

## Midway Community Planning Group Minutes

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

- 1) Call to Order: 3:04 PM
- 2) Introductions around the room – Quorum Met
- 3) Members Present: George Diaz, Todd Howarth, Gilbert Kennedy, Cathy Kenton, Randall LaRocco, Judy Holiday (Palmore), Amy Stark, Mike Swanston
  - a) Members Excused: Kurt Sullivan, Dave Siegler
- 4) Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Gil Kennedy, and seconded by Amy Stark to approve the May 18, 2016 minutes. The motion was unanimously approved. A motion was made by Gil Kennedy, and seconded by George Diaz to approve the June 15, 2016 minutes. The motion was unanimously approved.
- 5) Public Comment: Swell Coffee Co. treated all present to freshly baked chocolate chip cookies.
- 6) City/ Government Office Reports:
  - a) Bruce Williams for Council District 2 office – On behalf of Lori Zapf, & in celebration of 50 years of planning group participation in San Diego, Bruce presented a beautiful custom Midway CPG banner & stand to the group. A homeless encampment was broken up over the summer; the Churchill Hotel has been renovated & is open to house homeless Veterans & children out of foster care.
  - b) No rep from the Mayor's office was present. One is expected to attend the Oct. meeting.
  - c) Vickie White, SD Planning Dept. – Updates: Work is continuing on the draft Midway Community Plan. A Mobility Report update was added to the plan to consider bigger solutions to the Rosecrans Intersection, and they are continuing how to address the Greenwood St. extension.

Chair Kenton wanted confirmation that there is still time to address rezoning in the industrial area. Vickie said rezoning is part of the Community Plan.

Vickie looked into the question of IS1 zoning in our industrial zones, the small industrial area has parking advantages over other areas.

Chair Kenton brought up the push back in the press on the Climate Plan. Most all of our community is with the proposed transit area. Vickie mentioned that the Environmental Impact plan report process will help to address the Climate Plan.
  - d) SD Police Dept. – Officer David Surwilo is back from active duty, and introduced his co-CRO new to the Midway district, Officer Ricardo Pinion. The 6-month shift change is underway; explained process & encouraged us to contact our CRO's and have issues addressed quickly via their network. Western division is understaffed but that is being worked on to hire more officers. JD/Manager of Old Town Inn, thanked the officers for the excellent work they did in helping to resolve the presence of homeless overwhelming their property & guests. When asked about crime statistics for Midway, Officer Surwilo stated that the incidents are nothing out of the ordinary, and referred us to [www.crimemapping.com](http://www.crimemapping.com) to view a rolling 3 months' reporting of crime in any area. His email: [dsurwilo@pd.sandiego.com](mailto:dsurwilo@pd.sandiego.com)
  - e) Regional Airport Authority – No rep, but Chair Cathy Kenton read an email report sent to her: Heads-up that pile-driving at the new parking facility will begin in a couple of weeks, from 7AM – 7PM, noise may be disruptive to some in the community.
  - f) State Senator Marty Block Office – No rep in attendance

- g) Assembly member Toni Atkins' Office – Jason Weisz: 9 days until bills will be voted on, in case anyone wants to submit final input. \$15/hour wage increase passed. Climate Action Bill passed. A Medical Interpreter Bill is being examined how best to implement. Sept. is Hunger Awareness Month.
- h) Congressman Scott Peters' office – No representative in attendance, but Jason Weisz (above) mentioned that the comment period for Congressman Peterson's pitch to HUD to hear about San Diego's need for a greater percentage of the available Federal funds. He is looking for support letters, Option D is recommended. The Board can send a support letter, as can individual members. This is to encourage that HUD amend the way that HUD allocates homeless funding dollars. The window for comment has been re-opened.

Chair offered to send a letter in support of Option D on behalf of the Board.

A motion was made by Chair to add an emergency action item to today's agenda to vote on the letter.

- 7) Chair Report: Cathy Kenton - The new EF School (Education First) was recognized and welcomed to the neighborhood. Cathy took a tour of the school & was very impressed. Henrik Nilsson was in attendance representing the school, they just welcomed 500 new students. EF is a language school, in 70 countries, 25 year in San Diego, Midway is their new location. Hendrik can be contacted by email for a tour of the school: [Henrik.Nilsson@EF.com](mailto:Henrik.Nilsson@EF.com)

8) Informational Items/Reports/Presentations:

- a) **Ad Hoc BID/MAD Subcommittee meeting report** – Gil Kennedy – 16 people attended the first meeting, 5 Board members. Agenda was to address: 1. Formation of a new MAD in Midway, and 2. Distribution of aging/existing BID funds, which must be used, they have been unused since 2009. 3 common themes in all discussions about what issues should be considered: Security, trash & outreach. They heard from Alpha Project who is a provider of housing and interventions for the homeless, being used by other communities; Alpha has a phone number for requesting services/response.

Suggested actions to take: formalize the Ad Hoc Committee, and empower the Committee to obtain proposals from vendors (information gathering) on behalf of the Board.

Consensus re: MAD formation was positive interest from property owners that attended Ad Hoc Committee meeting. Next step is a document by/for property owners to form a Non-Profit to administer the MAD. Engaging the larger property owners will be key to success in forming, need their support (ex: Target Center) It will take about 2 years to form the MAD. Discussion ensued as to how to move forward to form a MAD: No district line overlap; benefits must be directly correlated to the distribution of the funds collected, per existing formula. Gil stated that the focus will now be on the distribution of the existing funds.

Next steps: Engage vendors for proposals to use the BID funds, before the next MPG Board meeting, and MAD Formation, which requires one of the Midway property owners to take the lead. Cathy & Gil will get together next week as reps of property owners to discuss a MAD formation.

It was noted that all meetings of the Ad Hoc Committee must be formally posted, to document with the City.

- b) **Projects within Midway** – Anthony Theodore gave an informational presentation describing 2 projects his clients would like to move forward with: a senior housing project across from Liberty Station, and a Storage Facility. Brief discussion, Q & A's. Projects would require rezoning, additional presentations at future meetings will be made.
- c) Chair Cathy Kenton reviewed the **PCPB Letter** to Mayor, Council & City Attorney re: Enforcement of the Coastal Height Limitation Overlay Zones, sent to members prior to the meeting.

9) Action Items:

- a) Proposed Moore Street Closure at Denny's: Cathy contacted Vickie White to contact the Transportation Dept. of City. Vickie reported that the proposal is to extend/close the median. This is an unfunded City need, and that a motion to support would help the City to identify funding to move forward with the project.

Gill motioned to authorize Cathy to send a letter on behalf of the Board to the City to close the median on Rosecrans @ Moore St. The motion was seconded by Judy. Vote was unanimous.

- b) Gil motioned that the Board vote to permit Chair Cathy Kenton draft a letter to HUD recommending that HUD adjust the formula used to allocate homeless funds. Amy seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

10) Old Business - None

- 11) New Business – Two vacancies on the Board (to fill Meg Newcomb's seat, & Jacob McEwen resigned since the last meeting.) POI Stuart Anderson is being torn down, possibly to be used as a public parking lot.

12) Meeting Adjournment: 4:52 PM