

Old Town San Diego Community Planning Group

Jeanne Ferrell, Chairperson
2448-C San Diego Avenue
San Diego, California, 92110

Wednesday
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2009

MINUTES

The MEETING was called to order at 3:35 PM by Chair Jeanne Ferrell in the Whaley House courtroom.

Members Present: Chuck Ambers-3:40; Bruce Coons-3:32; Vickie Durham-3:30; Jeanne Ferrell-3:25; David Swarens-3:34; Fred Grand-3:25; Marie Pedrin-Gizoni-3:30; Christine Robinson-3:30; Fred Schwartz-3:31; Richard Stegner-3:36; David Thornton-3:30; Lance Wellwood-3:30

Absent: Tom Doyle; William Harvey

Vacant Seat: One

Guests: Vickie White - *City Planning* 619 533-5967 <vwhite@sandiego.gov>; Geoff Mogilner - *R&L*, 619 291-7833; Chuck Ross - *Old Town Family Hospitality Corp.*, 619 246-8010, rosschuck@aol.com; Thurston Coe - *La Pinata Rest.*, 619 297-1631; Richard Dennison - *Old Town State Park*; Melanie Cohn - *Asm. Lori Saldaña*, 619 645-3090, melanie.cohn@asm.ca.gov; Robert Lariviere - *business owner (comedy store)*, 619 980-5998; standupcomedy@gmail.com; Lorna Rice - *CALTRANS*, 619 688-6404, lorna.rice@dot.ca.gov; Christene Carrirton - *CALTRANS*, 619 220-7337, christine_carrirton@dot.ca.gov; Bernie Turgeon - *SD City Planning*, 619 533-6574, bturgeon@sandiego.gov; Bill Brooks - *Business man*, 619 204-3300

Filling of Vacant Seat:

Jeanne Ferrell announced that William Harvey had resigned his seat. Following the OTSDCPG Policy of filling vacancies, Jeanne Ferrell announced that Geoffrey Mogilner would take the vacant seat which expires in March 2009.

Election of Secretary:

Bruce Coons moved and Christine Robinson seconded a motion that **Geoffrey Mogilner be approved as Secretary of the OTSDCPG**. Christine Robinson called the roll for motion 14Jan09#1 at 3:40 p.m.. The motion was approved with 10 votes yes, 1 vote abstained, 2 absent and 2 seats vacant. (Mogilner's seat counted as vacant until these minutes are approved.)

Approval of Minutes:

Richard Stegner moved and David Swarens seconded a **Motion to approve the 12Nov08 Minutes**. Motion 14Jan09#2 was voted on at 3:45 p.m.; and was approved with 10 votes for, 0 against, 1 abstain, 2 absent, and 2 vacant. (Mogilner's seat counted as vacant until these minutes are approved.)

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Vicky Durham, announced that the beginning November balance was \$106.22 plus November donations of \$14.00, producing a beginning January balance of \$120.22.

Announcements:

Robert Lariviere presented a business concept to the Group, a Comedy Store with service of liquor across the street from Rancho Corona on Congress Street. There was discussion.

Ms. Vickie White with San Diego Community Planning requested time on the February agenda to make a presentation about Inspiration Point.

Richard Dennison, California State Parks, announced that Trimmers Restaurant had closed and would hopefully reopen by March 2009; and that the Estudillo Restrooms Project will be done the week of January 12th. He then announced the State Historic Park wayfinder Sign Project had a meeting on 12 Jan 09 at the new CALTRANS Office. The Concession Contract of Delaware North for Plaza del Pasado will end 7 March 09.

Lance Wellwood, Manager of Plaza del Pasado announced that on 7 March 09 Old town Family Hospitality Corp will take over the Plaza del Pasado Concession in Old Town San Diego State Historic Park.

Jeanne Ferrell requested an update from CALTRANS on the designs for the I-8 & I-5 Freeway Intersection.

It was announced that CALTRANS will be closed on Fridays starting February 6th to spend less money.

Heritage Park: Saturday, February 14, 2009, 12 p.m. – 4 p.m., Victorian Valentines. Then take part in a fun-filled trivia hunt and learn about Valentine traditions from Victorian times. Requested donation: \$1/craft.

San Diego Community Development, Bernie Turgeon, informed the OTSDCPG that there are “inconsistencies between the OTSDCPG’s new by-laws and Policy #600-24’s recommended shell”. He said that the Group could resolve the inconsistencies or go to the City Council. He will come back to the Group with a list of the inconsistencies.

Election Committee Preliminary Report:

The Committee is Marie Pedrin-Gizoni, Fred Schwartz, and Fred Grand. They reported that the upcoming March Elections will have 5 expired seats and 2 resigned seats. They now have applications for the Board from 10 people.

Parking Advisory Committee:

Chair Jeanne Ferrell announced that Tom Doyle had resigned from the Parking Advisory Committee. Fred Grand moved and Richard Stegner seconded a **Motion that the OTSDCPG recommends Msgr. Mark Campbell and Fred Schwartz to be the residential representatives of the Old Town Community to the Old Town Parking Improvement District’s Advisory Committee.** Motion 14Jan09#3 was voted on at 4:18 p.m.; and was approved with 11 votes for, 0 against, 2 absent, and 2 vacant. (Mogilner’s seat counted as vacant until these minutes are approved.)

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Geoffrey Mogilner