



Little Italy Association of San Diego –Organization Committee

Thursday, August 12, 2021 at 9:00am

In-Person: Little Italy Association's Conference Room (2210 Columbia Street)

Zoom Virtual Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87255404014>

or call 1-669-900-6833 / Meeting ID: 872 5540 4014 / Password: 3898

- 1) Introductions / Steve Galasso, President
- 2) Next Meeting: _____
- 3) Non-Agenda: Public Comment & Announcements
- 4) Review of July 15, 2021 Org Minutes *Action Item*
- 5) Create Bylaws Task Force *Action Item*
- 6) Current Office Negotiations – Update
- 7) Davi Tours – Update
- 8) Little Italy Merchandise – Update
- 9) Piazza della Famiglia Repairs – Update
- 10) Piazza Giannini Repair – Update
- 11) Old Business – Add or Remove Items *Action Item*
- 12) Adjournment *Action Item*

Old Business

It is the practice of the LIA to formally request that an item under Old Business be pulled from the Agenda and placed on a future Agenda for Discussion and/or Action.

- 1) Green Lot Fence & Claim
- 2) Piazza Natale
- 3) Piazzas & Quasi-Public/Public Spaces
- 4) Heritage Row
- 5) Amici Park Redesign

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**Little Italy Association of San Diego Organization- Committee & Finance Meeting
Thursday, July 15, 2021 /09:00 am
In-Person; Little Italy Association's Conference Room (2210 Columbia Street)**

PRESENT Steve Galasso, Danny Mocerri, Lou Palestini, Bryan Thompson

EXCUSED Luke Vinci

GUESTS Jeri Keiller, Davis Newton

STAFF Marco Li Mandri, Chris Gomez, Dianne Serna De Leon

MINUTES:

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION TAKEN
1. Zoom Meeting Instructions & Introductions Steve Galasso	The meeting was called to order by Chris Gomez at 9:00 a.m. Chris went over the Zoom meeting protocol.	No Action Taken.
2. Next Meeting	Next meeting will be on Thursday, August 12, 2021, at 9:00am	Unanimously approved.
3. Non-Agenda: Public Comments & Announcements	Nothing to report.	No Action Taken
4. Review of Org Minutes from June 11, 2021	Lou Palestini moved to approve the minutes from June 11, 2021. Bryan Thompson seconded the motion.	Unanimously approved.
5. Get-or Give: Volunteer Hours	Chris Gomez reported that Board members can volunteer up to a max of 10 hours. In representation of Little Italy Association, qualifying volunteer hours must include an invitation and be a sanctioned event by Org.	Danny Mocerri moved to approve volunteer hours for events stationed by the org Committee. Bryan Thompson seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.
6. Board & Committee Attendance. Get-	Chris Gomez reported on Board and Committee Attendance, Get-or-Give and non-compliance. Absent members will be contacted and given two weeks to	No Action Taken

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or Give & Action for Non-Compliance	respond. If necessary, a meeting can be set to discuss the situation further. If a member needs to be out for 8 months, they can be placed on a Leave of Absence. Members that do not respond will be reviewed by the Nominations Task Force. Then it will be taken to the Org Committee and finally the Board.	
7. Maintenance Concerns	Lou Palestini suggested a Casino Night to raise funds for repairs and maintenance at the Piazza della Famiglia.	No Action Taken
8. Piazza della Famiglia Fountain	Chris Gomez reported that the Pdf Fountain is scheduled for maintenance next week.	No Action Taken
9. Current Office Negotiations	Marco Li Mandri reported that rent at the current LIA office is going up from \$7,600 to \$11,705. We are currently looking to lease a new office space.	No Action Taken
10. Petition to the Governor re: CA Building Code & Temporary Structures	Chris Gomez reported that a Petition to the Governor was sent out to Jason from Senator Tony Atkin's office. We will also send it out to city staff and the BID Alliance who will take the language, put it on their own letterhead and send it out as well.	No Action Taken
11. Old Business	Marco Li Mandri suggested that we remove Heritage Row from Old Business and Amici Park Redesign. Marco will be meeting with the school Bord and the city at the end of August.	
12. Adjournment	Meeting Adjourned	Bryan Thompson moved to Adjourn the meeting. Steve Galasso seconded the motion., Unanimously approved.

Minutes taken by Dianne T. Serna De Leon, Staff

ARTICLE 5 DIRECTORS

SECTION 1. NUMBER AND TERM

The Corporation shall have a minimum of nine (9) or a maximum of thirty-five (35) Directors and collectively they shall be known as the Board of Directors. The exact number of Directors shall be fixed from time-to-time by resolution of the Board of Directors. The number may be changed by amendment of this Bylaw, or by repeal of this Bylaw and adoption of a new Bylaw, as provided in these Bylaws. Subject to the foregoing provisions for changing the number of Directors, the following seats shall be allocated to the Board of Directors based upon financial contribution of stakeholder group to the overall operation of the Association. The breakdown of Board seats shall be as follows:

- A. At least sixty percent (60%) of the seats on the Board of Directors within a specific year, shall be filled by property owners or representative of property owners, who have fully paid into the current fiscal year of the Little Italy Maintenance Assessment District;
- B. The balance of seats shall be filled by business license certificate holders, residential tenants, or community-at-large members. Business license certificate holders must have paid fully paid into the current fiscal year of the Little Italy Business Improvement District. Business owner Directors shall be elected in accordance with Article 4, Sections 1 and 2 for staggered two (2) year terms beginning on the date of election to replace those Directors whose terms are then expiring. Community-at-large members and residential tenants shall be elected annually.