdiction to approve.

TG: again, you can provide input as information, unless it's discretionary you can't condition this, since the project has not been submitted.

Richard Stegner: Community representation/recommendation, who does this? We've always made comments on signs.

TG: No Comment, I don't know

CoOwner – I spoke with Richard Stegner, to get this going, with permits and the recommendation does have influence

TG: be careful on conditions of approval. "You should do this" use language "we recommend".

RS: My motion is to approve the colors and shape.

DT: We're talking about two different things.

RZ: We're approving the sign

TG: In this case if you treat this as input and you provide input

Robert: to approve this as a recommendation for the sign and font

TG: yes, this is discretionary, then for the sign and font. I'm only here to advise.

Vicki: I tell my tenant to go to the city for approval.

TG: I always recommend those that come to the planning group for opinion.

DT: I thought this was the step to get the approval/recommendation for the sign. That's why there's a step process. We not voting to approve other than that.

GM: I'd like to see the whole approval prior to recommending, I'd like to know the rest of it. Have you read the ordinance?

CoOwner, yes

Vicki: sign committee, was on, and ???? then it opened up all kinds of other issues. DT: Should we table this? TG: Secondly, this is administratively action.

TD: There is a motion already. DS: or withdraw?

GM: we can recommend to remove.

\*\*\*RS: Recommending sign as presented as is in option 1. , Design, color, and font, as presented today.

**Motion. Richard Stegner motioned and Fred Schwartz, seconded. 10 yes votes to recommend design color and font as presented today.**

GM: Seriously consider another sign that is geared toward pedestrian traffic. The sign your presenting does not allow for peds, only a car right now

Tom: you can't abstain unless there is a conflict. DS: yes, you can.

Tom: there was a motion, now you have to vote on the motion, I'm just raising an action.

## **7. Information Items:**

**7a.** Hacienda Apartments by Stosh Poseswik. Tait: I'm not sure if he's coming back. Old Town Avenue up the hill from San Diego Avenue, the vacant lot Congress and old town.

David Swarens: The PDO 10,000 square feet, and requires separation. Tait: your PDO does not allow deviations. When we looked at the project closer, there was one single roof-line. If you can get the incentive to have two separate buildings and I would be less likely to support that. So when he comes back for your OTSDPG recommendation.

DS: he's indicated that his project is not compatible with the PDO

Tait: because of the affordable housing, he could put the two buildings together and smaller units and they are planning to put a one level parking and two stories above.

GM: Is this on a hillside? Tait: yes. And, let's wait for him to come and present. David Swarens: I thought he was going to get input. Tait: I encourage every applicant as a discussion without action, so he can provide better design from the community input. He's not obligated to do anything further from the recommendation.

**7b.** Thurston: I have one thing on the woodchips guy, just to let people know. They have free wood chips. DS: they need to work with an arborist? Thurston: I think he just wants to know that there are free materials. I told him I would relay the message.

Molly Chase provided a quick update that she's out of town starting tomorrow. Juan street: I emailed Thurston. And hopefully there are least reaction. I'm going to work with the contractor on road closures and helpful information to be handed out to the neighbors as updates. I emailed to Richard, Tait, and Thurston. And, if you have concerns, take pictures, and you can submit if there are any issues.

District newsletter to be handed out. Homelessness: mayor and council president, more funding to homeless providers and on the same IT system, on the homeless we are tracking, a better way to get people off the streets.

I printed out, the archaeological sampler, who is the archaeological team? LSA associates. East bound side.

Thurston: they're redesigning the storm drains. Molly: I don't have anything on redesign. The design is still complete. The drains will not be available to install right away.

Fremont Meeting: Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. Public right of way or easements. I am working on it, and by next meeting, more information.

David Swarens mentioned there will be proposals, and the meeting is being run by San Diego Unified School District.

Patricia Fillet asked Tait if there is a way to recommend the planning group exercise from last year to SDUSD? Tait: yes, I've recommended this and I've placed this on the City website.

Ann: question on the Juan St. Project. Issue on traffic, Congress St. may be wider to allow traffic diversion. Thurston: reading the post on Construction Notice. Dec. 2015 for project completion. He doesn't want to get started without having everything allowed.

Geoffrey Mogilner asked if Storm drain redesign for Taylor Street and Molly said yes, Only for Juan St.

Richard Stegner pointed out you can see the outline for Juan and Taylor. Thurston: The delay is now more business is coming to the company.

RS: There is a sinkhole issue. Molly mentioned again to please email here with these issues. If you see an issue within Old Town, email me! I have another person who can walk around, to take pictures.

**9. Announcements:**

David Swarens: Presidio Park: Interpretive program to the park, and better signage and interpretation of where the sites are. It's been flat since last archaeological dig.

Part two: Friends of Presidio, non-profit. Accepts donations. GM: Presidio is part of the old town community planning area and the community this board represents and the PDO will address the Presidio Park.

Elizabeth Ocampo stated the City does incorporate the comments into the PDO on Presidio.

Richard Stegner corrected the Chamber meeting is next Wed., at 830am. An Agreement with the City on parking lot has been signed, so we are now responsible for maintenance and costs. Business annual meeting is Nov 19<sup>th</sup> at 530pm, location to be announced.

**Meeting adjourned 5:00pm**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Patricia Fillet, Secretary**