



**Board of Directors Meeting
Little Italy Association
Tuesday, July 10, 2018 - 8:30 a.m.
Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Hall
1954 State Street – San Diego, CA 92101**

Present: Vito Altieri, Jenn von Stauffenberg, Charlie Coradino, Joe Cordileone, Sandi Cottrell, Annie Eichman, Steve Galasso, Jonathan Herbert, Perry Meyer, Lou Palestini, Jack Pecoraro, Frank Stiriti, Annie Korn for Fr. Joseph Tabigue, Catt White

Excused: Domenic Brunetto, Marianna Brunetto, Dino Cresci, David Crum, Jim DeSpenza, Tom Di Zinno, Rich Gustafson, Pasquale Ioele, Danny Mocerri, Christopher Morgan, Luke Vinci, Tom Zolezzi

Guests: Kathi Meyer, Mike Huber, Rosemary Scarry, Nina Lococo, Curt Brooker, Jacob Rocha, Michael Chavez, Antoinette DeSantis, Nerea Urtasun, Joanna Busalacchi, Sara Parks, Lisa Rosoff, Gary & Diane Mansour, Johnny Castillo, Dennis Servetter, Cree Jones, Marsha Lyon, C S mith, Susan Keating, Shirley Altieri, Pete Molinari, Kathleen O'Toole, Councilmember (LA) Joe Buscaino, Omar Quintero, Stacy Dion, Lauren Siry, Dolores Duron, Michael Zarconi, Thomas Machucan

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

MINUTES:

<i>Item</i>	<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Action Taken?</i>
1. Introductions	The meeting was called to order at 8:34 A.M. by the President, 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
2. Review of June, 2018 Board Minutes	Minutes of June 3, 2018 were reviewed.	The minutes were reviewed and

		approved by consensus.
3. Honorable Councilman Joe Buscaino, City of Los Angeles, District 15	3.a. Marco gave a background on Councilman Joe Buscaino, and then introduced him to the Board. Joe Spoke about homeless issues they are dealing with in LA, which are similar to those in San Diego. Also, he informed the Board that San Pedro has the largest Italian-American population in California and they want to model a district after ours.	3.a. No action taken.
4. Non-Agenda / Public Comment, Introductions and Announcements a. SDPD b. Dennis – La Vita resident c. Meyer Fine Art exhibit d. “Take Me Home” furnishings e. New fitness center at AV8	4.a. Captain Mike Holden spoke, he has held the position for 4 months. He spoke about issues they are dealing with. Officer Marlo Woods spoke about the upcoming “National Night Out” on August 6 th . This is when the entire nation celebrates “Neighborhood Watch”. 4.b. Dennis from La Vita spoke about the Dockless Bike issues, as well as issues with A-Frame Signage. 4.c. Kathi Meyer from Meyer Fine Art spoke about an exhibit they have during the month of July with works by “Jumper Maybach” 4.d. Omar from “Take Me Home Furnishings” informed the Board that they will be opening at Kettner & Kalmia. 4.e. Johnny Casillos spoke about the new fitness center opening mid-September in the AV8 Apartments	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.
5. Committee Reports Org Committee: Steve Galasso; a. YTD Financial Report b. Live-Well-Live-Safe (LWLS) update – list of contributors c. Meeting with DA office for LWLS – proposal submitted	5.a. Jeri Keiller reported on the year-to-date financials. 5.b. Marco updated the Board on the LWLS program. Russ from LWLS introduced himself to the Board. 5.c. Marco reported on a meeting that took place at the DA’s office, a grant proposal for the LWLS was submitted.	5.a. Vito Altieri moved to accept the financial report. Perry Meyer seconded the motion. Unanimously approved. 5.b. No action taken. 5.c. No action taken.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> d. Bike issue e. Nonimations Committee for Annual Board appointments – update f. LIA monthly newsletter – Joey g. Supervisor candidate presentation in September or October h. Dedication of the Piazza with the May – August 2nd, 10:00 am i. First Responders Night with Marine Band – August 4th j. Article: New Office Building on Kettner between Ivy & Hawthorn 	<p>5.d. Marco referred to a letter that was written to Civic San Diego which requested project approvals, including allocation of funds towards relocation of Dockless Bikes within Little Italy.</p> <p>5.e. Marco advised the Board that the Nominations Committee will be meeting soon.</p> <p>5.f. Marco informed that Board that Joey LiMandri has been working on the Little Italy Association monthly newsletters.</p> <p>5.g. Marco informed the Board that he would like to invite County Supervisor candidates to address the Board at the September or October Board meetings. He added that we do not endorse candidates.</p> <p>5.h. Marco reported that the dedication of the Piazza della Famiglia will take place on Thursday, August 2nd at 10:00 am. The Mayor, as well as other public officials will be in attendance.</p> <p>5.i. Marco reported that our 1st Annual “First Responders Night” will take place on Saturday, August 4th at 5:00. This event will tie in to our Marine Band concert, which will begin at 6:00.</p> <p>5.j. Marco referred to an article provided in the Board packet, regarding a new office building planned for Little Italy.</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. Sandi Cottrell moved to invite the candidates to the Sept. or Oct. Board meetings. Jen von Stauffenberg seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.</p> <p>5.h. No action taken.</p> <p>5.i. No action taken.</p> <p>5.j. No action taken.</p>
<p>5. Committee Reports <i>DISI Committee:</i> <i>Christopher Morgan;</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Little Italy Mercato – Catt White b. Olive PR Report c. da Vinci Days, banners out – PR opportunity d. Solo Italiano update e. Piazza della Famiglia events – Paula Kwast 	<p>5.a. Catt White reported on the weekly Farmers Market.</p> <p>5.b. Cree from Olive Creative Strategies gave an update on Little Italy PR, as well as Social Media activity.</p> <p>5.c. Marco reported that the da Vinci Days banners are coming down for the year. Next year will be the 500th anniversary of his passing; we will step up the banners and activities more.</p> <p>5.d. Chris Gomez reported on the Solo Italiano event, which will take place on Saturday,</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>f. Taste of Little Italy g. Arts and Culture grant to Italian Cultural event – 2018 h. Next meeting</p>	<p>October 6th. For tickets and info: www.soloitalianosd.com</p> <p>5.e. Paula reported on events scheduled for the Piazza della Famiglia, things are going well.</p> <p>5.f. Sandi Cottrell updated the Board on the success of this year’s Taste of Little Italy.</p> <p>5.g. Marco reported on the Arts & Culture grant that was awarded to the Association for the Solo Italiano event.</p> <p>5.h. The next DISI Committee meeting will take place on Thursday, July 12th @ 9:00 am at the Little Italy office.</p>	<p>5.e. No action taken.</p> <p>5.f. No action taken.</p> <p>5.g. No action taken.</p> <p>5.h. No action taken.</p>
<p>5. Committee Reports <i>Parking & Mobility Committee:</i> <i>Luke Vinci;</i></p> <p>a. Bollards program going to Civic San Diego and Mayor’s office b. Letter to Civic on use of parking funds</p>	<p>5.a. Marco reported that we are working with the Mayor’s office regarding the bollard program proposed for Little Italy.</p> <p>5.b. Marco referred again to the letter in the Board packet that was sent to Civic San Diego, regarding use of parking funds.</p>	<p>5.a. No action taken.</p> <p>5.b. No action taken.</p>
<p>5. Committee Reports <i>Sidewalk Operations:</i> <i>Rich Gustafson;</i></p> <p>a. Nursery update – proposed new location b. Building cases for stay away orders</p>	<p>5.a. Marco reported that the new land that we acquired at Columbia & Hawthorn will temporarily replace the lot that we are losing on the 1800 block of Columbia Street.</p> <p>5.b. Marco reported that we continue to build cases for stay away orders for certain individuals for chronic petty crimes.</p>	<p>5.a. No action taken.</p> <p>5.b. No action taken.</p>
<p>5. Committee Reports <i>Legacy Committee:</i> <i>Charlie Coradino;</i></p> <p>a. Update on Piazza Giannini – construction timeline b. New Piazza at Columbia and</p>	<p>5.a. Chris reported that we are breaking ground for the Piazza Giannini at India & Cedar streets this week. We are waiting for concrete pad.</p> <p>5.b. Marco reported that Lennar is moving forward on the Piazza Costanza at Columbia & Ash Streets.</p>	<p>5.a. No action taken.</p> <p>5.b. No action taken.</p> <p>5.c. No action taken.</p>

<p>Ash c. Sales of Piazza della Famiglia tiles</p>	<p>5.c. Marco reported that Piazza della Famiglia sponsorship tiles are still available at the \$50,000, \$25,000, \$5,000 and \$1,000 levels.</p>	
<p>5. Committee Reports Finance Committee: Marianna Brunetto a. Investment policy under consideration b. Next Meeting</p>	<p>5.a. Marco reported that a copy of the proposed Investment Policy was provided to the Board in the packet.</p> <p>Jeri Keiller added that an Investment Policy would allow us to have fiduciary rules. It is an aggressive policy that will create additional income for future investments.</p> <p>5.b. The next Finance Committee meeting will take place on Monday, July 30th @ 10:00 am</p>	<p>5.a. Vito Altieri moved to accept the Investment policy as proposed by the Finance Committee. Frank Stiriti seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.</p> <p>5.b. No action taken.</p>
<p>5. Committee Reports Community Advisory Board: Jack Pecoraro; a. Bus yard issue</p>	<p>5.a. Annie Eichman reported that SANDAG’s decision on the Bus Yard issue is still in progress. They are not listening to any recommendations from the community.</p>	<p>5.a. No action taken.</p>
<p>5. Committee Reports Project Review Committee: Marco LiMandri; a. Food Hall opens</p>	<p>5.a. Thomas from the Food Hall reported that the Food Hall will open on Thursday, July 12th.</p>	<p>5.a. No action taken.</p>
<p>6. Community Reports a. DCPC b. Councilmember Chris Ward’s office c. LIRA d. Supervisor Robert’s office e. Our Lady of the Rosary f. Other - article</p>	<p>6.a. Stacy Dion, Little Italy rep from DCPC, gave a brief report.</p> <p>6.b. Brian Elliot from Councilmember Chris Ward’s office reported on projects that the Council office is working on.</p> <p>6.c. Annie Eichman reported that candidates will be invited to speak at the September LIRA meeting.</p> <p>6.d. Nerea Urtason from Supervisor Ron Roberts office reported that the County budget has been adopted, and on funding on homeless issues.</p> <p>6.e. Annie Korn from Our Lady of the Rosary thanked the Association for the new landscaping around the Church properties.</p> <p>6.f. Marco reported on an article from the LA</p>	<p>6.a. No action taken.</p> <p>6.b. No action taken.</p> <p>6.c. No action taken.</p> <p>6.d. No action taken.</p> <p>6.e. No action taken.</p> <p>6.f. No action taken.</p>

	Times regarding Santa Clarita’s restrictions on public spaces. Homeless people there can no longer sit on sidewalks or sleep in cars on streets.	
7. Next meeting	Due to the summer holidays, we are proposing to go “dark” for the August Board meeting. And the September meeting will be delayed for one week to accommodate for the Labor Day Holiday. Next meeting: Tuesday, September 11 th @ 8:30 am.	Annie Eichman moved not to meet in August. Vito Altieri seconded the motion. The Board voted almost unanimously in favor – Catt White opposed.
8. Motion to adjourn		Motion to adjourn the July Board meeting was approved by consensus.

Minutes recorded and taken by Rosie DeLuca, staff.