

Midway-Pacific Highway Community Planning Group Minutes

Date: Wednesday, March 16, 2022

Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting - San Diego, CA 92110

1. Call to Order: 3:02 PM

2. Approval of Minutes: No Minutes were presented for approval.

3. Public Comment:

-Councilmember Jen Cambell attended live to give various updates. Announced our board Chair Cathy Kenton as her nominee for Woman of Distinction for District 2. Made general comments about Measure E passing and tackling short term rentals and homeless issues that effect our community. Vendors ordinance was passed but waiting for coast commission to approve which should be sooner than the typical 1-3 years. Mentioned the cities recent cleanup of approximately 100 tents near NAVWARD. Encouraged residents to call police to make report for serious or non-serious offences. Said there are up to 7,000 homeless and city can't force them into housing. Father Joe's opened 400 bed shelter in East Village, another 500 beds near city hall. Thinks government ca resolve homeless issue if we make it a top priority. Thanked her staff Makana for his assistance with tenant cleanup and recent incidents. Measure E update- Judge thought EIR report was over 24 months, no problem with CEQA, Since Judge struck it down, would need to go back to the ballot box. Still appealing judgement- feels confident next judge would rule in cities favor after seeing updated EIR. She already saw updated draft of EIR. Cathy noted she received draft of new EIR and would forward on. Cathy asked if city attorney can take new report to original judge but Jen said no, already asked to do that.

-Daniel Smiechowski: former lifeguard, sees Measure E being brought back to life. Running for Council District 2 seat. Wants to get major league sports to San Diego. Thinks funds form non-locals is unfair to locals and that politics is all about raising money unfortunately. Very concerned about Midway and our homeless problems. Asked public to read his ballot statement and vote your conscious.

-Margaret Virissimo: congratulated Cathy for her nomination. She is a Peninsula CPG board member and concerned for Midway issues. Noted a few coming up in their meeting Thursday that affect us. Sunset Cliffs parking and camping rules and more.

-Becky Repp: congratulated Cathy for her nomination. Wanted to bring up proposal to loosen marijuana regulations from Whitmore's office. Whitmore announced his plans are still being ironed out and details will change. She is concerned on cap to how many stores per area- currently 4.

-Rebecca Shulman: opening up Stardust Spa on Midway Drive. Received an SBA loan but waiting on DSD before moving forward with her plans. Has been vandalized as the building sits vacant. Lives in Point Loma and wants to make something positive happen in Midway. Disappointed in delays and lack of response from the city to help small businesses. Mainly wants to acknowledge the problem and looking for tips. *Nancy Graham asked her to send an email that she can try and forward on to supervisors in the right department.

4. Government Office Reports

a. Mayor's Office, Kohta Zaiser:

-Cathy read letter regarding Hancock and Sports Arena cleanup from Kohta. He and others met with group at the Orchard Apartments. They will be following up on that. Major announced Build Better SD initiatives that allocate DIF fees to larger pool which would be shared with the entire city and grouped by project type. City Council to review April/May. Homeless could occurred this year after COVID hiatus. Data from count should be available soon.

b. Council District 2's Office, Makana Rowan: see above.

c. Planning Department, Lisa Lind: New contact is **Nancy Graham**.

-Sent link for Hillcrest and College Area community plan updates for public feedback.

d. Police Department, Officer David Surwilo:

-Met with group at the Orchard and still working through growing problems in their area. Will continue to focus on it.

e. Housing Commission, Lisa Jones:

f. Regional Airport Authority, Ashley Martinez:

-Mentioned Spirit Airlines new non-stop flight routes. Terminal 1 parking lot is undergoing renovations. Mask mandate has been extended another 30 days following TSA guidelines.

g. County Supervisor District 3 Office, Rebecca Smith:

-reminder to call crisis hotline for anyone in need: 888.724.7240. small business grants are available for anyone interested, webinar April 7th at 1:00pm.

- h. State Senator Toni Atkins Office, Cole Reed:
 - finishing Woman of the District. Introduced SB1041 to make sales tax exemption permanent to military entities, currently expires in 2023.
 - i. Assemblymember Chris Ward, Rachel Granadino:
 - j. Congressman Scott Peters Office, Cesar Solia: New contact is **Aeryk Young**.
 - k. SANDAG, Jack Christensen: texted Dike meeting coming up 3/25/22.
 - l. Naval Base Point Loma, Muska Laiq: had jury duty today, still no NAVWAR update.
 - m. MCRD, Jim Gruny:
5. Information Items
- a. Discover Midway- Sports Arena presentation:
 - Jessica Jones from Brookfield introduced partners and started PowerPoint presentation. New proposal includes Affirmed Housing. Noted their group was originally selected by City in August 2020. Implementing the communities' input into new plan. *Ted Lohman, VP Brookfield: they have the operating experience, financial capacity, community based, makes their team the right balance and best-rounded team. 11 acres of public space, renovated arena, focusing on delivering housing first, 3,277 units, 600k of retail/office space, parking for all units. * Jim Silverwood, CFO Affirmed Housing: based in SD for 25 years, has 5 active projects, believed Brookfield/ASM were the best partners. Open to supportive housing although non currently planned. * John Seymour, Affirmed Housing: 1,000 apartments, explained how GAP funding works to build the affordable units. Other developers are no self-funding for the affordable apartment units, Brookfield to put up the \$100 million. Other plans will have to wait for funding and compete against 2,000 units currently unfunded. *Duncan Peterson, Gensler: 20 years in SD, focused on making the site a community attraction open to the public. Rebuilding arena wouldn't interrupt the operations very long. Better option to update the façade. Wants to keep 16,000 seat capacity and make it an indoor/outdoor experience. Jessica: mentioned potential meeting space for our CPG meetings and their community partners.
 - Board feedback: Tod, likes idea of keeping old arena, asked about bridge in renderings which Ted said are just conceptual. Dike, any idea on when city will make selection? Ted said likely by June.
 - b. Announcement of MPHCPG Sports Arena Town Hall meeting on 3/24/22, 5:30pm-7:30pm at EF International language school. Each 5 bidders will present for 10 minutes then will stay around to take questions at their individual booths. Put together by Cathy and Dike on the board. Working to get the word out to the community- potentially Jen Campbell to attend.
6. Action Items
- a. CPG Elections and Board Seats:
 - i. Dike made motion to appoint Karen Anderson-Thatcher to a vacant board seat. Jason seconded, unanimous board approval.
 - ii. It was discussed Dike and Jason's seats were to be extended 3 more years to 2024. Judy and Amy's seats to be extended 3 more years to 2025. Cathy's seat to be extended 1 more year to 2023. Board discussed with Nancy on how to properly vote and if needed. Nancy suggested voting on each of the 5 board members 1 by 1 which board agreed and proceeded to do. All board members were unanimously voted back on to the board for said terms.
 - iii. Cathy resigned as Chair and nominated Dike who accepted. Jason seconded Dike as Chair. Dike nominated Jason as Secretary and Amy as Vice Chair. All motions passed unanimously.
7. CPC Report: none.
8. Chair Report: none.
9. New Business: none.
10. Old Business: none.
- Adjournment: 5:15pm.