



GASLAMP QUARTER ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES

**Wednesday, May 27, 2026, | 3:30 PM San
Diego Marriott Gaslamp Quarter 660K
Street, 8th floor
San Diego, CA 92101**

| Present Board Members | Absent Board Members | GQA Staff |
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| Lucy Burni Laurie Peters Cindy Blair Josefine Jandinger Stephen Sherman Rick Borba Chris Lott Jeffrey Burg Joe Santos Kim Shattuck Vania Raitano Mark Manis Ruth Ann | Carlos Becerra Aron Langellier Howard Greenberg | Michael Trimble |

1. Call to Order – Directors Present

- Lucy Burni
- Joe Santos
- Josefine Jandinger

1. Call to Order

Luci Burni called the meeting to order at 3:37 PM.

2. Roll Call / Quorum

Michael Trimble confirmed that a quorum was present.

- **Notice of Recording:** Michael Trimble stated that the meeting would be recorded for the sole purpose of ensuring the accuracy of the meeting minutes. Attendance at the meeting constitutes consent to recording.



4. Non-Agenda Public Comment

No initial public comments were made.

Street Vending Update

Michael Trimble provided an update regarding ongoing illegal street vending issues within the Gaslamp Quarter.

Key concerns included:

- Sidewalk obstructions.
- Amplified music and DJ setups.
- Unlicensed food sales.
- Lack of sales tax collection.

Michael noted that enforcement remains limited under Senate Bill 946 and that current enforcement options primarily relate to health, safety, and ADA violations.

Michael reported that despite media attention and outreach efforts, little progress has been made in addressing the issue. He emphasized the need to collect photo and video evidence documenting illegal vending activity and illegal dumping into storm drains.

Additional efforts discussed included:

- Working with a video production company to document conditions in the district.
 - Coordinating with environmental organizations regarding storm drain violations.
 - Exploring potential involvement from state and environmental agencies.
 - Building an evidence-based case to support future advocacy efforts.
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Hotel Fraud Prevention Recognition

Michael Trimble recognized Mary Grace and Alexis for their efforts in helping prevent a potential scam targeting Gaslamp Quarter hotels. He commended their quick communication and teamwork in addressing the situation.

4 Leaf Proposal

Michael reviewed a proposal from 4 Leaf regarding potential private code enforcement services.

Discussion included:

- Estimated annual costs exceeding \$500,000.
- Legal concerns regarding private enforcement authority.
- Questions regarding feasibility and long-term sustainability.

No action was taken.

Board Member Introductions

Michael introduced newly appointed board members Ruth Ann Thorne and Mark Manis.

Ruth Ann Thorne is a property owner within the Gaslamp Quarter and an enrolled member of the Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians.

Mark Manis serves as Director of Sales and Marketing for the Hilton San Diego Gaslamp Quarter and brings more than 30 years of hospitality industry experience.

San Diego Rescue Mission Presentation

Paul Armstrong provided an overview of the San Diego Rescue Mission's outreach services and programs.

Topics discussed included:



- Relationship-based outreach strategies.
- Low-barrier shelter programs.
- Long-term recovery services.
- Outreach tracking and reporting tools.
- Opportunities for collaboration within the Gaslamp Quarter.

Discussion included potential partnership opportunities and future grant funding options to supplement existing outreach efforts.

Clean and Safe Hours Update

Michael announced that beginning July 1, Clean and Safe will operate daily from 5:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

The change is intended to improve operational effectiveness and address service priorities.

Code Enforcement Updates

Michael provided updates regarding the Saya Brasserie restaurant façade compliance matter and the Topsy Crow enclosure review. Both matters remain under review by the appropriate City departments.

Marketing and Events Update

Jenna Thompson provided updates regarding upcoming marketing initiatives and events.

World Cup

- Businesses are encouraged to submit activations and promotional offers.
- Marketing materials and venue mapping remain in development.

Pickleball Series



- Sponsorship and activation opportunities remain available.

Taste of Gaslamp

- Scheduled for September 12.
- Ten restaurants have confirmed participation.

Upcoming Meetings

- GQ Safe Meeting – July 1 at 2:00 PM.
 - Board Retreat – August 26, 2026.
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5. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:45 pm