



**Board of Directors Meeting
Little Italy Association
Tuesday, June 6, 2017 - 8:30 a.m.
Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Hall
1954 State Street – San Diego, CA 92101**

Present: Vito Altieri, Marianna Brunetto, Charlie Coradino, Joe Cordileone, David Crum, Steve Galasso, Rich Gustafson, Pasquale ioele, Perry Meyer, Danny Mocerri, Christopher Morgan, Lou Palestini, James Pieri, Jr., Frank Stiriti, Fr. Joseph Tabigue, Luke Vinci, Catt White, Tom Zolezzi, Caroll Whaler

Absent: Jim Barone, Jenn von Stauffenberg, Domenic Brunetto, Tom Cervello, Sandi Cottrell, Jim DeSpenza, Tom Di Zinno, Jack Pecoraro

Guests: Pete Molinari, Francesco Santoro, Linda Poreran, B Poreran, Susan Keating, Brian Elliot, John Falcone, Christine Pouto, Dolores Dunn, Samantha Hewitt, Annie Eichman, Will Sieve, Kathi Meyer

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

MINUTES:

<i>Item</i>	<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Action Taken?</i>
1. Introductions	The meeting was called to order at 8:40 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
2. Review of May 2, 2017 minutes	Minutes of May 2, 2017 were reviewed.	The minutes were reviewed and approved by consensus.

<p>3. Community Reports</p>	<p>Brian Elliot from Councilman Ward’s office updated the Board on Community issues. Annie Eichman announced that the next LIRA meeting would take place on June 28th. Fr. Joe Tabigue from Our Lady of the Rosary spoke about restoring art in the church. David Crum from Washington Elementary updated the board on school news. Will Seive from Washington Elementary spoke about the school’s upcoming VanGo! Fundraiser.</p>	<p>No Action Taken</p>
<p>4. Non-Agenda / Public Comment, Introductions and Announcements</p>	<p>Francesco Santoro, a pastry chef from Italy, introduced himself.</p>	
<p>5. Committee Reports Org Committee: Steve Galasso; a. YTD Financial Report b. Appointment of Nominations Committee for FY 2018 Board c. Update on Little Italy Heritage Committee d. Annual Report out e. New Board meeting format f. Briggs lawsuit update against BIDs</p>	<p>5.a. Lou Palestini gave the YTD Financial Report.</p> <p>5.b. Marco reviewed the elections portion of the Little Italy Bylaws and spoke about the upcoming Board elections.</p> <p>5.c. Lou Palestini reported that the Heritage Committee is planning a major kick-off. They are requesting support for the Association and OLR, and possibly Washington Elementary.</p> <p>5.d. Marco reported that the Annual Report is complete and ready for distribution.</p> <p>5.e. Marco reported on a new Board meeting format, the Community Reports will take place at the end of the meeting.</p> <p>5.f. Marco updated the Board on the Corey Briggs lawsuit against all BIDs in San Diego. A lot of money is being spent on legal defense in the lawsuit.</p>	<p>5.a. Danny Mocerì moved to accept the financial report. Rich Gustafson seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.</p> <p>5.b. Danny Mocerì moved to appoint Steve Galasso, Frank Stiriti and Jim De Spenza to the Nominations Committee. Pasquale loele seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.</p> <p>5.c.d.e.f. 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. Ferragosto c. Olive PR Report d. Gran Fondo e. Taste update 	<p>5.a. Catt White reported on the weekly Farmers Market.</p> <p>5.b. Luke Vinci updated the Board on the upcoming Ferragosto event.</p> <p>5.c. Samantha Hewitt gave an update on Little Italy PR and Social Media activity.</p> <p>5.d. No report</p> <p>5.e. No report</p>	<p>5.a.b.c.d.e.f. No Action Taken</p>
<p>5. Committee Reports <i>Parking & Mobility Committee:</i> <i>Luke Vinci & Tom Cervello;</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Parking Budget for FY 18 b. Bollards in New York City, use for activated streets 	<p>5.a. Marco reported that the FY 18 Little Italy Parking District budget has been submitted, and approved by Civic San Diego.</p> <p>5.b. Marco reported that bollards are being used in NYC to secure activated streets. We are considering applying the same safety measures in Little Italy.</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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Bike Patrols in Little Italy b. Finalization of budget, call for meeting, recommendation of 5% increase for next year to cover costs related to non-district street people’s impact on the community c. Update on Cal 	<p>5.a. Marco reported that SDPD bike officers have not been patrolling Little Italy during weekend hours, as had been committed.</p> <p>5.b. Marco reported that we will ask for a 5% increase in the MAD Assessments. This will help cover costs related to the street people’s impact on the Little Italy community.</p> <p>5.c. Marco reported that Councilman Ward set up a meeting with Cal Trans regarding the property adjacent to the Little Italy Association office for use of its programs. It has been proposed that Cal Trans will dedicate the land to the City, and the City will then dedicate it to the Association.</p> <p>5.d. Marco reported that staff met with Stacy Lo Medico regarding storm water regulations. We</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>Trans lot d. Storm water regulation meeting</p>	<p>are trying to develop a program so we will not receive further fines.</p>	
<p>5. Committee Reports <i>Legacy Committee:</i> <i>Charlie Coradino;</i> a. Update on Piazza Giannini – RFP to be issued. b. Dog Park contribution c. Report on Piazza della Famiglia fundraising efforts</p>	<p>5.a. Marco reported that this project will be put out to bid. 5.b. Marco reported that we have received a \$20,000 commitment towards the small Dog Park. We are closing the gap. 5.c. Marco reported that big sponsors are coming through on the Piazza della Famiglia project, we are close to selling 3-4 more tiles.</p>	<p>5.a. No Action Taken 5.b. No Action Taken 5.c. No Action Taken</p>
<p>5. Committee Reports <i>Finance Committee</i> <i>Marianne Brunetto & Tom Cervello;</i> a. Meetings of Solo Italiano coordinating company b. 5% increase for MAD in FY 2018 to respond to new minimum wage, workers comp and ongoing issues with regards to homeless and mentally ill in the community. c. Allowing use of the Historic home for the LI Heritage Group d. Councilman</p>	<p>5.a. Marianna reported on the ongoing meetings on Festa with the new coordinators. 5.b. Marianna reported that the Finance Committee is recommending to the Board that it increase the MAD budget by 5% fiscal year to close the gap based upon increased homeless activity, greater use of the public rights of way and the fact that the MAD is underwritten by the Programs budget every year. Marco added that the new income will be \$945,000. 5.c. Marianna reported that the Little Italy Heritage Group has asked for permission to use the Historic Home at Amici Park as a permanent space for their group. 5.d. Marco reported that Councilman Ward has agreed to allow the Association to pursue the \$300,000 in DIF that will be paid by McMillin for their project in Little Italy.</p>	<p>5.a. No Action Taken 5.b. Charlie Coradino moved to accept the 5% budget increase for the MAD. Frank Stiriti seconded the motion. The Board voted almost unanimously in favor. Luke Vinci opposed. 5.c. Luke Vinci moved to allow the Little Italy Heritage Group permission to use the Historic Home/Snack Shack portion of the group. Vito Altieri</p>

<p>Ward proposal for use of McMillin DIF for Amici Park</p>		<p>seconded the motion. A discussion took place, details of this arrangement will be worked out. Unanimously approved.</p> <p>5.d. No Action Taken</p>
<p>5. Committee Reports Community Advisory Board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Meeting to discuss alcohol in the new Piazza della Famiglia b. Ruling on selling of alcohol at Pacific Highway and Laurel c. Proposal for new 7-Eleven at Pacific Highway and Ash 	<p>5.a. A meeting was held to discuss alcohol in the Piazza della Famiglia. Ideas were discussed.</p> <p>5.b. A Beer & Wine license application was denied for the property at Pacific Highway and Laurel.</p> <p>5.c. Marco reported that 7-Eleven wants to add a third location in Little Italy. He will try to set a meeting with the Corporation.</p>	<p>5.a. No Action Taken</p> <p>5.b. No Action Taken</p> <p>5.c. No Action Taken.</p>
<p>6. CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING CONTRACT AT AMICI PARK, BOARD, ATTORNEY AND STAFF ONLY ALLOWED TO ATTEND.</p>	<p>The proposed agreement between the Amici Bocce Club and the Association was discussed with our Attorney present. Mike Zarconi will review the agreement to ensure that legal protections to the Association are included.</p>	<p>No action taken, referred to Counsel</p>
<p>7. OPEN CLOSED SESSION, REPORT TO THE PUBLIC ON THE RESULTS</p>	<p>7. Board meeting reopened to report the outcome of the closed session to the public.</p>	<p>No action taken</p>

8. Motion to adjourn, next meeting information	9. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, July 11th, 2017 8:30 a.m. at Our Lady of the Rosary	9. Danny Mocerri moved to adjourn the June board meeting. Steve Galasso seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.
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Minutes recorded and taken by Rosie DeLuca, staff.