

## **Little Italy Residents Association**

Meeting Minutes: March 19, 2009

Guests:

Ms. Alicia Gettys, Y.M.C.A. 500 West Broadway  
Mr. James Lawson, Councilmember Kevin Faulconer  
Ms. Tara Lake, Centre City Development Corporation (CCDC)  
Mr. Gary Smith, Downtown Residents Association

### **1. Ms. Alicia Gettys**

Ms. Gettys provided an overview of the Y.M.C.A.'s programs, facility, and goals. Ms. Gettys also answered questions concerning the Y.'s senior fitness classes, their after school programs, and their free 12 week fitness program with a personal trainer.

For more information on the YMCA programs, members should contact Ms. Gettys at 619.232.7451 x 108, or visit the Y.M.C.A. website @ <http://www.downtown.ymca.org/>

### **2. Mr. James Lawson**

Mr. Lawson gave an in-depth summary of the status of several current issues and projects in the downtown area including the North Embarcadero Project and the Downtown Infrastructure Improvement Project.

The progress on the "Quiet Zone" was discussed. Although the City Council had previously voted to support sending the project out to bid, the Council will soon be debating the merits of implementing the plan. He emphasized that it is critical that all residents and businesses in the downtown area clearly express their views of this issue to the City Council.

LIRA members requested Mr. Lawson to remind Councilmember Faulconer that the neighborhood are incorporating the increased population density and tourist traffic in our neighborhood, but the TOT monies are not presently staying downtown.

The members also requested Mr. Lawson to express their support the construction of the new main library and inquired on its status.

### **3. Ms. Tara Lake**

Ms Lake provided a complete summary of the status of ongoing and proposed projects in the Little Italy area and the whole of downtown. She distributed written information concerning some of these topics including information concerning street repair and closures.

For more information on projects and improvements in the area, please visit the CCDC website @ [www.ccdc.com](http://www.ccdc.com)

#### **4. Mr. Gary Smith**

Mr. Smith explained the proposal for various new maintenance fees to be paid by residents of the downtown area. The proposed fees relate to separate, individual ongoing and new downtown projects. These projects are all public in nature, but the fees are proposed to be paid only by downtown residents. Mr. Smith reported that the Downtown Residents Group is monitoring the proposals and will update LIRA members on the progress of this issue.

#### **5. Elections were held and the following are new officers:**

President: Chris Bott  
Vice-President: Barbara Benson  
Secretary: Kathleen Hallahan  
Meeting Outreach and Publicity Chair: Robin Cepeda

Respectfully submitted by: Kathleen Hallahan