



Little Italy Association of San Diego –Organization Committee
Friday, June 11, 2021 at 9:00am

Zoom Virtual Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85734722879>
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CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS NCA FY21 PERFORMANCE REVIEW ON ITEM 7

1) Zoom Meeting Instructions & Introductions – Steve Galasso, President

All participants will be put on mute during the topic presentation and then the moderator will unmute the microphones to take comments/feedback. Please keep comments directed to the topic being discussed.

2) Next Meeting: _____

3) Non-Agenda: Public Comment & Announcements

4) Review of May 14, 2021 Org Minutes

Action Item

5) Current Office Negotiations – Update

6) FY22 New City America, Inc. “Focus”

Action Item

COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS NCA FY21 PERFORMANCE REVIEW. THE PUBLIC TO BE EXCUSED FROM THE MEETING AT THIS POINT AND WELCOMED BACK FOR UPDATE AFTER ITEM 7 IS DISCUSSED.

7) NCA FY21 Performance Review

Action Item

8) Reopen Meeting and Report from Closed Session

9) Adjournment

Action Item

TEMPORARY MODIFICATIONS TO THE BROWN ACT DUE TO COVID-19: Based on current COVID-19 directives and mandates, Governor Newsom has modified and suspended some of The Brown Act requirements temporarily. For a list of the items that Governor Newsom has modified or suspended, visit www.LittleItalySDMeetings.com (Page 4, Section 11). THE BROWN ACT: Government Code 54950 (The Brown Act) requires that a brief description of each item to be transacted or discussed be posted at least 72 hours prior to a regular meeting. The Corporation posts all Board and Committee agendas at 2210 Columbia Street, San Diego, CA 92101 and the LIA website. Action may not be taken on items not identified as such and posted on the agenda. Meeting facilities may be accessible to persons with disabilities. If you require special assistance to participate in the meeting, notify Chris Gomez at 619 233-3898 at least 48-hours prior to the meeting.

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

GUESTS Jeri Keiller, Catt White, Davis Newton, (Unknown Caller)

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 0900 a.m. Chris went over the Zoom meeting protocol.	No Action Taken
2. Next Meeting	Next meeting will be on Friday, June 11, 2021 at 9:00am	Unanimously approved
3. Review of Org Minutes from March 09, 2021	Steve Galasso moved to approve the minutes from March 9, 2021. Bryan Thompson seconded the motion.	Unanimously approved
4. FY22 NCA Goals Task Force	Chris Gomez reported that a smaller Task Force will be created to go over the list of NCA goals that were submitted for FY22. Steve, Danny, Jeri and Marco will be on this task force.	Danny Mocerri moved to approve the new Task Force. Bryan Thompson seconded the motion. Unanimously approved. Luke opposed.
5. Mercato Mask Complaint Update	Chris Gomez gave an update on the mask complaint at the Mercato. Kohta Zaiser reviewed the guidelines and stated that the Mercato is considered a small event. Masks are strongly encouraged, but not mandated if someone has a pre-existing condition.	No Action Taken

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6. Little Italy Standard Winter Covering & Deck Article	Chris Gomez stated reported on the Winter Covering & Deck Article written by The Voice of San Diego. Marco Li Mandri' s name was misspelled 3 times within the article and the information regarding permits, and tension between LIA and the City is inaccurate. Council will be voting to extend outdoor dining until July 2022.	No Action Taken
7. Busker Ordinance & Sidewalk Vending Ordinance- Update	Marco Li Mandri stated that he submitted for No sell Zones, for Busker & sidewalk vending ordinances 2 years ago.	No Action Taken
8. Little Italy Lease Negotiations & Acquisitions	Marco Li Mandri reported that there are 3 potential sites we are looking at for the LIA office. He will have an update by the end of May.	No Action Taken
9. Piazza Fountain & Paver Maintenance/ Issues	Chris Gomez reported that Mark Moody is looking the Piazza della Famiglia Fountain & Paver maintenance and will report back.	No Action Taken
10. Adjournment	Meeting Adjourned	Unanimously Approved

Minutes taken by Dianne T. Serna De Leon, Staff

NCA GOALS BY FOCUS:	DISCUSSION
1. MAINTENANCE	
a. Prioritize general maintenance for community	ALWAYS A PRIORITY FOR NCA. BETTER COMMUNICATION WITH SUPERVISORS TO ENSURE DIRECTIONS ARE CARRIED OUT.
b. Improve scheduled cleaning of Piazza della Famiglia	MONDAY MORNING WASH DOWN. ON-GOING RESEARCH TO FIGURE OUT BEST WAY TO KEEP PIAZZA CLEAN.
2. FINANCES	
a. Budget process completed and reviewed as early as possible.	DEADLINE - JULY 1
b. Fund raising for new Piazzas and Pop Out corners PUBLIC SPACES	
c. Other resources – tile sales, new grants, etc.	ON GOING EFFORTS TO SELL TILES BY NCA AND BOARD. "EDUCATE" BOARD ON HOW TO RAISE FUNDS.
d. Fund raising for cultural events	DISCUSS OPPORTUNITIES FOR EVENTS WITH DISI. MINIMALLY ALL EVENTS NEED TO BREAK EVEN.
e. Insurance covered by City	ON GOING EFFORT BY NCA. KEEP FINANCE/BOARD INFORMED OF EFFORTS.
f. Receive more general benefit services from the City	MARCO IS WOKING WITH THE CITY TO RE-WRITE APPLICABLE PORTIONS OF CONTRACT DURING 2021-2022
g. Support Mercato expansion	PRIORTITY FOR LIA AND NCA
h. Make savings a priority (accomplished by insuring surplus net income for each year)	DEVELOP BUDGET THAT PROVIDES NET EXCESS INCOME TO PERMANENTLY INCLREASE SAVINGS. BUDGET DEADLINE JULY 1.
i. Determine future of legacy committee	ACCOMPLISH EARLY 2021-2022
j. Long term financing for major infrastructure requirements	RESERVE STUDY TO BE DONE. WORK WITH FINANCE ON HOW TO FUND CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS
k. Funding for replacement of Little Italy flags on a regular basis	PROVIDE IN BUDGET.

3. PROGRAMS AND EVENTS	5
a. Add back cultural events	SEE ABOVE
4. COMMUNICATION	
a. Transition plan for retirement of Marco-discuss with Org and Board	NO PLANS TO RETIRE FOR 5 YEARS. WORK WITH CHRIS AND DOMINIC FOR A SMOOTH TRANSITION.
b. Community Newsletter on monthly or quarterly basis	JULY 1 NEWSLETTER WILL BEGIN AGAIN. QUARTERLY OR MONTHLY DEPENDING ON CONTENT.
5. OPERATIONS	
a. Secure location for LIA – short and long term	CONTACT IN JUNE - YEAR TO YEAR LEASE AT CURRENT LOCATION. INVESTIGATING ALL OPTIONS FOR RENT AND PURCHASE.
b. Complete Bollard project	PLAN IN PLACE FOR COMPLETION DURING 2021-2022
c. Complete securing funds and resolve open issues to remodel Amici Park	EXPECT DECISION ON FUNDING JUNE 15TH. AUGUST FUNDING.
d. Install Fat City sign	NO LOCATION DECIDED YET.
6. COMMUNITY/CITY-COUNTY RELATIONS	
a. Busker and sidewalk vendor ordinances	MARCO IS WORKING ON RE-WRITES OF CITY RULES FOR EACH.
b. Secure sites for historic homes	VERY DIFFICULT. NO PROPERTY AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME. WHEN SOMETHING IS AVAILABLE, WORK WITH PROJECT REVIEW COMMITTEE.
c. Work with MTS on possible Airport link site	ON GOING COMMUNICATION WITH MTS FOR STATION LOCATED AT AIRPORT.
d. Support development of Neighborhood Advisory Committee	CHRIS TO WORK WITH 'JERI - VOTING STRUCTURE, MEMBERSHIP, DEFINITION OF RESPONSIBILITIES. "QUALITY OF LIFE" ISSUES.
e. Improve relationships with community and neighborhood organizations	
f. Support permanent outdoor seating – parkletts	CITY ANNOUNCEMENT OF PLANS
g. More public art by individuals and tuna fishing industry	PUBLIC ARTS TASK FORCE
h. Congestion on India Street.	
i. Parking conversions to maximize spots	
HOMELESS	
a. Security and safety	ON-GOING. REDEVELOPMENT OF AMICI PARK. RESOURCES FROM CITY/COUNTY-GRANTS AND CURRENT CONTRACTS
b. Find resources and develop a relations with an organization to work with the homeless	PATH AND SAN DIEGO RESCUE MISSION