

Old Town San Diego
Community Planning Group

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Whaley House, this meeting came to order at 3:33pm

Members Present: Linda Acuña; Chuck Ambers; Paul Chace; Patricia Fillet; Fred Grand; Amie Hayes; Sunny Lee; Arvilla Rodgers; Victor Santana; David Swarens; Robert Zink

Members Absent: Ann Dahlkamp; Andres Ortiz; Andrew Perry

Visitors: Mark Nesbit, Sherriff's Museum; Geoffrey Mogilner; Vanessa Bernal <vbernal@sandiego.gov>; Alijandra Mogilner <alijandra1@gmail.com>; Minerva Brace <braceminer@yahoo.com>; Brandon Torres <brandon.torres@sdcounty.ca.gov>; Jared Svendsen <jsvendsen@lazparking.com> Raun Connely

1. **Non-Agenda Public Comments:** None

2. **Agenda Modifications:** None

3. **Meeting Minutes:**

David Swarens motioned and Patricia Fillet seconded that the April meeting minutes be approved as written. Motion passed (11 yes; 3 absent).

4. **Treasurer's Report:**

Today's meeting collected \$13.00 which brings the total-to-date to \$13.00.

5. **Action Items:**

Conditional Use Permit for the construction of new on grade parking lot on the corner of Congress and Harney (empty lot)

(Note: Fred Grand is representing the buyer of this property and recuses himself from motion voting)

Fred Grand gave an overview of what had previously been presented to the OTSDCPG when this property was being considered by a different buyer than the current owner. The plans for the property are to develop it for use as a parking lot. This would include 35 parking spaces, and a landscape plan was also presented. The proposed plans are in accordance with the approved Old Town Community Plan (p. 66) and all the plants for the landscaping are also in compliance with the OT Community Plan.

A resident who lives adjacent to the property has expressed concerns of health issues, noise, air quality, homeless issues, lighting, and possible reduction of home value. To address these concerns, the buyer has volunteered to offer the resident mitigation factors. These include: Building a 6ft. wall between the parking lot and the resident's property; replacing all the windows on the house with double paned windows; signage to reduce noise and smoke; upgraded surface material to control dust and drainage. The City has yet to advise what the lighting requirements will be.

To address homeless issues, the lot will be managed. Jared Svendsen, Laz Parking, spoke to these concerns. Laz Parking currently manages other parking lots within Old Town.

Discussion followed.

David Swarens motioned and Sunny Lee seconded that the committee recommend support for the CUP for the parking lot at Congress and Harney, as consistent with the PDO and the Community Plan, and with the mitigation measures proposed to decrease impacts on adjacent properties to the greatest extent possible. Motion passed (8 yes, 3 abstain, 3 absent)

6. Information items:

Homeless Update

Patricia Fillet reported that the north end of Congress has seen an increase in homeless encampments. Also, the level of violence has increased. A request has been made to the State Park for more signage. Everyone is encouraged to use the "Get It Done" app.

City Council Update

Vanessa Bernal distributed Councilman Ward's monthly newsletter and gave information on upcoming community meetings and events the Councilman will be attending. On July 16 there will be a civic event at the Serra Museum commemorating the 250th Anniversary of the founding of San Diego.

Update from Todd Gloria's Office

Michaela Valk distributed Todd Gloria's newsletter.

Update from Nathan Fletcher's Office

Brandon Torres introduced himself as the representative from Supervisor Fletcher's office.

7. Committee Updates: None

8. Announcements: None

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:10pm.
Officially submitted,
Linda Acuña, Secretary