

# Old Town San Diego Community Planning Group

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## MINUTES v.2

### Whaley House, this meeting came to order at 3:35pm

**Members Present:** Linda Acuna; Chuck Ambers; Ann Dahlkamp; Patricia Fillet; Fred Grand; Sunny Lee; Geoffrey Mogilner; Arvilla Rodgers; David Swarens; David Thornton

**Members Absent:** Vickie Durham; Amie Hayes; Robert Zink

**Visitors:** David Rehmann, Dr. Freeze; Travis Blalock, Sign It; Karen Abbott; Andres Ortiz; Sherle Williams; Victor Santana; Mayur Vadhwaven, India Grill; Erica Ueland; Salatiel de Matos; Andrew Perry; Richard Dennison, CA State Parks; Michaela Valk; Vanessa Bernal; Paul Chace, Presidio Heritage Trust; Alijandra Mogilner; Vickie White;

#### 1. Non-Agenda Public Comments:

Paul Chace, Presidio Heritage Trust, announced that Garra Day will be Saturday, January 12, beginning at 12:00pm, in the State Park. He also distributed the Citadel newsletter.

Residents in attendance expressed concerns regarding concerts being held at Java Joe's. Numerous issues and violations have occurred, including noise and alcohol related issues.

#### 2. Agenda Modifications: None

#### 3. Meeting Minutes:

Fred Grand motioned and Arvilla Rodgers seconded that the November meeting minutes be approved as written. Motion passed (7 yes, 3 absent, 3 abstain).

David Thornton motioned and Patricia Fillet seconded that the December meeting minutes be approved as written. Motion passed (7 yes, 3 absent; 3 abstain).

#### 4. Treasurer's Report:

The December balance was \$24.06, \$16.00 was collected at the December meeting. Today's meeting collected \$29.94. Total balance is \$70.00.

#### 5. Action Items:

David Thornton expressed interest in being placed on the ballot for the March elections. Per the by-laws, a 2/3 majority is required to place an individual on the ballot for re-election after term limits. Linda Acuna motioned and Geoffrey Mogilner seconded to place David Thornton on the March election ballot. Motion passed (10 yes, 3 absent)

### **Business Sign Presentation**

Mayur Vadhwaven, Owner of Indian Grill restaurant, is changing the theme and name of his business. His restaurant is currently serving Indian cuisine, and he will be transitioning to mostly Thai cuisine. He requested approval of new signage to publicize the change of his business' direction. Discussion ensued regarding appropriate temporary signage that would be in compliance with the Old Town Community Plan guidelines.

David Swarens motioned, Arvilla Rodgers seconded, to encourage the use of a temporary banner up to 60 days from the initial date of installation.

(Motion passed. 10 yes, 3 absent)

### **Color and Sign selection for business on Congress and Harney**

Salatiel de Matos, owner of the building at Congress and Harney, informed that he had received a violation notice due to the paint colors (purple and yellow) used on his building and that he was not aware that there were color restrictions in place.

Ann Dahlkamp outlined what steps had been taken to inform Mr. de Matos of the community architectural requirements. She also informed, per the approved Old Town Community Plan, on community compliance requirements in regards to building paint colors. Vickie White added that the style of a building and the historical era of Old Town also impacts what colors are appropriate. The building in question has a spanish style architecture, and historically only certain colors were used.

Following discussion, Ann Dahlkamp will email signage requirements to Mr. de Matos and place this issue as an action item for the next meeting.

### **6. Information items:**

Geoffrey Mogilner stated that the Presidio Park Council hasn't had a meeting for six months and is defunct. He suggested that a subcommittee of the OTSDCPG be formed to continue the work of this council.

Ann Dahlkamp informed that Taylor Street by the railroad tracks will be closed February 1-4, between the hours of 9:00pm - 4:00am. The December 19 joint committee meeting between the Presidio Park Council and the OTSDCPG was cancelled due to lack of quorum. The meeting was scheduled to discuss upcoming ADA requirements construction at Presidio Park. The City will come to the February OTSDCPG meeting to discuss the work to be done.

Patricia Fillet gave updates on the empty lot at Congress and Harney. At this time, the property is still in escrow, and the potential owners have not reached out to residents.

Update from Richard Dennision, CA State Parks:

- Demo project is underway at the old CalTrans building
- School tours are booked through June
- Exhibits at Casa de Estudillo have been refurbished
- Information on park events can be found on the state park website
- It has been noted that the “Flix” buses are impacting parking and trash issues and will be addressed.

Vanessa Bernal distributed Councilmember Chris Ward's newsletter, and announced that the City has enacted a ban on the use of styrofoam.

Michaela Valk gave an update on the activities of Assemblymember Todd Gloria's office, and some new laws that came into effect on January 1.

Sunny Lee announced that Taste & Tequila is happening on Thursday, January 10. A meeting is scheduled for January 31, 10:00am at Cafe Coyote, to discuss all upcoming Chamber events

for 2019. All Old Town merchants and businesses have been invited and encouraged to attend.

Vickie White announced that the new PDO became effective December 20.

**7. Committee Updates:**

Election Committee: Linda Acuna, Patricia Fillet and Ann Dahlkamp announced that preparations are underway for the upcoming OTSDCPG member elections.

**NOTE:** The Elections Meeting is a separate meeting and will be held 30 minutes prior to the regularly scheduled March meeting:

March 13, 2019 (at Whaley House Courtroom)

3:00pm Elections Meeting

3:30pm Regular March Meeting

Anyone who is interested in becoming a member of the OTSDCPG is encouraged to fill out a membership application, and if qualified, be placed on the ballot.

**8. Announcements: None**

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 5:01pm.  
Officially submitted,  
Linda Acuna, Secretary