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# First Meeting of the Planning Board

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\* \* \* MEDIA ALERT \* \* \*

DATE: January 20, 1983

TIME: 6:15 P.M. to 9:15 P.M.

PLACE: Christ United Presbyterian Church

*3025 Fir St.*

EVENT: First meeting of the Planning Board, Golden Hill neighborhood dispute resolution program, a community activity facilitated by the San Diego Law Center, University of San Diego

BACKGROUND: This program is a pilot effort to establish a non-litigation dispute resolution center, and is the first such project undertaken by the Law Center's Dispute Resolution Center launched last October with the assistance of a grant from the Weingart Foundation.

Attending the session will be the 20 men and women who make up the Planning Board (see list attached) and members of the Center's Advisory Committee, including Dr. William McGill and Law Dean Sheldon Krantz. Police Chief William Kolender, City Attorney John Witt, and--tentatively at this time--Chief Probation Officer Cecil Steppe plan to attend and have already indicated their support of and interest in the project.

The group will observe a simulated mediation presented by Joel Edelman, Santa Monica attorney nationally known for his work in non-litigation mediation--a way of handling conflict in which two or more people who have a dispute voluntarily agree to meet with a neutral third party in order to find a settlement acceptable to both. The group will also discuss the structure and development of the program.

According to attorney Carol Hallstrom, coordinator of program development for the Law Center, the goal of the program is the development of an effective alternative to the court system for the resolution of minor disputes. The Law Center will provide a small staff to coordinate the development and implementation of the program, but the policies and procedures will be determined primarily by the people who live and work in Golden Hill. Basically, the neighborhood program will be an opportunity for the community to exercise greater responsibility for troublesome behaviors occurring within its borders. It will be a community-based program for which the Center will provide technical assistance, but its success will depend on the active involvement of a broad cross-section of the community.

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This is the first time such a program has been tried in San Diego; Hallstrom has found enthusiasm and support among community residents and agency officials alike--the County Board of Supervisors has expressed interest--and the story has strong possibilities in the legal, educational, and human interest areas.

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## GOLDEN HILL NEIGHBORHOOD DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROGRAM

1. Ms. Susan Acord-Skube - Neighborhood Outreach Program
2. Mr. Tony Antonellis - Community Resident
3. Ms. Cherie Black - Community Resident
4. Ms. Makini Callahan - Southeast Criminal Justice Coalition
5. Sgt. Ray Dobbs - San Diego Police Department
6. Ms. Lou Gullans - Community Resident
7. Ms. Jessica Lewis - Golden Hill House
8. Ms. Arienda Marin - Community Resident
9. Ms. Pat Martin - Golden Hill Action Group
10. Mr. Jim Merriken - Golden Hill Businessman
11. Mr. Daniel Morales - Community Resident
12. Honorable Robert J. O'Neill - Superior Court  
Juvenile Division
13. Mr. Jerry Parker - City Attorney's Office
14. Ms. Alice Pauu - Union of Pan-Asian Communities
15. Ms. Myrna Pascual Peña - Golden Hill Attorney
16. Ms. Jean Serofy - S.D. Physicians & Surgeons Hospital
17. Mr. George White - Roosevelt Jr. High
18. Mr. Doug Willingham - Probation Department
19. Professor Paul Wohlmuth - University of San Diego  
School of Law

Carol Rogoff Hallstrom, Program Coordinator, will also sit on the Planning Board.

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