

Old Town San Diego Community Planning Group

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Whaley House, this meeting came to order at 3:34 pm

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

Members Absent: Fred Grand; David Thornton

Visitors: Vickie White, City Planning of San Diego, vwhite@sandiego.gov; Geno Raiter, genoraiter@gmail.com; Miriam Kirshner, SANDAG mki@sandag.org; Adam Dankberg, Kimley-Horn adamdankberg@kimley-horn.com; Ashley Osterbent, MJE Marketing ashley@mjemarketing.com; Melinda Pederson, DecoBike San Diego melinda@decobikesd.com; Bob Jones, BOOT rjones92119@aol.com; William Woods, Mormon Battalion william.woods@ldschurch.org; Kathleen Winchester, Mormon Battalion kwinchester@san.rr.com; Nicole Burgess, BAC-SDD2 nicole230b@gmail.com; Tyler Renner, District 3 Council Rep trenner@sandiego.gov; Arvilla Rodgers grodger17@cox.net; Javier Gomez, AD78 Field Rep javier.gomez2@asmca.gov

1. Non-Agenda Public Comments:

Geno Raiter presented a proposal to form a gardening group comprised of community members for the purpose of beautifying areas in Old Town. The proposed group would not collect dues or fees, but would take on projects enabled by donations, either of time, cash, or planting materials by group members. Projects would only be adopted with permission of the planning group and the property owner. David Swarens inquired as to what types of flowers or plants were being considered for these projects. Mr. Raiter indicated that only gardening material native to the area or otherwise approved by the planning group would be used. Robert Zink suggested that should the gardening group be approved, only planting materials on the existing list of acceptable native plantings be used.

Amie Hayes reported that approval was received for two additional trees along State Park property at Mason & Juan Streets. The State Park is in accordance with this decision. Tyler Renner reinforced that input is very valid on any project and community participation is welcomed.

Vickie Durham reported that several code violations in the Old Town area have been submitted and we are awaiting further action from the City. Geoffrey Mogilner inquired if building code violations were included in the items submitted.

2. Agenda Modifications: None

3. Meeting Minutes:

Chuck Ambers motioned and David Swarens seconded that the January meeting minutes be approved. 9 yeses, 2 absent, 3 abstain.

4. Treasurer's Report:

Today's meeting collected \$16.00 which brings current amount to \$59.00.

5. Action Items:

(a) Richard Stegner motioned and Vickie Durham seconded that the action item regarding the Old Town Fourth Grade Field Learning Experience program be tabled to the March meeting, and that for today's meeting the subject be limited to information item/discussion. 12 yeses, 2 absent.

6. Information items:

4th Grade Program

Chuck Ambers reported that he is continuing to gather information on the 4th Grade program. There was general discussion regarding what was previously included in the curriculum of the program as opposed to what it consists of currently. It was commented that although the curriculum is set by the State Board of Education, we as a planning group along with the Old Town San Diego Foundation should provide input in order to try and help improve the program. Topics in the improvement discussion included diversity, keeping venues open, student transportation, and fundraising efforts.

Mid-Coast Mobility Hubs

Representatives from SANDAG gave a presentation regarding the development of a Mid-Coast Mobility Hub at the Old Town Transit Center. The goal in developing such hubs at various transit centers is to address areas of concern in each specific center in order to best serve the needs of that particular area. By doing so, access to public transportation or other transportation alternatives can be improved thereby reducing vehicle traffic. Information on this project can be found on the website: www.SDForward.com

Old Town Land Use Plan

Vickie White presented information on the Old Town residential land use plan. Discussion followed concentrating on the area north of Taylor Street. Concern was expressed that any increase of residential land use in the area would result in an increase in traffic, and how development of any areas that are currently empty would impact issues with the homeless.

Patricia Fillet announced that general elections will take place at the March meeting.

Mormon Battalion: Elder Woods has been transferred, effective Monday, February 13. The Hemmingways will assuming responsibilities in Old Town effective immediately upon the Woods' transfer.

7. Committee Updates: None at this time

8. Announcements: None

Meeting adjourned at 5:13pm.
Officially submitted,
Linda Acuna, Secretary