

## Midway Planning Group Board Minutes: Oct. 19, 2016

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:02pm
2. Introductions
3. Members Present: George Diaz, Todd Howarth, Gilbert Kennedy, Cathy Kenton, Randall LaRocco, Judy Holiday (Palmore), Dave Siegler, Amy Stark, Kurt Sullivan – Quorum met
  - a. Members Excused: Mike Swanston
4. Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes of the September meeting was made by Judy Holiday and seconded by Todd Howarth. The motion was unanimously approved.
5. Public Comment:

Ron Slayen, a landlord who owns a property at 2061 Kurtz Street spoke against the proposed Marijuana Dispensary for legal marijuana at 3500 Estudillo. This site is within less than 1,000 feet of a cheerleading school where most students are under 18. It is also about 1,000 feet from the VVSD Licensed Drug Treatment facility at 4141 Pacific Highway. Pot dispensaries are supposed to be more than 1,000 feet from schools with youth and from drug rehab facilities. Mr.Slayen claimed this pot dispensary information was approved with false information by the City Planning Commission and ask for approval to be revoked. George Diaz commented that the gym/cheerleading and VVSD facilities were measured by the City of San Diego Development Services Department in accordance with SDMC §113.0225(c) and that train tracks between the gym property and the dispensary serve to impede direct physical access between the uses. Melanie Nickel asked Bruce Williams to speak to Councilwoman Zapf if the structure is within 1,000 feet of the school and the rehab center.

Randall LaRocco stated that the Education First (EF) school was causing problems by Wing Street and Evergreen and Shadowlawn Street. He noted there was much noise, loitering, trash problems, and cars parked illegally. Jeremy Graham, who oversees security at the school, said he would review this information and take it to the school leadership. Jeremy and Randall agreed to review this situation at a later date. Kurt said the school needs to patrol its students. It was mentioned that new students attend this school every 3 weeks.

6. City/Government Reports:

- a. Anthony George from the Mayor's office informed the Board that the industrial area on Hancock is being monitored by the police to deter crime and help the homeless access shelter and other needs. He said the Homeless Outreach Team (HOT) is coming there to help. Anthony also stated that Mayor Faulconer has hired Stacy Spector as a Senior Advisor to handle homeless issues. The subcommittee led by Gil Kennedy has received two applications to provide homeless outreach, one from Alpha Project, and Securitas. He is working with Scott Peters' office and the Mayor's office and plans to contact Burger King about the many homeless people who loiter at the Burger King parking lot near Rosecrans. Gil's subcommittee will draft priorities and invite Board members and the community to review the proposals. Brian Elliott from Scot Peters' office will provide requested support.
- b. Bruce Williams representing Councilwoman Laurie Zapf, said construction will soon start of Ollie and Venus Streets for the Liberty station Metroplex. The FAA is keeping the Mayor's office informed about flight patterns and other airport issues and will send a Power Point to Cathy Kenton. Dixieline has signed a 4-year lease agreement. Alpha Project has a \$130,000 grant for homeless outreach in Districts 3 and 9.
- c. Planning: Vickie White updated the current plan.

7. Chair Report: Cathy Kenton informed the Board that Drug Take Back Day will occur on October 22 (Flyer available). The De Anza Revitalization Plan will be presented November 7 from 6-8:30 at Mission Bay High School with draft designs.

Judy Holiday reported the Sports Arena area between Red Lobster and the Arco was inundated with homeless people and was unwalkable.

8. Information Items:

- a. Gil Kennedy reported that the Ad Hoc BID/MAD subcommittee is seeking proposals for trash collection, outreach, and security that they can use as a starting point to determine costs.
- b. Anthony Theodore and Mike McFee spoke about zoning for apartments that could be built at 2837-2911 Cadiz. They propose redeveloping

property near Liberty Station and are requesting higher density for 35 units and parking there. Vicki White and Mike McPhee recommended that Cadiz be residential instead of a mixed zone, but that Lytton remain a commercial street.

#### 9. Action Items

- a. Cathy Kenton and Kurt Sullivan discussed the Midway Post Office location. The current owner is trying to sell the property. However, City staff has recommended designating the building as historical which would impose special requirements for any new owner. The prospective owner may walk away from this property if the Historical Preservation is required. Kurt and others stated the building was not attractive or special and there was no good reason to require the historical preservation. Losing the opportunity to sell/redevelop this building could create neighborhood blight. The Board voted unanimously to approve writing a letter to the Historical Resources Board stating they should not approve a historical designation, and for Cathy Kenton to appear at the meeting on October 27 to represent the Board's position, and if necessary, to file an appeal of the decision. Kurt volunteered to draft the letter for the Midway Planning Group.

10. CPC Report: Cathy mentioned that Minidorm legislation that mainly impacts the SDSU area was reviewed at a recent CPC meeting. She pointed out there was a lack of full disclosure at the meeting. She did not vote on this issue, since it has minimal impact on the Midway District.

#### 11. Old Business:

- a. We have 2 Board vacancies. Mention of Dawn Reilly from Swell Coffee was interested in serving. Also, the possibility of an EF representative on the Midway Planning Group Board was mentioned as a possibility.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:02pm.