



**Board of Directors Meeting
Little Italy Association
Tuesday, September 12, 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, Tom Cervello, Charlie Coradino, Joe Cordileone, Curt Brooker for Sandi Cottrell, Dino Cresci, David Crum, Tom Di Zinno, Steve Galasso, Pasquale Ioele, Perry Meyer, Danny Mocerri, Christopher Morgan, Lou Palestini, Jack Pecoraro, Frank Stiriti, Fr. Joseph Tabigue, Luke Vinci, Carroll Whaler, Catt White, Tom Zolezzi

Excused: Domenic Brunetto, Marianna Brunetto, Jim DeSpensa, Rich Gustafson

Guests: Gary Mansour, Diane Mansour, Annie Eichman, Russ Havens, Mike Huber, Juan Barrera, Sal Tarantino, Pietro Rizzi, Julie Burnham, G Bora, Annie Burchard, Dominic LiMandri, Joe Scaglione, Pete Molinari, John Falcone, Jan Serno, Kathi Meyer, Mom McMahan, Marsha Lyon, Tisha Ann Lopez, Jason Weisz, Sean Christensen

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

MINUTES:

<i>Item</i>	<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Action Taken?</i>
1. Introductions	The meeting was called to order at 8:37 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 July, 2017 Board Minutes	Minutes of July 11, 2017 were reviewed.	The minutes were reviewed and approved by consensus.

<p>3. Non-Agenda / Public Comment, Introductions and Announcements</p>	<p>Perry Meyer reported that the vintage Italian poster show starts this weekend and runs through October 28th. Debbie from Porto Vista introduced herself.</p>	<p>3.a. No Action Taken</p>
<p>4. Committee Reports <i>Org Committee:</i> <i>Steve Galasso;</i> Recommendation from Nominations Committee on new Board members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Board members who did not want to renew terms b. Property owner Director recommendations c. Business tenant Director recommendations d. Community at Large recommendations e. Nomination for President for next 3 years f. Nomination for VP for next 3 years g. YTD Financial Report h. Annual Dinner, Income and Expense report i. Taste of Little Italy, final income and expense report j. Update from Ferragosto k. Live Well, Live Safe presentation l. Amici Bocce Club agreement m. Split cost for upgrade of Bocce Courts with WES 	<p>Marco reiterated that 2/3 total of Board members must be property owners, and that Board terms are for two years.</p> <p>4.a. James Pieri, Jr. has elected to not renew his term.</p> <p>4.b. Property Owner Director recommendations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Vito Altieri 2. Domenic Brunetto 3. Charlie Coradino 4. Dino Cresci 5. Jim DeSpenza 6. Annie Eichman 7. Pasquale Ioele 8. Tom Zolezzi <p>4.c. Business Tenant Director recommendations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Steve Galasso 2. Perry Meyer 3. Christopher Morgan <p>4.d. Community at Large recommendations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jenn von Stauffenberg 2. Marianna Brunetto 3. Joe Cordileone 4. Tom Di Zinno 5. Lou Palestini 6. Frank Stiriti <p>4.e. Marco reported that Steve Galasso is the current president of the Association. Marco opened the floor for nominations.</p> <p>4.f. Marco reported that Danny Mocerri is the current VP of the Association. Marco opened the floor for nominations.</p> <p>4.g. Lou Palestini gave the YTD financial report. Jeri Keiller added comments to Lou's report.</p> <p>4. h. Marco reported on the Annual Dinner Income and Expense.</p> <p>4.i. Marco referred to the Taste of Little Italy financial report that was provided in the Board packet.</p> <p>4.j. Luke Vinci reported on the Ferragosto event that took place on August 19th.</p> <p>4.k. Marco gave a background on the Live Well, Live Safe program that has been developed for</p>	<p>4.b. – 4.d. Frank Stiriti moved to elect Board Slate as recommended by the Org Committee. Jack Pecoraro seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.</p> <p>4.e. Perry Meyer moved to re-elect Steve Galasso as president to the Association. Dino Cresci seconded the motion. Marco asked if there were any other nominations; hearing none. Unanimously approved.</p> <p>4.f. Luke Vinci moved to re-elect Danny Mocerri as VP to the Association. Jen von Stauffenberg seconded the motion. Marco asked if there were any other nomination; hearing none. Unanimously approved.</p> <p>4.g. Vito Altieri moved to accept the financial report. Danny Mocerri seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.</p> <p>4.h. No action taken.</p> <p>4.i. No action taken.</p> <p>4.j. No action taken.</p>

	<p>Little Italy under the guidance of Tom Di Zinno. Tom Di Zinno addressed the Board, and explained the novel approach being taken for this new endeavor. This program will require total community involvement. Three elements of the program will be communication, education, and safety officers. The model program will begin in 2017, and will be in full swing in 2018. The budget is \$5,000 per month; \$50,000 in seed money will come from tile sales at the Piazza della Famiglia.</p> <p>4.l. Marco reported that we are currently working on a new license agreement with the Amici Bocce Club for use of the bocce courts at Amici Park.</p> <p>4.m. Improvements and repairs are needed at Amici Park, cost is \$3,540.00 Washington Elementary School has agreed to split these costs with the Association, as they benefit from the Bocce Club presence. We would fund our portion of the repairs from Ferragosto profits.</p>	<p>4.k. Danny Mocerì moved to proceed with the Live Well, Live Safe program. Jack Pecoraro seconded the motion. Almost unanimously approved; Tom Di Zinno abstained from the vote.</p> <p>4.l. No action taken.</p> <p>4.m. Luke Vinci moved to send this issue to a closed session in October. Tom Di Zinno seconded the motion. Unanimously approved – no action taken.</p>
<p>4. Committee Reports <i>DISI Committee:</i> <i>Christopher Morgan;</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Little Italy Mercato – Catt White b. Olive PR Report c. Taste update d. TOTIS e. Christmas Tree lighting f. Next meeting 	<p>4.a. Catt White reported on the weekly Farmers Market.</p> <p>4.b. Courtney Rose gave an update on Little Italy PR and Social Media activity.</p> <p>4.c. No updates.</p> <p>4.d. Marco reported that this year’s Trick or Treat on India Street event will take place on Friday, October 28th. We are currently looking for a dentist to underwrite the candy.</p> <p>4.e. Marco reported that this year’s Christmas Tree Lighting will take place on Saturday, December 2nd. Carroll Whaler reported that the Piazza della Famiglia should be open by the tree lighting.</p>	<p>4.a. No Action Taken</p> <p>4.b. No Action Taken</p> <p>4.c. No Action Taken</p> <p>4.d. No Action Taken</p> <p>4.e. No Action Taken</p>
<p>4. 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 	<p>4.a. We are moving forward in our FY 18 Parking District contract with Civic San Diego. It will go to Council today.</p> <p>4.b. We will have a consultant draft an RFP for a proposed pedestrian scramble for the intersections at India & Grape, as well as India &</p>	<p>4.a. No action taken</p> <p>4.b. No action taken</p> <p>4.c. No action taken</p>

<p>b. Scramble idea for Grape / Hawthorn and India</p> <p>c. RFP for speed bump under the LI Sign</p>	<p>Hawthorn.</p> <p>4.c. We will have a consultant draft an RFP for a speed bump under the Little Italy sign.</p>	
<p>4. Committee Reports <i>Sidewalk Operations:</i> <i>Rich Gustafson;</i></p> <p>a. Situation regarding advance payments</p> <p>b. Street light issue</p> <p>c. Removal of Palms on India north of Hawthorn</p>	<p>4.a. Marco reported that we are working out a new system for advance payments.</p> <p>4.b. Marco reported that we were hoping that new street lights would be installed with each new development, however Civic SD and the City of SD are not requiring.</p> <p>4.c. We are in the process of getting the Canary Island Palm trees on India Street (north of Hawthorn) removed as most of them are diseased and will create a hazard.</p>	<p>4.a. No action taken</p> <p>4.b. No action taken</p> <p>4.c. No action taken</p>
<p>4. Committee Reports <i>Legacy Committee:</i> <i>Charlie Coradino;</i></p> <p>a. Update on Piazza Giannini – RFP issued, responses</p> <p>b. Dog Park contribution</p> <p>c. Report on Piazza della Famiglia fundraising efforts (DeFalco & Zolezzi)</p> <p>d. Fundraising for new garden nursery</p>	<p>4.a. Marco reported that the RFP on the Piazza Giannini is in process.</p> <p>4.b. Marco reported that we are working on a contract with sponsors to the Dog Park.</p> <p>4.c. Marco reported that we have received a commitment for a \$50,000 tile at the Piazza della Famiglia, to be split between the Zolezzi and De Falco families.</p> <p>4.d. Marco reported that we will begin fundraising for the new Little Italy garden nursery.</p>	<p>4.a. No action taken</p> <p>4.b. No action taken</p> <p>4.c. No action taken</p> <p>4.d. No action taken</p>
<p>4. Committee Reports <i>Finance Committee:</i> <i>Marianna Brunetto & Tom Cervello</i></p> <p>a. Programs Review budget</p>	<p>4.a. No reports.</p>	<p>4.a. No action taken</p>
<p>4. Community Advisory Board: <i>Jack Pecoraro</i></p> <p>a. Piazza Alcohol</p>	<p>4.a. Marco reported that we will begin working on this.</p> <p>4.b. No additional information to report.</p>	<p>4.a. No Action Taken</p> <p>4.b. No Action Taken</p>

<p>rules b. Grape and Columbia application</p>		
<p>5. Community Reports a. DCPC b. Senator Atkin's office c. City Attorney's office d. Our Lady of the Rosary e. SDPD f. LIRA g. Washington Elementary School</p>	<p>5.a. Nothing relevant to Little Italy to report at this time.</p> <p>5.b. Jason Weisz reported on bills that will be passing / dying.</p> <p>5.c. Brian Elliot from Councilman Ward's office reported on items that the Councilman is working on.</p> <p>5.d. Fr. Joe Tabigue thanked the Association for their support during Ferragosto.</p> <p>5.e. Officer Marlo Woods reported on current Little Italy activities.</p> <p>5.f. Annie Eichman reported that the last LIRA meeting had a great turnout. The next meeting will be held on September 27th.</p> <p>5.g. Principal David Crum reported that this school year is off to a great start.</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.g. No action taken</p>
<p>6. Other</p>	<p>Marco referred to articles that were provided in the Board packet.</p>	<p>6.a. No action taken</p>
<p>7. Motion to adjourn, next meeting information</p>	<p>9. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 3rd, 2017 8:30 a.m. at Our Lady of the Rosary</p>	<p>8. Danny Mocerì moved to adjourn the September board meeting. Frank Stiriti seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.</p>

Minutes recorded and taken by Rosie DeLuca, staff.