



**Little Italy Association  
General Board of Directors Meeting  
March 1, 2016 - 8:30 a.m.**

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Hall  
1654 State Street - San Diego, CA 92101

**Board Members Present**

Vito Altieri / Jim Barone / Jenn Borba von Stauffenberg / Domenic Brunetto / Marianna Brunetto / Pat Brunetto / Tom Cervello / John Contasti / Sandi Cottrell / Dino Cresci / David Crum / Steve Galasso / Rich Gustafson / Perry Meyer / Danny Mocerì / Sumrall Howell for Christopher Morgan / Lou Palestini / Jack Pecoraro / James Pieri, Jr. / Frank Stiriti / Fr. Joseph Tabigue / Brijet Myers for Catt White

**Board Members Excused**

Charlie Coradino / Jim DeSpensa / Tom Di Zinno / Pasquale Ioele / Demetrios Sparacino / Luke Vinci / Tom Zolezzi

**Guests**

Anthony Napoli, AMN Real Estate / Michael Christopher / Alfonso Migliore / Tom McMahan, Porto Vista Hotel / Stacy Dion, Cox Business / Nate Benedetto, Strom Commercial / Julio DeGuzman, City Attorney's office / Kathi Meyer, Meyer Fine Art / John Falcone, Sal D'Acquisto Realty / Suzy de la Pena, SDPD / Mark Shulman, Physical Therapy Effect / Anthony Bernal, Todd Gloria's office / Mike Zarconi, SHLRE / Joe Scaglione, USO / Umberto Falcone / Marsha Lyon, SAY San Diego / Annie Eichman, LIRA / Aرسالun Tafazole, CH Projects

**Staff (Non-Voting)**

Marco LiMandri, Rosie DeLuca, Chris Gomez, Jeri Keiller

**1. Introductions**

President Steve Galasso called the March 2016 meeting to order at 8:37 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. February 2, 2016 Board Minutes**

Frank Stiriti moved to accept the February 2, 2016 Board minutes. Vito Altieri seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor to accept the Board minutes.

**3. Community Reports**

- Julio DeGuzman from the City Attorney's office explained the Community Court system.
- Anthony Bernal from Todd Gloria's office spoke about the following projects:
  - a. Requested Stop Signs

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- b. Downtown Mobility Plan
- c. Downtown Mobility Shuttle
- d. MAD Ordinance revisions
- Suzy de la Pena from SDDP spoke about car thefts and a residential break-in. Sandi Cottrell announced to the Board that Suzy is being honored with a “Women in Blue” award. Marco spoke about transients sleeping in district and asked if the PD could enforce.
- Annie Eichman from LIRA announced that their next meeting would be held on March 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Fr. Joe Tabigue from OLR spoke about their homeless problems.
- David Crum from WES spoke about the school’s current projects and activities.

**4. Non-Agenda/Public Comment, Introductions and Announcements**

- Joe Scaglione on behalf of the USO thanked Marco & the Board for hosting the Columbian Wounded Warriors for the Paraplegic Games.

**5. Committee Reports**

**(Organization Committee) – Steve Galasso, Chair**

- Sumrall Howell as alternate for Christopher Morgan The Organization Committee is recommending that Sumrall Howell serve as an alternate for Christopher Morgan.

Motion: *Frank Stiriti moved to authorize Sumrall Howell as the alternate for Christopher Morgan. Tom Cervello seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.*

- YTD Financial Report: Lou Palestini gave a YTD financial report.

Motion: *Vito Altieri moved to accept the YTD financial report. Perry Meyer seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.*

- Approval of leave of absence for Demetrios Sparacino based upon his temporary work relocation Marco reported that Demetrios Sparacino has submitted a request for a leave of absence based on a temporary work relocation.

Motion: *Marianne Brunetto moved to accept the leave of absence as requested by Demetrios Sparacino. Perry Meyer seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.*

- Allocation of \$1,650.00 to Our Lady of the Rosary from Programs budget (non-assessment district funds) to contribute to the handicap lift in hall The Org Committee is recommending that LIA allocate \$1,650.00 to Our Lady of the Rosary towards the handicap lift in the church hall.

Motion: *Danny Mocerri moved to allocate \$1,650.00 to Our Lady of the Rosary for the handicap lift in the church hall. Domenic Brunetto seconded the motion. The Board voted almost unanimously in favor, Fr. Joe Tabigue abstained from the vote.*

- Issue of proposed Class 4 bike lanes on Beech and State Street; meeting with Civic San Diego, meeting with Bike Coalition; review of alternatives, recommendations to the Board for Class 4 on Ash Street and Pacific Highway Marco gave a brief background on the Downtown Mobility Plan and its impact on Little Italy. The Association has taken a position against a two-way Class IV (Protected Bike Lane) up/down State and W. Beech Streets, as the district would lose approximately 50 parking spaces. Chris Gomez reported that the Association is in support of Class IV bike lanes on W. Ash & Pacific Highway. The LIA and LIRA are looking for support via attendance at the next DCPC

meeting. For more information on the Downtown Mobility Plan, please visit [www.downtownsdmobility.com](http://www.downtownsdmobility.com) Annie Eichman added that we are encouraging members to send letters to Brad at Civic San Diego.

- Issues at Piazza Famiglia with City Attorney's office: Marco informed the Board that there has been issues with the Piazza Famiglia with the City Attorney's office, more information will be provided at the next board meeting.
- Proposed completion of Piazza Famiglia Marco reported that, according to Fenton, the proposed completion of the Piazza Famiglia is May 2017.
- Update on CalTrans lot leasing for nursery Marco reported that we are still working on this.

***(DISI Committee) – Marianna Brunetto, Chair***

- Mercato update Brijet Meyers updated the Board on the current activities of the Mercato.
- Christmas Tree Lighting Income & Expense report Marco reviewed the Income & Expenses for the Christmas Tree Lighting event that took place on December 5, 2015.
- Olive PR Report Courtney Rose gave a report on Little Italy's Public Relations.
- Upcoming ArtWalk Sandi Cottrell spoke about the upcoming ArtWalk event which is scheduled for April 30 – May 1, 2016.
- Article in UT on Little Italy Marco reported on an article about Little Italy that appeared in the UT on February 22, 2016.

***(Parking Committee) – Luke Vinci, Chair***

- Tom Cervello as Co-Chair The Parking Committee is recommending that Tom Cervello serve as Co-Chair to the Committee.  
Motion: *Perry Meyer moved to appoint Tom Cervello as Co-Chair to the Parking Committee. Jack Pecoraro seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.*
- Parking District budget for 2017 Chris reported that they are currently working on the budget for the FY 17 Parking District.

***(Community Advisory Board) – Jack Pecoraro, Chair***

- Update on Amici Dog Park crowdfunding launch – timeline Brijet Myers reported on the upcoming Amici Dog Park crowdfunding launch. "First Giving" is the vehicle, with a \$41,000 goal. Program is set to launch sometime in mid or late March.
- Born & Raised Meeting minutes, DCPC action to City Council Marco reported that the Born & Raised project will be heard today at City Council. They are seeking a 2/3 override to the density recommendations put forth by the Airport Authority. The Association's position on this override has been submitted to the City Council.
- Medical Marijuana Store in Little Italy Annie Eichman reported on a new Medical Marijuana store located here in Little Italy.

***(SOBO Committee) – Rich Gustafson, Chair***

- New CBD meeting to go over YTD budget, increase for next year, setting FY 17 budget Marco reported that a meeting to discuss next year's budget will be held on March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 am.

- City / County effort on mental health housing This is still in the works.

**(Legacy Committee) – Charlie Coradino, Chair**

- B of A contribution and Piazza Giannini, pending meeting with Porto Siena HOA Marco informed the board that plans for a meeting is in the works.
- Work with Frankie Laine team and the Piazza Lo Vecchio – Village Walk HOA A request has been made for a 2-paragraph description of Frankie Laine's life, this is currently in the works.
- Piazza Pescatore status – agreement finalized, preliminary grant sought We are currently working with Tom Zolezzi to secure funds for this project.
- Piazza Famiglia strategy for fundraising – SDG&E, De Falco Foundation Marco reported that they have met with SDG&E, and will meet with the De Falco Foundation soon.

**(Finance Committee) – Marianna Brunetto & Tom Cervello, Co-Chairs**

- Review of NCA Agreement Marco reported that the Finance Committee came up with a final agreement for the NCA contract.
- Proposal for Dog Wash with Hairy & Merry at Amici Park – Pilot program, authorize the Finance Committee to enter into agreement, consider results, and report back to the Board in May Marco reported that Hairy & Merry has proposed a “pop-up” shop in the historical house at Amici Park. The Finance Committee is seeking Board authorization to work out the details of an agreement with Hairy & Merry.

Motion: *James Pieri moved to authorize the Finance Committee to work out the agreement details with Hairy & Merry for a “pop-up” shop pilot program. Dino Cresci seconded the motion. A brief discussion took place. The Board voted almost unanimously in favor, Sumrall Howell abstained from the vote.*

6. **Closed Session to consider proposed New City America Administrative Agreement to commence April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016. Only Board members attended this meeting.**
7. **Report from Closed Session; announce decision of the Board to the public.**
8. **Next Meeting:** April 5th, 2016, 8:30 a.m., Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Hall

Motion to adjourn: *Danny Mocerri moved to adjourn the February Board meeting. Steve Galasso seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.*

*Minutes for General Board meeting submitted by Rosie DeLuca, staff.*