



**Board of Directors Meeting
Little Italy Association
Tuesday, April 3, 2018 - 8:30 a.m.
Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Hall
1954 State Street – San Diego, CA 92101**

Present: Vito Altieri, Jenn Borba von Stauffenberg, Domenic Brunetto, Marianna Brunetto, Joe Cordileone, Sandi Cottrell, Dino Cresci, Annie Eichman, Steve Galasso, Rich Gustafson, Perry Meyer, Danny Mocerri, Christopher Morgan, Lou Palestini, Jack Pecoraro, Frank Stiriti, Fr. Joseph Tabigue, Luke Vinci, Carroll Whaler, Catt White

Excused: Charlie Coradino, David Crum, Jim DeSpenza, Tom Di Zinno, Pasquale Ioele, Tom Zolezzi

Guests: DA Summer Stephan, Domenic Dugo, Capt. Mike Holden, Lt. Kevin _____, Nick Serrano, Mark Robertson, Brian Elliot, Joe Scaglione, Jonathan Heibert, Debi Besmer, Tiffany Marcelino, Courtney Rose, Sean Christensen, Dolores Duran, John Capizzi, Ciro Villa, Clarisa Elmore, Gary & Diane Mansour, Guy Floyd, Kathi Meyer, Curt Brooker, Tim & Erica Dellerbox, Nate Benedetto, Susan Keating, Jacob Rocha, Raul Duron

Staff: Marco Li Mandri, Chris Gomez, Rosie DeLuca, Jeri Keiller, Paula Kwast, Joey LiMandri

MINUTES:

<i>Item</i>	<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Action Taken?</i>
1. Introductions	The meeting was called to order at 8:35 A.M. by Steve Galasso. Self-introductions of everyone present were made. Steve then introduced Marco Li Mandri the Chief Executive Administrator of the Association (non-voting)	No action taken

<p>2. Review of March, 2018 Board Minutes</p>	<p>Minutes of March 6, 2018 were reviewed.</p>	<p>The minutes were reviewed and approved by consensus.</p>
<p>3. Non-Agenda / Public Comment, Introductions and Announcements a. District Attorney Summer Stephan</p>	<p>3.a. District Attorney Summer Stephan addressed the Board, and provided a brief overview on public safety. Summer reviewed these challenges facing her department: 1. Elder Abuse 2. Human Trafficking 3. Opiate epidemic Summer also mentioned “Mental Health Hubs” that were created in LA. Marco gave a brief description of LIA’s Live-Well-Live-Safe (LWLS) program. Summer said that perhaps we could integrate LWLS with Mental Health Hubs. Marco agreed, and informed the Board that we would pursue this through Supervisor Roberts office</p>	<p>3.a. No action taken</p>
<p>4. Committee Reports Org Committee: Steve Galasso; a. YTD Financial Report b. LWLS update, program unfolds c. Demolition of building at State & Hawthorn d. Bike issue, related correspondences and articles e. Cinco de Mayo USO Dinner – Joe Scaglione f. Give or Get Board policy reminder g. Annual report almost complete</p>	<p>4.a. Lou Palestini informed the Board that moving forward, there would be a change in the way that financial information is provided to the Board; we will no longer provide a verbal overview of the financials, the report will be provided in the packet. Jeri Keiller added that details of the financials will be discussed in detail at the Finance Committee meetings and that all are welcome. 4.b. Marco gave a brief overview of the LWLS fundraising efforts, and passed out sponsorship sheets to the Board and guests. We are hoping to raise \$60k from businesses, and will approach HOA’s to consider a contribution of \$20 per unit, annually. LWLS staff is currently working Thursday-Saturday evenings, we need to expand program hours and days. 4.c. Marco spoke about the pending demolition of the building at State & Hawthorn streets, it needs to happen ASAP as the building is attracting homeless and other undesirable activities. Marco mentioned that the city needs to “divorce: the process of demolition permits and construction permits. 4.d. Marco discussed the issue of the Dockless Bikes, and how they have become a major nuisance in the area. He reported that LI supports bike programs, but in a more</p>	<p>4.a. No action taken</p> <p>4.b. No action taken</p> <p>4.c. No action taken</p> <p>4.d. The Board approved the relocation of</p>

	<p>controlled manner. Currently, the bikes are causing chaos and unfortunately the numbers will be increasing. Chris added that we should have the ability to impound bikes, if necessary.</p> <p>Marco asked the Board if anyone had issues with LIA's relocation of bikes in the public right-of-way. Marco also proposed the concept of the bike companies renting parking spaces to be used as bike corrals. We will seek indemnification from bike companies.</p> <p>4.e. Joe Scaglione spoke about an upcoming Cinco de Mayo USO dinner to be held on May 1st, seeking volunteers to help serve families.</p> <p>4.f. Marco reported that we will begin keeping track of Board obligations.</p> <p>4.g. Marco reported that the Annual Report is almost complete and should be out in April or early May</p>	<p>bikes in the public right-of-way by consensus.</p> <p>4.e. No action taken</p> <p>4.g. No action taken</p>
<p>4. Committee Reports <i>DISI Committee:</i> <i>Christopher Morgan;</i> a. Little Italy Mercato – Catt White b. Olive PR Report c. Da Vinci Days, April-May, centered at the Piazza della Famiglia d. Solo Italiano update e. Mission Federal ArtWalk update f. Piazza della Famiglia events and updates – Paula Kwast g. Creation of new Hotel Council h. Next meeting</p>	<p>4.a. Catt White reported on the weekly Farmers Market.</p> <p>4.b. Courtney from Olive Creative Strategies gave an update on Little Italy PR, as well as Social Media activity.</p> <p>4.c. No new report.</p> <p>4.d. Chris informed the Board that a Solo Italiano meeting will take place soon. Its status will be discussed</p> <p>4.e. Sandi Cottrell updated the Board on the upcoming ArtWalk event, that will take place on April 28-29, 2018.</p> <p>4.f. Paula Kwast reported on the activities lined up for the Piazza.</p> <p>4.g. Marco reported on the creation of the new Hotel Council.</p> <p>4.h. The next DISI Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 12th @ 9:00 a.m. at the Little Italy Association office.</p>	<p>4.a. No action taken 4.b. No action taken 4.c. No action taken 4.d. No action taken 4.e. No action taken 4.f. No action taken 4.g. No action taken 4.h. No action taken</p>
<p>4. Committee Reports</p>	<p>4.a. No new report.</p>	<p>4.a. No action</p>

<p><i>Parking & Mobility Committee:</i> <i>Luke Vinci;</i></p>		<p>taken</p>
<p>4. Committee Reports <i>Sidewalk Operations:</i> <i>Rich Gustafson;</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Bollards issue b. Replanting of trees on India north of Hawthorn – solicitation letter c. Nursery update, property at Columbia & Laurel d. Budget meeting for FY 19 e. Propose 5% increase to get closer to fully funding the MAD budget expenses f. ADA meeting and business needs 	<p>4.a. Marco informed the Board that he is currently working with the Mayor’s and Council office on installing bollards in the district.</p> <p>4.b. Marco informed the Board that we are seeking funding for replanting of trees on India Street, north of Hawthorn.</p> <p>4.c. Marco informed the Board that we are working with the Council office on the use of the land at Columbia & Laurel Streets for a nursery.</p> <p>4.d. Marco reported that at the next SOBO meeting, we will look for a 5% increase so we can get closer to fully funding the MAD budget expenses. A recommendation should be forthcoming in May</p> <p>4.f. Marco reported that we may seek out a consultant to help businesses with ADA compliance.</p>	<p>4.a. No action taken</p> <p>4.b. No action taken</p> <p>4.c. No action taken</p> <p>4.d. No action taken</p> <p>4.e. No action taken</p> <p>4.f. No action taken</p>
<p>4. Committee Reports <i>Legacy Committee:</i> <i>Charlie Coradino;</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Update on Piazza Giannini – construction timeline b. Update on Piazza Basilone reconstruction c. New Piazza at Columbia and Ash as part of Lennar project - status 	<p>4.a. Marco updated the Board on the progress of the Piazza Giannini.</p> <p>4.b. Marco updated the Board on the progress of the Piazza Basilone reconstruction.</p> <p>4.c. A new Piazza is proposed for Columbia & Ash Streets, as part of the Lennar project.</p>	<p>4.a. No action taken</p> <p>4.b. No action taken</p> <p>4.c. No action taken</p>
<p>4. Committee Reports <i>Finance Committee:</i> <i>Marianna Brunetto &</i></p>	<p>4.a. Marco reported that the Finance Committee is recommending that we investigate an Investment Policy, will be reviewed at the next meeting.</p>	<p>4.a. No action taken</p>

<p>Tom Cervello</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Investment policy b. Capital improvements in the district (tree trimming, light pole painting, irrigation) c. Next Meeting 	<p>4.b. Marco discussed funding Capital improvements in the district, these would be one-time costs. Will be discussed at the Finance Committee.</p> <p>4.c. Next meeting will take place on 4/17 @8:00 am, Little Italy office.</p>	<p>4.b. No action taken</p> <p>4.c. No action taken</p>
<p>5. Community Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. City Attorney b. Councilman Ward c. SDPD d. LIRA e. Assembly member Todd Gloria f. Our Lady of the Rosary g. Washington Elementary School 	<p>5.a. Mark Robertson from the City Attorney’s office gave updates on Little Italy issues.</p> <p>5.b. Brian Elliot from Councilman Ward’s office spoke about the following issues: - LI Lighting project - Property at State & Ash Streets - Dockless bikes: seeking solutions - Transitional Storage Facility: community opposed, working on solutions. Marco thanked Brian on his continued support.</p> <p>5.c. New Lt. Kevin _____ introduced himself to the Board. Capt. Mike Holden introduced himself. Steve Galasso commented on the increased police presence in Little Italy. The Board gave the Lieutenant and Captain a round of applause.</p> <p>5.d. Annie Eichman reported that they had a great meeting, and are raising funds for LWLS.</p> <p>5.e. Nick Serrano from Assembly member Todd Gloria’s office informed the Board that they are working on a \$1 billion bill dedicated to homelessness. If passed, this will make a significant dent in the homeless issue.</p> <p>5.f. Fr. Joe Tabigue updated the Board on church activities.</p> <p>5.g. Clarissa Elmore from Washington Elementary School updated the Board on the VanGo! Event that will take place on May 19th.</p>	<p>5.a. No action taken</p> <p>5.b. No action taken</p> <p>5.c. No action taken</p> <p>5.d. No action taken</p> <p>5.e. No action taken</p> <p>5.f. No action taken</p> <p>5.g. No action taken</p>
<p>6. Next Meeting</p>	<p>The next General Meeting of the Board will take place on May 1st, 2018, 8:30 am @ OLR</p>	

7. Motion to adjourn	Motion to adjourn the April 2018 Board meeting.	Approved by consensus.
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Minutes recorded and taken by Rosie DeLuca, staff.