

Midway-Pacific Highway Community Planning Group Minutes

Date: Wednesday, May 18, 2022

Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting - San Diego, CA 92110

1. Call to Order: 3:02 PM. Quorum present: Dike, Cathy, Amy, Jason, Judy, Chuck, Quentin.
2. Approval of Minutes: No Minutes were presented for approval.
3. Public Comment: none.
4. Information Items
 - a. CMH Shelter Update- County Supervisor Nathan Fletcher and Councilmember Jennifer Campbell:
 - Supervisor Fletcher attending live and updating the group on the county homeless shelter planned on Rosecrans Street. Had storage structure in storage that could hold up to 150 beds. Has heard of Midway's issues and needs for additional services in the area. Behavioral Health Department will be onsite. Designed to be transition to permanent housing. Lucky Duck will be involved along with SDHAC. County will be providing screening services in addition to supplying the land. Lucky Duck will provide and construct structure. *Hafsa Kraka, Mayor Gloria's office: Mayor's office has been working behind the scenes to bring more initiatives like this to fruition. Shelters like this are the first step in support to homeless. This was also achieved through the Community Action Plan. *Dike asked where the occupants will come from. Fletcher and Hafsa highlighted outreach services and need in the immediate area. Lisa mentioned it will be a 24 hour shelter with increased convenience. Fletcher said they plan on operating in early July 2022. Dike asked about projected timelines on people going into and out of the shelter. Hafsa mentioned they will be collecting and analyzing the data on how operations going. Will have overall stats on their website when available.
 - b. Public Safety Update- Intersection of homelessness & Crime- District Attorney Summer Stephan:
 - DA Stephan attending live, noted her department began collecting data regarding any misdemeanors that occurred in the last 2 years regarding homelessness issues. Report was recently released 3/21/22 to the public. They analyzed the info and looked at the nationwide info to come up with some solutions: 1) they consulted with a large technology company, also a non-profit, a database of all available beds in San Diego county. Here, they could place someone in need with a bed within 8 minutes on one phone call. This system was very effective and innovative but took all shelter operators in the county cooperate. It takes into account the individual's unique needs based on an assessment all providers agreed to use. This system was based on an existing spousal abuse system. 2) to create a 3 tier diversion program that provides an incentive for individuals with drug abuse/mental illness/homelessness via a "treatment court". 3) Legislative fix proposed by assemblymember Edmunds bill that mirrors the language her officer proposed to lower the standard of "gravely disabled" similar to other states. *Quentin asked if they'd calculated how much it cost in reactionary public service and how much could be saved by providing the necessary upfront investments. DA Stephan didn't have that info but liked the idea of quantifying those numbers and would look into it.
5. Government Office Reports
 - a. Mayor's Office, Kohta Zaiser:
 - in budget season, Mayor recently released 2nd raft. Allocating additional funds for public restrooms and police overtime. June 13th is final date for council to review/approve.
 - b. Council District 2's Office, Makana Rowan:
 - their office currently reviewing Mayor's 2nd raft budget and will review before submitting their comments. Still working with the residents at The Orchard. Work on a new conservatorship program that will help with high resource homeless cases.
 - c. Planning Department, Nancy Graham: not present.
 - d. Police Department, Officer David Surwilo: not present.
 - e. Housing Commission, Lisa Jones:
 - still 100% occupied at harm shelter. Plan to run census on where folks are coming from.
 - f. Regional Airport Authority, Ashley Martinez: not present.
 - g. County Supervisor District 3 Office, Rebecca Smith: not present.
 - h. State Senator Toni Atkins Office, Cole Reed:
 - emailed update: see chat info, major issue was reproductive rights amendment.
 - i. Assemblymember Chris Ward, Rachel Granadino: not present.
 - j. Congressman Scott Peters Office, Aeryk Young: not present.
 - k. SANDAG, Jack Christensen: not present.
 - l. Naval Base Point Loma, Muska Laiq: not present.
 - m. MCRD, Jim Gruny: not present.
6. Action Items

Estudillo St CO CUP Renewal #698999 - Scott Bernet

-address 3500 Estudillo St. only minor modification was that bullet proof glass no longer required in reception area. New designation from "MMCC" to "CO", Cannabis Outlet. Original 5-year term expired during lockdowns. Currently applying for a 5 year renewal. Dike motioned to grant applicant's request for approval from the MPHCPG for their CUP permit renewal. Amy seconded. Motion passed unanimously 6-0.

7. CPC Report: Councilmember Joe Lacava spoke about council policy 600-24 and 600-9 ("CPG Reform"). Information item about the cannabis equity assessment from Laura Gibbs, cannabis business division re updates to codes. Another action item, Kelly Stanco, came up about climate action plan consistency regulations. Supposed to be a 5 year update but we are in year 7 now.
 8. Chair Report: Dike spoke and submitted the letter we discussed last meeting. Land Use committee took group's recommendation to allow all 5 bidders to proceed and not narrow the list down to 3 on a 3-1 vote. Committee to make its recommendation to council next Monday. Dike also mentioned potential enhancements to the group's new website- open to hearing any suggestions. Chuck thanks Dike for his articulate statement to the Land Use Committee and requested Dike to make another appearance at Monday's meeting. Chuck noted that he's been hearing rumblings that the council will narrow the list regardless of LU committee's recommendation.
 9. New Business: none.
 10. Old Business: none.
- Adjournment: 4:32pm.