

Little Italy Association
General Board of Directors Meeting
June 3rd, 2014 - 8:30 a.m.
Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Hall – State & Date Streets –
San Diego, CA 92101

Board Members Present

Vito Altieri / Jim Barone / Marianna Brunetto / John Contasti / Charlie Coradino / Sandi Cottrell / Dino Cresci / Jim DeSpenza / Tom Di Zinno / Steve Galasso / Rich Gustafson / Larry Kuntz / Perry Meyer / Danny Mocerri / Lou Palestini / Jack Pecoraro / James Pieri, Jr. / Frank Stiriti / Father Joe Tabigue / Luke Vinci / Catt White

Board Members Excused

Domenic Brunetto / Pat Brunetto

Board Members Absent (un-excused)

Rollin Ellis / Pasquale Ioele / Tom Zolezzi

Guests

Yana Shayne, SD Community News Network / Suzy de la Pena, SDPD / Captain Ahearn, SDPD / Police Chief Shelly Zimmerman / Dallas Stapleton, Chase Business Banking / Pete Molinari, guest / Marie Lewin, WES Foundation / Jeri Keiller, resident / Annie Eichman, LIRA / Mike Zarconi, Sullivan-Hill / Anthony Bernal, Council President Todd Gloria's office / Joe Scaglione, resident / Tom Cervello, Realtor / Kathi Meyer, Meyer Fine Art / Marsha Lyon, SAY San Diego / Roger Ashworh, WES / Julio DeGuzman, City Attorney's office / Mark Shulman, The Physical Therapy Effect / Demetrios Sparacino, Attorney / David Crum, Principal - WES

Staff (Non-Voting)

Marco LiMandri, Rosie DeLuca, Chris Gomez

1. Introductions

Vice-President Danny Mocerri called the June 2014 meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. Board as well as guest introductions were made. The meeting was turned over to the Chief Executive Administrator, Marco Li Mandri (non-voting).

2. May 6, 2014 Board Minutes

Luke Vinci moved to accept the May 6, 2014 Board minutes. Vito Altieir seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor to accept the Board minutes.

3. Presentation by Chief Zimmerman, SDPD

Captain Brian Ahearn introduced himself and spoke briefly to the Board. He then introduced the Chief of Police, Shelly Zimmerman. Police Chief Zimmerman spoke to the board about her goals and vision as the new Chief of Police. Other highlights:

- She encouraged all to visit www.NextDoor.com, a virtual neighborhood watch.
- 211: 7/24 information line on public emergencies. Also a great resource tool.
- Parking Enforcement issues

Marco publically thanked Chief Zimmerman for her great service.

4. Community Reports

- Julio DeGuzman from the City Attorney's offices reminded the Board that their office prosecutes public offenders. He encouraged all to document any illegal activities with a camera, and advised that the more witnesses per case, the better.
- Anthony Bernal from Todd Gloria's office spoke to the board about projects underway with the City.
- Annie Eichman from LIRA updated the Board on SANDAG's Bus Rapid Transit project.
- Fr. Joe Tabigue from Our Lady of the Rosary updated the Board on current church activities.
- Marie Lewin from Washington Elementary School Foundation thanked everyone who participated in the school fundraiser. They made over \$7,000.00.

5. Non-Agenda/Public Comment, Introductions and Announcements

- Kevin Melton for State Assembly encouraged all to get out and vote.
- Marsha Lyon from SAY San Diego informed the Board of their training for property managers.
- Tom DiZinno reported on great service he recently received from Amici Pet Hospital

6. Committee Reports

(Organization Committee) – Steve Galasso, Chair

- Year to date financial report: _Lou Palestini, Treasurer, reported the YTD financials.
Motion: *Luke Vinci moved to accept the Year-to-date Financial Report. Danny Mocerri seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.*
- Results from Nominations Committee for eligibility of appointments to the Board
Marco reviewed results from the Nominations Committee, and reminded the Board that as per our bylaws, we are allowed up to 35 Members. Frank Stiriti, Jim De Spenza and Steve Galasso served as the Nominations Committee this year.

TWO-YEAR TERMS

Business Directors (3 Recommended):

1. Sandi Cottrell
2. Catt White
3. Luke Vinci (Amended from being a Community at Large to a Business Seat)

Property Owner Directors (7 Recommended):

1. Jim Barone
2. Tom Cervello (New)
3. Rich Gustafson
4. Danny Mocerri
5. Jack Pecoraro
6. OLR – Father Joe Tabigue
7. WES – David Crum (New)

ONE-YEAR TERM

Community-at-Large Representatives (7 Recommended):

1. John Contasti
2. Rollin Ellis

3. Tom Di Zinno
4. Lou Palestini
5. James Pieri, Jr.
6. Demetrios Sparacino (New)
7. Frank Stiriti

Grand Total of Proposed New Board Members: 17

Motion: *Marianne Brunetto moved to accept the slate as recommended by the Nominations Committee. Dino Cresci seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.*

- Nomination of President for a 3-year term

Motion: *Luke Vinci moved to nominate Steve Galasso as President to the Board for a 3-year term. Frank Stiriti seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.*

- Nomination of Vice-President for a 3-year term

Motion: *Luke Vinci moved to nominate Danny Mocerri as Vice-President to the Board for a 3-year term. Frank Stiriti seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.*

- Status of placement of Fat City sign on AlSCO wall, India Street side Chris Gomez informed the Board that we are awaiting a Land Use Exemption from Civic San Diego. The cost to refurbish the sign is \$10,000.00. We will also do a granite plaque to commemorate Tom Fat. Marco reported that we also plan on eliminating the curb cuts in front of the AlSCO building, and also install landscaping on the public right-of-way.
- Agreement with School District on moving historic home Marco reported that we are moving forward with the relocation of the Date Street historic home to the new Amici Park site. Fenton plans to renovate and relocate the home on our behalf, it will be a turn-key operation.

(DISI Committee) – Marianna Brunetto, Chair

- Mercato Update Catt White updated the Board on the current activities of the Mercato. The event will be temporarily relocated to Cedar Street during the construction that will take place on Date Street between India & Columbia Streets.
- Olive PR gave an update on PR work done for Little Italy last month.
- Taste of Little Italy Sandi reported that this year's Taste of Little Italy will take place on Wednesday, June 18th. She needs Board volunteers.
- NoLI nights on May 15th Perry Meyer informed the Board that the first new NoLI Nights event was a success.
- Little Italy Summer Film Series Chris spoke about the Little Italy Summer Film Festival that will show every Saturday starting June 14th through August 30th at the Amici Park Amphitheater (W. Date & State Streets).

(Parking Committee) – Luke Vinci, Chair

- New Parking budget, proposals for pop-outs/parklets and concentrated street parking Marco updated the Board on the proposed Parklets for Little Italy. Also,

Chris will present our budget to Civic San Diego's Finance committee, as well as their full Board. We are requesting \$372,000.00.

- Use of student interns from Cal Western for parking related issues Marco informed the Board that we will be using law student interns to examine State Laws & regulations that will help us determine how we can legally spend Parking Meter revenue funds.

(Community Advisory Board) – Jack Pecoraro, Chair

- Update on outdoor railings issue with ABC: Marco reported that this issue is currently in Sacramento, we are getting close.

(Sidewalk Operations, Beautification and Order – (SOBO) – Rich Gustafson, Chair

- New SOBO budget for FY 2014-15 We will review this year's P&L to help determine next year's budget. This meeting will occur probably some time in July due to the fact that we need an Engineer's report to determine our new assessments for the year and we need a final close out figure for expenses for FY 13-14.
- Laura's Law articles Laura's Law allows courts to order outpatient mental health treatment in exceptional cases. The City of San Francisco may implement this law; Orange County and Los Angeles have already adopted it. It should be implemented in San Diego County.

(Neighborhood Plan/Project Review) – Jim Barone, Chair

- Ariel Suites, green neon light to match the red Marco informed the Board that a letter of support for the installation of the Green neon light on Ariel Suites has been written to Civic San Diego.

7. **Proposed change in CUP process for businesses** Luke reported that there will be a change in the CUP process for businesses.
8. **Next meeting:** July 1st, 2014 – 8:30 a.m. at or Our Lady of the Rosary Church Hall

Danny Mocerri moved to adjourn June Board meeting. Perry Meyer seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Minutes for Board meeting submitted by Rosie DeLuca, staff.