



Old Town Community Plan Update Committee Meeting Summary

The meeting was held on February 15, 2011 at the Caltrans District 11 Building, 4050 Taylor Street, San Diego, CA.

The following City Staff and consultants were present: Melissa Devine, Bill Anderson, Nancy Bragado, Shariar Ammi, Kelly Stanco, Nicole Collum, and Yara Fisher.

The following Community Plan Update Committee Members and Public were present: Fred Grand, Tom Doyle, Bruce Johnson, Abel Silvas, Geoffrey Mogilner, Richard Dennison, Casey Smith, Thurston Coe, Bruce Coons, David Thornton, Lorna Rice, Richard Stegner, and David Swarens.

The Meeting was called to Order by Melissa Devine.

There was no non-agenda public comment.

Kelley Stanco provided an overview of the historic survey process and how it interfaces with the community plan update.

Nicole Collum with Galvin Preservation Associates provided an overview of the Draft Historic Context Statement for the built environment.

Committee and Public Comment on the Historic Context Statement:

- The presentation lacked pre-European history and the American Indian period
 - Staff response: The Historical Resource Survey only focuses on the built environment.
American Indian settlements are examined through the archeological resources study.
- The dates for the American transitional period extend longer than the presentation indicates.
- The Machado label on the PowerPoint is incorrect.
- The presentation should go chronologically and begin with archeological sites first
- We need to be more mindful of the cultural landscape, including Presidio Hill and the bank.





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- The Community Planning District period is to 1872. We should not be looking at other periods
 - Staff response: The Historical Survey is CEQA mandated to include all periods.
- It is important to mention pre-Spanish periods
- Mention Pico Motor Park (1904-1937)
- The full name of the park is Old Town State Historic Park. Be careful with the branding.
- Many of the designated sites may be commemorative
 - Golf course
 - Cemeteries
 - El Campo Santo
 - Machado Silva
 - Old Adobe Chapel
- How do we deal with structures that have been moved?
- Review the state park properties. They are important to the community.
- Can we list the Aguirre Adobe?
- The presentation is ethno-centric. The Cosoy site is the most important.
 - The image of Father Serra is offensive and not appropriate for discussion of structures.
 - Show an image of Presidio itself instead.
- Address the bicentennial
- Presidio Park is a city park, not a state park
- Show the part of Mission Hills that relates to Old Town
- I'd prefer a more integrated narrative
- Consider the riparian environment

The meeting concluded with a mapping exercise. Committee members and the public were invited to identify historic resources on the map provided.



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