

## MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

6:03 pm

## MEMBERS PRESENT

John Ambert (Chair), Jane Gawronski, Tom Gawronski, Blake Herrschaft, Valerie Paz, Pete Ruscitti, Andrew Waltz, Drew Wilson (arrived 6:08pm)

## AGENDA MODIFICATIONS & APPROVAL

- Motion from Pete to approve as presented, seconded by Valerie. **Motion passes, 7-0-0.**

## MINUTES MODIFICATIONS & APPROVAL

- *April 1, 2015 General Meeting:* Tom identified a misspelling of the word “funding.”
- Motion from Jane to approve with misspelling corrected, seconded by Blake.
  - **Motion passes, 7-0-0.**

## TREASURER’S REPORT – DREW WILSON

Bank balance is \$451.87. Ready to apply for \$374.58 from City to reimburse operating costs.

## CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 2 REPORT – CONRAD WEAR

- As Conrad could not attend, he sent an email update that John read aloud. (**Attachment #1**)
- In response to the annual budget proposal, John suggested that Board members and community members turn out to the City Council budget hearing on Monday, May 11 at 6:00 pm to advocate for OB projects.

## NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

- *Kathy Blavatt (OB Historical Society)* – Concerned about federal Spectrum Act wireless amendments to LDC that may allow Process 1 approvals for wireless equipment to be exempted from zoning rules including setbacks, environmentally sensitive lands, and the Coastal Height Limit.
- *Jim Kase (Store Manager, OB People’s Food Co-op)* – People’s has acquired the two adjacent properties. Looking at options to expand by doubling residential units from 2 to 4 (all 2<sup>nd</sup> floor units) and building a juice bar and café. Will continue to work with Board as ideas progress.
- *Tom Coat (savesandiegoneighborhoods.org)* – Supports stronger regulation on short-term vacation rentals (such as airbnb.com), particularly those with very high turnover that effectively turn neighborhood homes into “mini hotels.” Next City Council meeting is May 29 at 1pm. Advocating for: no absentee short-term rentals (fewer than 30 days) and reform in noise policies (hiring peace officers to monitor and report), no limits on room sharing.
- *Jeff Powers (opposition to One Paseo project)* – Thanks Board for passing resolution at April 1, 2015 meeting opposing One Paseo project. Requests one Board member attend City Council meeting on May 19 to read the resolution.

## INFORMATION #1: OASIS CLUB HOUSE

*Katie Kyle* presented general information on Oasis Club House:

- Oasis is a safe place for youth to receive mental health and other support services.

- Temporarily located on Fairmount Avenue near Grantville Station; looking for new location. Also willing to pick up youth for first visit.
- Oasis is run by a private company funded by the County of San Diego.

## INFORMATION #2: CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

Brian Elliot from Climate Action Campaign presented the following information on the City of San Diego *Draft Climate Action Plan (CAP)*:

- Climate Action Campaign is a non-profit organization founded by Nicole Capretz, a former City staffer who helped write the *CAP*.
- The *CAP* is legally binding and consists of two main components:
  - *Transportation*: "City of Villages" concept, mass transit use, smart growth.
  - *Energy*: 100% renewable energy through Community Choice Aggregation.
- Requests Board to take action endorsing the plan as currently written. Can provide drafts for consideration at June 3 general meeting.
- More information: [climatactioncampaign.org](http://climatactioncampaign.org) or search for "San Diego *Climate Action Plan*"

Giovanni Ingolia distributed the OB Town Council's resolution in support of the *CAP*.

## INFORMATION #3: APPLE TREE MARKET

Saad Hirmez from Appletree Market presented the following information:

- Seeking a Conditional Use Permit from City to reopen market at 4976 Newport Avenue.
- City permitting process is very slow, but still moving forward.
- Already received alcohol permit from Alcohol Beverage Control and San Diego Police Department. Conditions include no small liquor bottles.
- Initially seeking a 60%-40% split between conventional and natural foods. Still researching options and will adapt to community needs. Not going to carry drugstore products.
- Valerie asked about dealing with homeless. Saad replied that he has experience dealing with this from his previous market location and does not believe it will be a problem.

## INFORMATION #4: OB COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE

- Giovanni Ingolia of the Community Plan Update Committee reported that the *OB Community Plan* is still in negotiation between City staff and California Coastal Commission (CCC) staff.
- John reported that he received a late email from Planning Department representative Karen Bucey with an update, and read the email aloud. **(Attachment #2)**
- The Board discussed a strategy to help push the plan forward. John said he will begin by engaging Karen Bucey further and will report back to the Board.

## INFORMATION #5: TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

- Blake provided general information on the features and cost of electric vehicle charging stations, and advocated for their installation in OB.
- John reported that he received an email update from City staff on the crosswalk projects that the Board had inquired about, and read the email aloud. **(Attachment #3)**

## ACTION #1: SEAT NEW MEMBERS

John reported that Nanci Kelly has submitted a verified application for the vacancy in District 2.

- Nanci introduced herself and answered brief questions.
- Motion from Jane to appoint Nanci to District 2, seconded by Pete. **Motion passes, 9-0-0.**
- Nanci was seated as a member of the Board.

John reported that Georgia Sparkman has submitted a verified application for the vacancy in District 7.

- Georgia introduced herself and answered brief questions.
- Motion from Pete to appoint Georgia to District 7, seconded by Drew. **Motion passes, 10-0-0.**
- Georgia was seated as a member of the Board.

John announced that vacancies still exist in District 1 and District 5.

## **ACTION #2: APPOINT COMMUNITY LIAISON REPRESENTATIVES**

The Board discussed the available Community Liaison positions and volunteered as shown in **Attachment #4.**

Motion from Pete to approve the Community Liaison roster as shown in **Attachment #4**, seconded by Jane. **Motion passes, 11-0-0.**

## **CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY LIAISON REPORTS**

- Due to running overtime, John ordered the community updates delayed until the next meeting, except for a brief update from the Bylaws Committee.
- *Bylaws Committee:* City staff have sent draft revisions to the Board's bylaws. The Bylaws Committee is planning to meet to review the draft revisions, and will then provide recommendations to the Board at its June 2015 meeting.

## **MEETING ADJOURNED**

Approximately 8:15 pm



John Ambert &lt;johnambert@gmail.com&gt;

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## Planning Board Meeting

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**Wear, Conrad** <BWear@sandiego.gov>  
To: John Ambert <johnambert@gmail.com>

Wed, May 6, 2015 at 4:09 PM

Hey John,

I was just emailing you. Unfortunately, I will be unable to make it tonight do to Councilmember Zapf speaking to the Point Loma Association Annual Town Hall. However, below I have listed some notable highlights in the budget for this next year City Wide and for D2.

As you might have heard, the Library and Lifeguard Station were not included in this year's budget but still remain a priority for our office.

I did want you to let the planning board know that this next Monday, we will be having the Public Hearing on Mayor's Proposed FY 2016 Budget at 6 PM. This is a great time for you and other members of the community to testify as to the need of a new lifeguard station and expanded library for Ocean Beach. I think any testimony would be helpful for laying the groundwork to make this happen if not this year, then in future fiscal years. It is important that the community show support for these types of Capital Improvement Projects to not only Councilmember Zapf but to the rest of the Council as well. I will let Gretchen know too along with Judy Collier from the Friends of the Library.

I will let our scheduler know about the proposed meeting and would be happy to touch base with you as soon as I have an update.

- **FY 2016 Budget Highlights**

- Includes \$73.6 million for Street Pavement Repairs – Over 300 miles planned (most since 2001)
- Enhanced Graffiti Abatement - 300k
- Improved Branch Library Broadband Access Enhancement - 100k
- Public Right -of- Way Tree Trimming - \$1.6 million
- Police Salary Increases - \$11.1 Million
- Addition of More Police Civilian Dispatchers Positions and Equipment - \$2.0 Million
- Implementing Bike Master Plan Operations Support (Restriping) -300K
- Over \$200 Million for Sewer/ Water Infrastructure Upgrades

- **D2...**
  - Midway Community Plan Update - 500k
  - Mission Bay Park/De Anza Special Study Area Plan - 500k
  - **Repaired Playground Equipment in Ocean Beach** and NTC Park
  - **Expanded Hours at 16 Large Recreation Centers (45 to 60 hrs/week)**
    - **Ocean Beach Rec Center 45-60 hours/week**
  - **Ocean Beach Fire Station Expansion - 500 K**
  - \$6.2M for Mission Bay Improvements (AGF00004)
  - \$1.1M Sunset Cliffs Park Hillside Improvement Project

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks Jon.

Kind regards,

Conrad

Conrad Wear

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**From:** John Ambert [mailto:[johnambert@gmail.com](mailto:johnambert@gmail.com)]

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 06, 2015 3:46 PM

**To:** Wear, Conrad

**Cc:** Blake Herrschaft

**Subject:** Re: Planning Board Meeting

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## ATTACHMENT #2

### Re: OB Community Plan Status

From: **Bucey, Karen** <KBucey@sandiego.gov>

Date: Wed, May 6, 2015 at 5:04 PM

To: John Ambert <johnambert@gmail.com>, Peter Ruscitti <ruscitti.obpb@sent.com>

John, Peter, and Gio:

Update on the Ocean Beach Community Plan

A few discussion issues remain between the City of San Diego and the Coastal Commission staff.

- Should mitigation be required for loss of lower-cost visitor serving overnight accommodations?
- Should mitigation be required for loss of public parking?
- Coastal bluff and protection devices. When to permit and when to remove.
- Bluff development setback and economic lifespan.
- Should a waiver of rights to future shoreline protection be required for new development or redevelopment?
- Should shoreline protective devices be tied to the life of the structure they are protecting and remove such devices when the structure it is authorized to protect is demolished or redeveloped. Include mitigation for shoreline armoring, if allowed, for impacts to shoreline sand supply and public access and recreation. Require periodic assessment of the need for additional mitigation and of changed conditions.

The Coastal Commission has not been set. The item is not on the May agenda but is anticipated for the June agenda.

Karen Bucey  
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John Ambert &lt;johnambert@gmail.com&gt;

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**Ocean Beach: Cross walk at Newport Avenue and Abbott Street**

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**Hannasch, Jon** <JHannasch@sandiego.gov>

Mon, Apr 27, 2015 at 12:33 PM

To: John Ambert &lt;johnambert@gmail.com&gt;

Hi John,

My apologies for the delay in this response, I had thought Nawal in our office had contacted you.

This is what we have to date:

Abbott Street at Santa Monica Avenue –This intersection was evaluated and approved for all-way stop controls.

Newport Street at Abbott Street – This has been evaluated and approved for a crosswalk. We normally do not install stop controls on an ‘elbow’.

Cable Street and Voltaire Street – This has existing all-way stop controls at the intersection.

Bacon Street and Newport Avenue – This currently has all-way stop controls. From your sketch it appears you are asking for a traffic signal, is this correct?

Point Loma Avenue and Sunset Cliffs Boulevard- an additional pedestrian count study is being ordered. This evaluation will take some additional weeks to complete.

Please note: If an intersection has all-way stop controls, we normally do not install painted crosswalks. Can you explain why you feel there should be an exception?

- Jon

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**From:** John Ambert [mailto:[johnambert@gmail.com](mailto:johnambert@gmail.com)]**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2015 10:10 AM

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**Ocean Beach Planning Board**

**Community Liaison Roster**

**2015-2016**

Community Group	OBPB Liaison		Meeting Day	Time	Location
	Primary	Alternate			
<b>Community Planners Committee</b>	John Ambert	Pete Ruscitti	4th Tuesday	7:00 PM	Metro Ops Center II Auditorium 9192 Topaz Way, Kearny Mesa
<b>Ocean Beach Town Council</b>	Drew Wilson	Andrew Waltz	4th Wednesday	7:00 PM	OB Masonic Lodge 1711 Sunset Cliffs Blvd
<b>Ocean Beach Mainstreet Association</b>	Craig Klein	Jane Gawronski	4th Thursday	12:00 PM	OBMA Office 1868 Bacon St
<b>OBMA Crime Prevention Committee</b>	Craig Klein	Jane Gawronski	3rd Tuesday	8:30 AM	OBMA Office 1868 Bacon St
<b>Ocean Beach Recreation Council</b>	Drew Wilson	Craig Klein	2nd Tuesday	6:00 PM	OB Rec Center 4726 Santa Monica Ave
<b>Ocean Beach Historical Society</b>	Tom Gawronski	Jane Gawronski	3rd Thursday	7:00 PM	Pt Loma Methodist Church 1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd
<b>Ocean Beach Community Development Corporation</b>	Jane Gawronski	Valerie Paz	2nd Thursday	7:00 PM	OB Rec Center 4726 Santa Monica Ave
<b>Ocean Beach Women's Club</b>	Nanci Kelly	Jane Gawronski	3rd Monday	5:30 PM	2160 Bacon Street
<b>Peninsula Planning Board</b>	Valerie Paz	Pete Ruscitti	3rd Thursday	6:30 PM	Point Loma Library 3701 Voltaire Street
<b>Midway Community Planning Group</b>	Dan Dennison	Georgia Sparkman	3rd Wednesday	3:00 PM	SDCC West City Campus 3249 Fordham St, Room 208
<b>SANDAG</b>	Pete Ruscitti	Georgia Sparkman	4th Friday	9:00 AM	Wells Fargo Plaza 401 B Street, 8th Floor
<b>Mission Bay Park Committee</b>	Valerie Paz	Dan Dennison	1st Tuesday	6:00 PM	Santa Clara Rec Center
<b>San Diego River Coalition</b>	Valerie Paz	-----	3rd Friday	3:00 PM	Mission Valley Library 2123 Fenton Parkway
<b>Airport Noise Advisory Committee</b>	Tom Gawronski	-----	3rd Wednesday (quarterly)	4:00 PM	Airport Noise Mitigation Offices 2722 Truxtun Rd