



**Board of Directors Meeting
Little Italy Association
Tuesday, May 2, 2017 - 8:30 a.m.
Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Hall
1954 State Street – San Diego, CA 92101**

Present: Vito Altieri, Jenn von Stauffenberg, Domenic Brunetto, Charlie Coradino, Joe Cordileone, Sandi Cottrell, Jim DeSpenza, Tom Di Zinno, Steve Galasso, Rich Gustafson, Pasquale Ioele, Perry Meyer, Lou Palestini, Jack Pecoraro, James Pieri, Jr., Frank Stiriti, Fr. Joseph Tabigue, Luke Vinci, Catt White, Tom Zolezzi

Absent: Jim Barone, Marianna Brunetto, Tom Cervello, Dino Cresci, David Crum, Danny Mocerri, Christopher Morgan

Guests: Carol Whaler, Annie Eichman, Pete Molinari, Susan Keating, John Falcone, Curt Brooker, Ryan Feld, Stacy Dion, Dolores Duron, Raul Duron, Dan McKinley, Kathi Meyer, Tom McMahan, Paul Alaimo, Courtney Rose, Dave Tuckman, Marsha Lon, Christie Kong, Jason Weisz, Joe Scaglione, Molly Chase, Will Seivers

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 8:35 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
2. Review of April 4, 2017 minutes	Minutes of April 4th, 2017 were reviewed.	The minutes were reviewed and

		approved by consensus.
3. Community Reports	<p>Stacy Dion spoke about DCPC issues.</p> <p>Molly Chase from Chris Ward’s office spoke about issues that the Councilman’s office is dealing with.</p> <p>Marlo Wood from SDPD spoke about the PERT (Psychiatric Emergency Response Team), they are in the process of hiring more officers.</p> <p>Annie Eichman gave a brief update on LIRA.</p> <p>Jason Weisz from Assemblymember Atkins office spoke about deadlines on Bills.</p> <p>Fr. Joseph Tabigue from Our Lady of the Rosary Church wished everyone a Happy Easter.</p> <p>Will Seive from Washington Elementary School spoke about the school’s upcoming VanGo! Event.</p> <p>Jesse Navarro from District Attorney Bonnie Dumanis’ office informed the Board that Bonnie’s term has almost concluded, and about the work she has done while in office.</p>	No Action Taken
4. Non-Agenda / Public Comment, Introductions and Announcements	<p>Dave Tuckman from GWSW spoke about their upcoming “Tech Expo”. Reps from ESET, YP, and Cox will be there.</p> <p>Ryan Feld from Little Italy Loading Dock spoke about their work with the Association during ArtWalk.</p> <p>Marco informed the Board that there is a new blue neon light atop the ESET Building.</p>	
5. Committee Reports Org Committee: Steve Galasso; a. YTD Financial Report b. Nomination of Carol Whaler to Board, Fenton Company (property owner seat), eligibility based	<p>5.a. Lou Palestini gave the YTD Financial Report.</p> <p>5.b. The Org Committee is recommending that Carol Whaler from HG Fenton Company be nominated to the Board. This is based upon her work on the Piazza della Famiglia Task Force through the DISI Committee.</p> <p>5.c. Lou Palestini reported that the Heritage Committee meetings will soon resume.</p> <p>5.d. Marco reviewed the Holiday Events Income</p>	<p>5.a. James Pieri moved to accept the financial report. Vito Altieri seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.</p> <p>5.b. Luke Vinci moved to nominate Carol</p>

<p>upon work on the Piazza della Famiglia Task Force/DISI</p> <p>c. Update on Little Italy Heritage Committee</p> <p>d. Holiday events income and expense report</p> <p>e. USO Event this evening</p>	<p>& Expense report, and reported that we are almost at a “zero” budget.</p> <p>5.e. Joe Scaglione announced that he has been asked last-minute to coordinate an event at the USO this evening, and asked for volunteers.</p>	<p>Whaler to the Board. Jenn von Stauffenberg seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.</p> <p>5.c. No Action Taken</p> <p>5.d. No Action Taken</p> <p>5.e. No Action Taken</p>
<p>5. Committee Reports DISI Committee: Christopher Morgan;</p> <p>a. Little Italy Mercato – Catt White</p> <p>b. Ferragosto</p> <p>c. Olive PR Report</p> <p>d. Gran Fondo</p> <p>e. ArtWalk update</p> <p>f. Taste update</p>	<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. Courtney Rose gave an update on Little Italy PR and Social Media activity.</p> <p>5.d. Chris reported that this year’s Gran Fondo event was a good event.</p> <p>5.e. Sandi Cottrell updated the Board on this year’s ArtWalk event, it was a great success.</p> <p>5.f. Sandi Cottrell reported on the upcoming Taste of Little Italy event that will take place on June 14th.</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. Committee Reports Parking & Mobility Committee: Luke Vinci & Tom Cervello;</p> <p>a. Parking Budget for FY 18</p>	<p>5.a. Marco reported that the FY 18 Little Italy Parking District budget has been submitted, and approved by Civic San Diego. We would like to install a speed bump near the Little Italy landmark sign.</p>	<p>5.a. No Action Taken</p>

<p>5. Committee Reports <i>Sidewalk Operations:</i> <i>Rich Gustafson;</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Initiation of “Live Well, Live Safe” Crew at the Mercato, model for future use in LI b. Bike Patrols in Little Italy c. 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 	<p>5.a. Marco reported that he and Tom Di Zinno are working on creating an in-house Security crew that will be rolled out when the Piazza della Famiglia opens.</p> <p>5.b. Marco reported that SDPD bike officers have not been patrolling Little Italy during weekend hours, as had been committed.</p> <p>5.c. 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.a. No Action Taken</p> <p>5.b. No Action Taken</p> <p>5.c. No Action Taken</p>
<p>5. Committee Reports <i>Legacy Committee:</i> <i>Charlie Coradino;</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Update on Piazza Giannini – RFP to be issued. b. Piazza Pescatore statue and dedication – review of income and expense c. Report on Piazza della Famiglia fundraising 	<p>5.a. Marco referred to a photo of the Giannini bust to be installed in the piazza that was provided in the board packet.</p> <p>5.b. Marco reported that the Zolezzi family was able to secure a donation from Bumble Bee Tuna towards the Piazza Pescatore. He also reviewed the income and expense report for the project.</p> <p>5.c. Marco reported that big sponsors are coming through on the Piazza della Famiglia project.</p>	<p>5.a. No Action Taken</p> <p>5.b. No Action Taken</p> <p>5.c. No Action Taken</p>

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5. Committee Reports Finance Committee Marianne Brunetto & Tom Cervello; a. First meeting of Festa coordinating company	5.a. Marco reported on the first meeting on the Festa with the new coordinators.	5.a. No Action Taken
5. Committee Reports Community Advisory Board a. Petition and news conferences on homeless shelters, articles b. Conditional Use Permit on Father Joe's Villages c. Presentation on the Sunbreak Ranch	5.a. Marco reviewed articles and news conferences that have taken place regarding homeless shelters. He also reported that there is a new petition to stop additional shelters in Little Italy. 5.b. Marco informed the Board that Father Joe's Villages requirements are not being met and that they are in violation of their CUP. 5.c. Marco reported on Sunbreak Ranch, a proposed tent city for the homeless that would be located by the border. George or Jerry Navarro would like to do a presentation to the Board on this proposed project. A discussion took place.	5.a. No Action Taken 5.b. No Action Taken 5.c. Rich Gustafson moved to approve a presentation to the Board on Sunbreak Ranch. Catt White seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.
6. CLOSED SESSION TO HEAR UPDATES ON PENDING LEGAL ISSUES RELATED TO THE ASSOCIATION AND ITS MEMBERS	6. Closed session of the Board did not take place.	No action taken
7. OPEN CLOSED SESSION, REPORT TO THE PUBLIC ON THE RESULTS	7. Closed session of the Board did not take place.	No action taken
8. Dedication of new and finalized Amici Dog Park, walk to Amici Park	8. The Board gathered and walked over to Amici Park for a dedication of the finalized park.	No action taken

<p>9. Motion to adjourn, next meeting information</p>	<p>9. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, June 6th, 2017 8:30 a.m. at Our Lady of the Rosary</p>	<p>9. Luke Vinci moved to adjourn the May board meeting. Steve Galasso seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.</p>
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Minutes recorded and taken by Rosie DeLuca, staff.