

Old Town San Diego
Community Planning Group

Thurston Coe, Chairperson
2836 Juan Street
San Diego, California, 92110

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Whaley House this meeting to order at 3:30 pm

- **Members Present:** Thurston Coe; Ann Dahlkamp; Vickie Durham*; Patricia Fillet; Geoffrey Mogilner; Randi Perez; David Swarens; Robert Zink

*Members were present; however did not sign in.

- **Members Absent:** Chuck Ambers; Fred Grand; Bruce Johnson; Richard Stegner; Fred Schwartz (officially resigned via announcement to Thurston Coe); David Thornton.
- **Guests:** Molly Chase, City of San Diego (mchase@sandiego.gov, 619.236.6633); Lavonne Maday Peyrot, Artist, Resident (slodlo35@hotmail.com, 619.764.1952); Gloria Andrade, Resident (gloriaandrade@gmail.com); Mike Arnold, City of San Diego (mrarnold@sandiego.gov); Monica Munoz, City of San Diego (858.573.5080); Brett Caldwell, SDCRA (619.400.2482, bcaldwell@sandiego.org); Angie Johnson, SDCRA (619.400.2464, ajohnson@sandiego.org); Lee Steiner, Representative Susan Davis' office (619.280.5353); Elder David Barnes, Mormon Battalion (801.599.3801); Wayne Jarrell, City of San Diego; Jesus Garcia, City of San Diego; John Choi, City of San Diego (619.533.5493); Mackenzie Paschen, Consultant San Diego Airport (805.205.5527); Meagan Smith, Cygnett Theatre in Old Town (619.339.9768).

Non-Agenda Public Comments: None

Modifications: None

Meeting Minutes: 1. *January meeting minutes approved.*

Robert Zink Motioned and Randi Perez Seconded. 8 yes votes; 6 absent

Treasurer's report: Vicki Durham, reports amount to date at \$450.00, not including the collection total of \$37.00 collected during this month's meeting.

Action Items:

6a) The Old Town Community Planning Group recognizes no donation to SOHO over the past three years and votes to donate \$450.00 to the organization, directly via David Swarens, member of SOHO and the OTCPG.

Ann Dahlkamp Motioned and Geoffrey Mogilner Seconded. 7 yes votes; 3 absent; 1 recuse

7a. Information Items: 1. Presentation by San Diego Airport Authority Project Consultant, Mackenzie Pashen. See *powerpoint for further detail.*

Provided background on how we got to this point - a County wide ballot to move airport and was defeated. Currently, San Diego is the smallest airport in the country at 661 acres.

i. The oldest part of the terminal, the SOUTHWEST location is currently at 50 yrs old. And we need to embrace by only having one runway, ever! Occupancy time is as fast as possible. Airfield is just as important. With 37.5 ft. only for the second part on the runway for operations shows how impacted they are for runway time.

ii. On the NORTHSIDE: SANDAG will build transit center part of 2025 PDO. With a rental car center and fixed base operator that are not airliners. 33 acre cargo for FEDEX, etc...

iii. On the EAST: major meetings. Area available for Terminal development, since there is not enough depth for airplanes. Requirements: replace T1 gates.

With 4 alternatives. T2east replaces in the long run, 25 years from now. Extend T@ upper level roadway.

iv. International traffic is 20%. Growth is in the international market. More to Mexico and South America. Needs Customs and Immigration services.

North Side passenger processing. Is currently a large swath of overnight parking. I showed you we can't have a terminal down there. We have a curfew and we're thinking of placing airplanes this area for overnight aircraft parking. All airport traffic will be off airport drive. The space allowed has to be related to airport essentials. This is a self-supporting fact, we receive no funds.

Detail on the 4 alternatives, please see Powerpoint via the Consultant. How to pick concept: Goals were set in 2011 – went before the board. Alternative 4 is the best ranking based on the 38 criteria. One and Three are in the middle and number 2 is at bottom.

The cost is Alternative 1 is 2.1 billion. Still need to do full environmental analysis/mitigation too. We don't know the depths on the streets and to distribute traffic appropriately. There will be off-road improvements. A new air traffic control tower is needed – FAA will take care of that.

Next steps – revising analysis to reflect board input. 183 pages on public comments, then revising plans. How to pay? We'll continue preparation of financial plan. 8 alternatives. SANDAG is modeling 6-7 right now.

We're asking: What do you like? Any comments?

QXS: GM: You project an additional 4.4 million vehicles for a year from PCH to interstate 8. Presenter: unknown. GM: We want to know which plans to prefer. Our primarily historic site, the birthplace of Old Town is under Taylor St., and if we put 4.4 million more cars to cross this area. Have you figured out alternative routes? Presenter: SANDAG is modeling the alternatives and prepared not to give you anything right now in writing the distribution of traffic.

DS: Two transit plans that are going forward – NC extension and the terminus for the high speed rail. Tell us how those programs are linked to this airport plan? Brett Caldwell: those projects are not part of the ADP. Angie pointed out the interval section that's one area and the

high-speed rail activity would be near the rental car center/remote passenger processing. The areas impacted will be part of the configuration. The ADP is part of the 2025 plan. It's not a real project, yet. DS: Is this a funded project? Presenter M. Paschen: no. DS: I would suggestion you coordinate that the other two plans as part of the same agency? Presenter: these are two different agencies. AD: 4th plan: are you going to extend curfew? Presenter: No. We can't get a curfew anymore, keep what you have. DS: No curfew for arrivals.

PF: Is this located on the website? Presenter: Yes. PF: I think this will allow people to review more carefully before adding comments.

2. Mike/Juan St. Project and with City of San Diego provided updates: doing some disconnect with water lines and so that they can be replaced. We are on Taylor St. The work primarily will be doing during the day. The traffic control permit was approved to do some night work on Taylor. The water main extends Juan St. then intersection of Taylor and hooks up to 16in. line into Taylor – this will be done during the evening hours. Thurston Coe: one side? The other guy: this will be a large size excavation and will push down to one lane and after the businesses will be at 10pm at night. TC: Does this mean Friday night? Wayne Jarrell: Yes, unless it's a water issue. Friday night until completion. 16in. needs to be on and this will impact day traffic. Businesses on the 23rd of this month will be off-peak. This next week is short. Working on transfer services on 23rd.

David Swarens: Can anyone give us an update on the Pepper trees on Juan St.? I attended the meeting on the next day for the Design Review Board, there was no quorum to vote.

Mr. Choi: the pepper trees are hollowed out – this is the East side. The roots will need to be cut and unlikely 18 trees to be affected. DS: How did the design team miss 18 trees? Presenter: The assessment was preliminary. Once close to construction, we noticed the impact. We hired a contractor and a second arborist hired. This is a safety factor. DS: California Pepper tree planted in 1814 the trees are hardy. Presenter for City: We had Three arborist clearly looked at the trees. DS: What's the proposed mitigation? Presenter: Oak and another tree, Holly Oak. DS: These are clearly not Pepper trees. Mike: Your asking to replace with all pepper trees? DS: I think many were surprised that so many will be removed. The corridor is defined by the trees. I was hoping what size the trees were going to be replaced with? Angie Jamison: The City of San Diego cannot plant anymore Pepper Trees. DS: When did that change? GM: Why not deal with the sidewalk first. The other guy for the City: Once the roof area is in, I'm required to cut that deep. DS: I would suggest to trip to Claremont, CA and there are many California pepper trees that are surviving.

City: Oak trees and Palm trees are being replaced. AD: the pepper trees were not taken care of and needed to be pruned back. Is there something that the City will do to maintain? Once the sidewalk is replaced, the Oak Trees are non-invasive. The root system is just as large as the trees.

DS: Throughout this whole process, I have asked many questions – if there was a specific on what will happen. This team is not committed to public dialogue. GM: I support David in what he's saying. You guys are doing your job – and it seems that this team will find no other way to maintain. This is an unfortunate way to do business. Thank you for being here.

Mike: sidewalk replacement projects that are tree related. We have dozens of those contracts and it's the same type of issue. Where the sidewalk becomes lifted up and then we find what make it safe for that place – severing the root system.

GM: What are you going to do with planting the Trees? There are few historical sites in that area. What will you do to mitigate? **City:** We'll have to inform our archaeologist.

DS: We need a map of the trees that are being affected and what you propose to plant and give to our planning chair?

Molly Chase: we will have an increase in the budget for 5 years....Contractor is ATLAS for the city of SD. I will work with Staff on maintaining all the trees. **Thurston Coe:** Those trees that will be removed along the golf-course. **Mike:** We will see you in a month. **Wayne** can provide the planting plan and removal. **DS:** Thurston to scan and give to the other members.

Committee Updates: None.

Announcements:

1. **Committee updates:** Thurston Coe announced there are Six seats available for the upcoming elections in March. Fred Schwartz will not be able to continue. The new restaurant El Charco were planning to announce their new location, but was not confirmed.

GM: New Signs seem to be a sensitive issue and many want to improve Old Town – we need to put things in perspective. However, this is my personal opinion. Signs are very low on the list and maintaining the character of this community.

DS: I disagree with GM. Does not matter what kind of suit you're wearing. Signs are pretty important and our charge is to do what the law says. **GM:** The PDO is the PDO and should have equal enforcement. There are many non-conformist signs. If the city enforced the ordinance for everyone then wouldn't be an issue.

PF: Saturday market has extended to now Sunday's, but there seems to be no parking available even with new signs indicating the two days to be opened throughout the rest of this year. Please inform the Chamber to have enough signage to inform that "no parking on Harney St. on Sunday's too".

GM: Cinco de Mayo will go two blocks further South this year.

Susan Davis Rep: see handout

Molly: Juan St. Capital planning report – \$4million backing for City of San Diego. Infrastructure support. Infrastructure Ballot will be on the ballot this year. Pension is a 4billion dollar problem. I will updating and community outreach. Todd will chair that board and at local level we are tapping into the monies from federal gov't. See handouts.

Enhancing the Georgia St. Bridge paying from the gov't. **Deco Bike:** Easing the bikes in not full racks, yet.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10pm. Respectfully submitted by, Patricia Fillet, Secretary