

Old Town San Diego Community Plan Update

Historical Context and Survey Open House

August 29, 2011 • 3:00 pm-4:00 pm
Caltrans District 11 Office Building, Gallegos Room
4050 Taylor Street San Diego, CA 92110

Meeting Summary

The following were present:

City Staff: Cathy Winterrowd, Kelley Stanco, Tait Galloway, Nancy Bragado, Emily Lipoma

Consultant: Teresa Grimes, Galvin Preservation

1. **Opening Remarks** An opening welcome and introduction was made by Kelley Stanco. Individual introductions were made by those present.
2. **Presentation of the Old Town San Diego Historic Context** The presentation provided an overview of what the historic context is, and is not, and how it will be used to inform the Community Plan Update.
 - The presentation discussed how Old Town's pre-contact history and archaeological resources will be addressed with an archeology study.
 - The presentation addressed the draft historic context themes that will be covered.
 - The presentation also addressed how received input was responded to. A hard-copy handout with detailed responses to all input received from the prior meeting was provided at the meeting.
 - The presentation closed with an announcement for the next Community Plan Update meeting which is a charrette workshop on September 27th, at time which draft survey results will be presented.
3. **Public Comment** After the presentation those present were invited to share input and suggestions and to ask any questions they might have.
 - A suggestion was made to include more detailed information regarding the motor court.
 - The historic status of the golf course was discussed both as a historic resource and use itself, but also on archeological merits.
 - Presidio Park was addressed as a historic resource.
 - It was stated that the fire pits within Presidio Park should be addressed. Kelly and Cathy responded that these pits are within Presidio Park, and the park has a historic designation.



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- The cobblestone jail and motor court were discussed. (The cobblestone jail and motor court share the same lot, but only the jail is currently designated. The motor court is a potential resource.)
- A comment was made that although Presidio Park is 70 acres, not all of this area is within the national site designation. City staff responded that multiple layers of multiple sizes of historic designation can exist in an area.
- The comment was stated that the park should be addressed in different themes.
- A discussion was had regarding historic resources and their uniqueness to Old Town.
- The comment was made that the Jeff Gatewood house should be included in the survey. This structure was built around 1860 and was moved from downtown in the turn of the century. It is now a surf shop.
- The comment was made that the map should be updated to show all historic sites.
- The comment was made that small bungalow homes built during 1900-1920 supported the Mexican American community during World War II and that the homes from this era should be recognized. The existing structures are located behind the cemetery and on Old Town Avenue and Congress Avenue.
- Clarification was asked for regarding the date that the 45-year historic resource timeline was based on. Kelley and Cathy responded that the baseline date for the 45-year cutoff is 1970 to allow for sites that may ‘come of age’ during the survey process.

4. Closing Kelley closed the meeting with the following reminders:

- Questions, comments and any other information regarding historic resources is welcomed and that city staff can be reached directly through the contacts listed on the Community Planning ‘Identify Potential Historic Resources’ page of the City website.
- The next meeting regarding the Old Town San Diego Community Plan Update will be on September 27th, from 4:00-8:00pm at the Harold J Ballard Parent Center. At this meeting draft survey results will be presented and input on draft survey results and the locations of other potential resources will be solicited.
- The Historic Context document can be found online at:
<http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/programs/historical/pdf/otherdocs/oldtowncontextdistributiondraft110818.pdf>

