

# Old Town San Diego Community Planning Group

David Thornton, Chairperson  
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Wednesday  
June 13<sup>th</sup>  
2011

## SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES v.3

The MEETING was called to order at 3:32 pm by Chair David Thornton in the CALTRANS Bldg. 4050 Taylor Street.

**Members Present:** David Bevilaqua, Thurston Coe; Bruce Coons; Tom Doyle; Gary Lamble; Diane Lowery; Geoffrey Mogilner; Lorna Rice; David Swarens; David Thornton

**Members Absent:** Chuck Ambers; Fred Grand; Bruce Johnson; Fred Schwartz; Richard Stegner;

**Guests:** Richard Dennison - Parks and Recreation; Tait Galloway - S.D. Community Planning and Investment

### Public Comment:

The California High-Speed Rail Authority will conduct a community workshop about the HSR project Thursday June 16, 4-7 pm at the Ballard Parent Center (Fremont Campus). Geoffrey Mogilner agreed to attend this workshop, take notes, and send this information to the Members.

### Action Item:

#### a. Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration, Juan Street, WBS# B-S-00602.02.06

There was an open discussion of the Draft Declaration. Lorna Rice at a tripod with pad noted the comments on three large sheets of paper. Bruce Coons moved and David Swarens seconded Motion **13 June 2011 #1**, that the OTSDCPG send a letter to the City with a copy to the Engineering Department that the mitigations in WBS# B-S-00602.02.06 are inadequate to support the Negative Declaration; and, that the mitigations should include the following concerns raised:

#### 1. Hours of Operation and Noise concerns.

- a. Concern the project will negatively impact major Old Town Events and business:
  - i. Summer Season; June - August.
  - ii. Fiesta Cinco de Mayo event; May 4 – 6<sup>th</sup>.
  - iii. Art Festival; first weekend of October.
  - iv. Dia de Muertos; Nov 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  - v. December holiday, last week of December.
- b. Requesting work to begin mid September avoid Old Town's busiest season.
  - i. Target completion date by March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- c. Requesting one-way traffic control. Allow for one lane on Juan Street be opened to traffic during construction.
- d. We see a need for alternative routes and signage be posted during duration of project.
- e. We desire weekly communication project updates, announcements and notifications to Old Town and Mission Hills residents and businesses.
- f. We are concerned of the noise impact to residents and businesses while working at nights.
  - i. Business and residential areas over-lap. Juan Street is an example of mixed-use. Request to keep work project to 7am – 7 PM work schedule.

#### 2. Archeological.

- a. What is the extent of the Archeological boundaries?
  - i. The archeological boundaries should extend over the entire area of the Juan street repaving project; Sunset Street to Taylor Street, including the areas near the old CalTrans building.

- b. We request the project to review the Research and Excavation plan for Soto Adobe and any other historical resources along scope of project.
- c. Archeological Monitor must be present on work site.
- d. We are concerned about a negative impact on the Village of Cosoy / Kosa'aay Native Americans.
  - i. There is high potential for discovery of burial grounds near and around the old CalTran building.
- e. We strongly encourage the historical aspect of the Juan Street project be include from Sunset Street to Taylor Street.
- f. Project should reference 1869 Schiller photograph and Fire maps for Soto Building.

### 3. Street Scaping

- a. Develop a design compatible with Old Town and Historic State Park guidelines.
- b. Submit plans and work closely with Old Town Community Planning Group, State Park and SOHO for design and approvals.
- c. Include landscaping and hardscaping elements in the scope of the project.

### 4. Misc.

- a. Define actual boundaries of Juan Street paving project. Project boundary is not clearly defined.
- b. Botanical Resources:
  - i. Project should include landscaping appropriate for Old Town, native to the area.
  - ii. Arborist to check root systems of all major trees lining Juan Street, no disruption.
- c. Project information in not adequate.
  - i. Define Environment issues.
  - ii. Define Project issues.
- d. Mitigation report is inadequate to support a mitigation negative decision.
- e. Additional mitigation information should include the following:
  - i. Project should address storm water drainage on Juan Street.

This motion was approved at 4:34 pm with 10 votes for and 5 absent.

### **b. SANDAG Draft 2050 Regional Transportation Plan - CA High Speed Rail (HSR) Alignments**

There was an open discussion of the HSR proposed alternative alignments Fig. 6.6 attached and the our lack of specific information about the proposed designs . Diane Lowery moved and Gary Lamble seconded motion **13 June 2011 #2**, that the OTSD CPG request SANDAG for a 2 week extension of the draft 2050 Regional Transportation Plan comments deadline until 22 July 2011 to allow the Members of the OTSDCPG to attend the HSR Authority Community Old Town Workshop on June 16th prior to our next regular meeting of 13 July 2011. The motion was approved at 5:00 pm with 10 votes for and 5 absent.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:03 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Geoffrey Mogilner, Secretary