



**Board of Directors Meeting
Little Italy Association
Tuesday, September 11, 2018 - 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, Joe Cordileone, Sandi Cottrell, Dino Cresci, Jim DeSpenza, Annie Eichman, Steve Galasso, Jonathan Herbert, Perry Meyer, Lou Palestini, Jack Pecoraro, Frank Stiriti, Annie Korn for Fr. Joseph Tabigue, Luke Vinci, Catt White, Tom Zolezzi

Excused: Charlie Coradino, Tom Di Zinno, Rich Gustafson, Pasquale Ioele, Danny Mocerri, Christopher Morgan

Absent: David Crum

Guests: Kathi Meyer, Gary & Diane Mansour, Marsha Lyon, Pete Molinari, Len Filomeo, Courtney Rose, Bryan Thompson, Rick Jeffries, Pat Day, Jack D’Acquisto, Mary Baum, Melanie Eckler, John Capizzi, Dolores & Raul Duron, Mike Zarconi, Stacy Dion, Christie Kong, Sarah Parks, Jocelyn Marcus, A. Sorotsky, Jason Weisz, Kari Topzan

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

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 the Secretary, Luke Vinci. Self-introductions of everyone present were made. Luke then introduced Marco Li Mandri the Chief Executive Administrator of the Association (non-voting)	No action taken

2. Review of July, 2018 Board Minutes	Minutes of July 10, 2018 were reviewed.	The minutes were reviewed and approved by consensus.
3. Non-Agenda / Public Comment, Introductions and Announcements a. Marlo Woods, SDPD b. SAY San Diego c. Meyer Fine Art	3.a. Marlo Woods from the SDPD updated the Board on area activities. Marco added that he met with the Captain to request bike patrols in the area. 3.b. Mary Baum from SAY San Diego commented on CUP's for alcohol sales at gas stations. 3.c. Kathi Meyer from Meyer Fine Art spoke about their new Salvatore Dali exhibit.	3.a. No action taken 3.b. No action taken 3.c. No action taken
4. Committee Reports Org Committee: Steve Galasso; a. YTD Financial Report b. Recommendation from Nominations Committee on new Board Members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Property Owners • Business Tenant • Community at Large c. Nomination for Secretary for next 3 years/October d. Nomination of Frank Stiriti as Chair of Finance Committee e. Supervisor Candidate presentation in October f. Dedication of the Piazza Giannini g. First Responders night h. Support for use of staff for OLR procession on October 7 th i. Approval to send Marco to IDA conference in October j. State of the Neighborhood event	4.a. Lou Palestini reported on the year-to-date financials. Jeri Keiller provided the Board with additional information. 4.b. Marco reported on the recommendations from the Nominations Committee for 2018-2020 & 2018 Board Slate, copies of the slate were provided in the Board packet. 4.c. Marco reported that the 3-year Secretary position term is up this year. Marco asked for nominations for the Secretary position. The nomination will become an action item in October.	4.a. Dino Cresci moved to accept the financial report. Perry Meyer seconded the motion. Unanimously approved. 4.b. Joe Cordileone moved to accept the slate of Directors. Jen von Stauffenberg seconded the motion. Unanimously approved. 4.c. Frank Stiriti nominated Luke Vinci to serve as Secretary to the Board for a 3-year term. Luke

<p>k. LIA Newsletter</p> <p>l. Scooters in Little Italy</p>	<p>4.d. Marco reported that due to working conflicts, Marianne Brunetto would be stepping down as Chair of the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee is recommending that Frank Stiriti serve as new chair of the Finance Committee.</p> <p>4.e. Marco reported that we would be inviting Nathan Fletcher and Bonnie Dumanis to speak at the next Board meeting. This will not be a debate. Marco encouraged the Board & audience to ask questions.</p> <p>4.f. Marco reported that the dedication of the Piazza Giannini will take place on Thursday, September 20th. Chris is overseeing the placement of all items.</p> <p>4.g. Marco reported that the First Responders ceremony was held prior to the Annual Marine Band performance. The Marine Band in the new Piazza was a great success.</p> <p>4.h. Marco reported on the upcoming Our Lady of the Rosary (OLR) procession that will take place on October 7th. OLR has requested the use of LIA staff for this event.</p> <p>4.i. Marco reported on an upcoming International Downtown Association (IDA) event that will take place in October in San Antonio, TX. The City of San Diego will pay for the event registration; Marco is requesting</p>	<p>accepted the nomination. Steve Galasso seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.</p> <p>4.d. Luke Vinci moved to nominate Frank Stiriti as new Chair to the Finance Committee. Sandi Cottrell seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.</p> <p>4.e. No action taken.</p> <p>4.f. No action taken</p> <p>4.g. No action taken</p> <p>4.h. Luke Vinci moved to authorize the use of LIA staff for the OLR procession. Jack Pecoraro seconded the motion. A brief</p>
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	<p>assistance from the Association to cover his flight and hotel for 2-nights, not to exceed \$2,000.00.</p> <p>4.j. Chris Gomez reported on the State of the Neighborhood event that will take place on Thursday, September 20th. This year's event will be free-of-charge, with no dinner provided. We are seeking a \$5,000.00 presenting sponsor to help offset the event costs. Seeking the Boards endorsement for the concept of a free event.</p> <p>4.k. Marco reported on the new Little Italy newsletter, written by Joey LiMandri. It is getting great feedback.</p> <p>4.l. Marco updated the Board on the electric scooter problem in Little Italy.</p>	<p>discussion took place. Unanimously approved.</p> <p>4.i. Jack Pecoraro moved to authorize LIA to pay for Marco's flight and hotel room for the IDA, not to exceed \$2,000. Jen von Stauffenberg seconded the motion. A brief discussion took place. Unanimously approved.</p> <p>4.j. Vito Altieri moved to authorize the new State of the Neighborhood format. Annie Eichman seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.</p> <p>4.k. No action taken</p> <p>4.l. No action taken</p>
<p>4. Committee Reports <i>DISI Committee:</i> <i>Christopher Morgan;</i> a. Receipt of Sysco donation for</p>	<p>4.a. Steve Galasso introduced Jack D'Acquisto from Sysco. Sysco has been donating \$10,000 every year toward the Christmas Tree Lighting.</p>	<p>4.a. No action taken.</p>

<p>Christmas Tree Lighting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Little Italy Mercato – Catt White c. Olive PR Report d. Solo Italiano update e. Amici Park Dog Park f. Piazza della Famiglia events g. New Alternatives Toy Drive h. Next meeting 	<p>Sysco presented Steve with a check for \$10,000 made out to the LIA.</p> <p>4.b. Catt White reported on the weekly Farmers Market.</p> <p>4.c. Courtney Rose from Olive Creative Strategies gave an update on Little Italy PR, as well as Social Media activity.</p> <p>4.d. Chris Gomez updated the Board on the upcoming Solo Italiano event.</p> <p>4.e. Chris reported that an anonymous donor came forward with a check for \$30,000 towards the completion of the turf at the Amici Park Dog Park. After that, another \$10,000 was committed. We only need \$5,000 to complete the turf at the Dog Park, it should be completed in early October.</p> <p>4.f. Paula Kwast reported on events scheduled for the Piazza della Famiglia. Things are going well.</p> <p>4.g. Chris Gomez reported on the upcoming New Alternatives / Little Italy Holiday Toy Drive.</p> <p>4.h. Chris reported that the DISI Committee meetings will now take place at 9:00 am on the first Friday of each month at the Little Italy office.</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.f. No action taken</p> <p>4.g. No action taken</p> <p>4.h. No action taken</p>
<p>4. Committee Reports <i>Parking & Mobility</i> Committee: <i>Luke Vinci;</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Bollard Programs going to Civic San Diego and Mayors office 	<p>4.a. No updates.</p>	<p>4.a. No action taken.</p>

<p>4. Committee Reports <i>Sidewalk Operations:</i> <i>Rich Gustafson;</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Nursery Update b. Live-Well-Live-Safe program 	<p>4.a. Marco reported that CalTrans will finally meet with us to see if we can lease the property adjacent to the office for the LIA nursery.</p> <p>4.b. Marco updated the Board on the new Live-Well-Live-Safe hours, and provided a copy of a sponsor form in the Board packet.</p>	<p>4.a. No action taken</p> <p>4.b. No action taken</p>
<p>4. Committee Reports <i>Legacy Committee:</i> <i>Charlie Coradino;</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. New Piazza at Columbia & Ash b. Sales of Piazza della Famiglia tiles 	<p>4.a. Marco reported on a new Piazza “Costanza” proposed for the corner of Columbia & Ash Streets as part of the Lennar project. We are hoping to dedicate this new piazza in January or February.</p> <p>4.b. Marco reported that we are continuing to sell sponsor tiles at the Piazza della Famiglia.</p>	<p>4.a. No action taken</p> <p>4.b. No action taken</p>
<p>4. Committee Reports <i>Finance Committee: Frank Stiriti</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Investment policy review of agents b. Meeting with stock agents to discuss donations in the form of stocks c. Contracting with Tour Consultant d. Next Meeting – October 4th 	<p>4.a. Marco reported that we will be interviewing agents to help with financial decisions with Investment policy.</p> <p>4.b. Marco reported that we will be meeting with agents to facilitate the possible donation of stocks to the Association.</p> <p>4.c. Marco reported that we are working on contracting with a Tour Guide(s) for Little Italy</p> <p>4.d. The next Finance Committee meeting will take place at 10:00 am on Thursday, October 4th at the Little Italy office.</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>Community Advisory Board: Jack Pecoraro;</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Live-Well-Live-Safe support in the community 	<p>4.a. Jack Pecoraro reported on an incident that took place in front of his family’s residence late at night. He strongly encouraged the community to contribute to the Live-Well-Live-</p>	<p>4.a. No action taken</p>

	Safe program.	
4. Committee Reports <i>Project Review Committee: Marco LiMandri;</i> a. Trammel Crowe project at Front and Ash, conceptual report	4.a. Marco spoke briefly about the conceptual report on the Trammel Crowe project at Front & Ash. It will be a 40 story residential apartment building at the far southeast corner of the district. The presentation was fully supported by the Project Review Committee	4.a. No action taken
5. Community Reports a. Councilmember Chris Ward's office b. Senator Toni Atkins office c. Our Lady of the Rosary	5.a. Brian Elliot from Councilmember Chris Wards office updated the Board on issues that the Council office is working on. 5.b. Jason Weisz from Senate Pro-temp Toni Atkins office reported on issues that Senator Atkins is working on. 5.c. Melody, new office manager at Our Lady of the Rosary, introduced herself to the Board.	5.a. No action taken 5.b. No action taken 5.c. No action taken
6. Next meeting	Next meeting: Tuesday, October 2 nd , 2018 @ 8:30 am.	
7. Motion to adjourn		Motion to adjourn the July Board meeting was approved by consensus.

Minutes recorded and taken by Rosie DeLuca, staff.