

Old Town San Diego Community Planning Group

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

Members Present: Linda Acuna; Chuck Ambers; Chuck Curtis; Ann Dahlkamp; Vicki Durham; Patricia Fillet; Amie Hayes; Geoffrey Mogilner; Richard Stegner; David Swarens; David Thornton; Robert Zink

Members Absent: Gloria Andrade; Fred Grand; Arvilla Rodgers

Visitors: Andrew Perry; Sebastian Sarria, Climate Action Campaign; Zach Bunshaft, Rep. Susan Davis, <zach.bunshaft@mail.house.gov>; Anil Yurdan; Paul Chace, Presidio Heritage Trust <pgc@pgchace.com>; Chris Bessenecker, <cbessenecker@gmail.com>; Richard Pinon, SDPD; David Surwilo, SDPD, <dsurwilo@pd.sandiego.gov>; Alijandra Mogilner, Presidio Heritage Trust, <alijandra1@gmail.com>; Vickie White <vwhite@sandiego.gov>; Tyler Renner <trenner@sandiego.gov>

1. Non-Agenda Public Comments:

Presidio Heritage Trust

Paul Chace, Presidio Heritage Trust, announced that the 250th anniversary of the founding of the Presidio is upcoming. Their goal is to increase visitors to the Presidio by developing and promoting events at the Presidio and also by increasing distribution of the group's newsletter.

2. Agenda Modifications: None

3. Meeting Minutes:

Chuck Curtis motioned and David Swarens seconded that the July meeting minutes be approved. Motion passed (9 yes, 3 abstain, 3 absent).

4. Treasurer's Report:

Today's meeting collected \$44.00 which brings the total-to-date to \$71.00.

5. Action Items:

Sign for ZERGUDAN

Anil Zergudan presented a picture and design specifications of a proposed sign for his business located at 3220 Kurtz St., Suite 100. He stated that the sign was designed to comply with the Old Town Community Plan guidelines. David Swarens motioned, Geoffrey Mogilner seconded, recommending acceptance of proposed sign by Zergudan. Motion passed (12 yes, 3 absent)

Signs in Old Town

Richard Stegner provided photos of proposed directional signs and a map showing suggested locations for the signs in Old Town. Inquiries were made as to what direction the arrows on the signs at Congress and San Diego Avenue will parking be directed to. He explained that where the arrows point are dependent on where the signs are physically placed.

Discussion followed as to the wording currently included on the signs. The proposed signs at this time list Heritage Park and Presidio Park. Due to funding constraints, other parks are not listed. The State Park will not be noted on any of the signs.

Replacing “Presidio Park” with “Birthplace of California” was discussed at length. David Swarens voiced concern that the signs do not invoke the feel of the time period before 1872. Ann Dahlkamp asked about the status of the CalTRANS “Birthplace of California” sign.

Final review of the directional sign project will be by the Design Committee.

Geoffrey Mogilner motioned, Chuck Curtis seconded, to endorse the proposal with the suggestion of having “California Birthplace” in parentheses under “Presidio Park”. Motioned passed (11 yes, 1 no, 3 absent)

By-Laws

Vickie White distributed a completed draft of the Old Town San Diego Community Planning Group By-Laws.

David Swarens motioned, Patricia Fillet seconded, to recommend City review and approval of draft by-laws as presented with the additional recommendation of striking “interested” from page 6, (v) CONSENT AGENDA, #2. Motion passed (12 yes, 3 absent)

6. Information items:

Vandalism/Graffiti

Patricia Fillet provided an information sheet on graffiti and trash overflow. Of particular concern is that the Campo Santo sign appeared to have been vandalized. She said that Old Town Mexican Cafe inspected the sign and the damage looks like rot, rather than vandalism, and has offered to help. Tyler Renner said that the City is aware of the situation and work it being done to repair the sign.

Officer Surwilo informed that there is an incentive for people to report “graffiti in action” and to call 911 because it is a crime in progress.

Trash Overflow

There was discussion regarding the increasing occurrence of trash overflow in the Old Town area. Ann Dahlkamp asked if there is a way to report trash overflow situations. Some suggestions were provided: “Get It Done” app download; online <trash@sandiego.gov>; Old Town Trash & Barrels (858-526-2322).

Community Plan

Vickie White distributed the Old Town San Diego Community Plan Draft (June 2017).

City Council Update/Hepatitis A Outbreak

Tyler Renner gave information on steps that are being taken to address the Hepatitis A outbreak in San Diego:

- The County is providing vaccines and information
- Handwashing stations are being put in place at Pacific Highway & Taylor, and behind the recreation center near Presidio Park
- Tents with sanitation facilities are being put up on 14th Street, 16th Street & Newton, and 2700 Sports Arena

The monthly newsletter which includes updates on Councilmember Ward's activities/schedule was distributed.

Homelessness Issues/Concerns

Officers Pinon and Surwilo provided information and overviews on homelessness issues and community concerns in the Old Town area. Contributing to the issue is that a church group from out of the area regularly comes (on Thursdays) into Presidio Park and feeds the homeless. This is encouraging the homeless to "camp" in the park. The shortage of police officers is also impacting how proactive the police department can be.

Update from Susan Davis' Office

Zach Bunshaft, Community Representative, Susan A. Davis' Office, introduced himself and provided contact information. He encouraged everyone to feel free to contact his office if there are any questions or concerns regarding California Congressional issues.

Climate Action Campaign

(David Swarens recused himself due to a conflict of interest)

Sebastian Sarria gave an overview to the group on the Climate Action Campaign. Their goal is to provide people in San Diego a choice in choosing an energy provider. He distributed an information sheet outlining this project and providing contact information if there are any questions or if anyone wants more detailed information.

7. **Committee Updates:** None at this time

8. **Announcements:** None

Meeting adjourned at 5:09pm.
Officially submitted,
Linda Acuna, Secretary