

Midway Planning Group Minutes: 1/19/17

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:02 pm
2. Introductions – Dawn Reilly was introduced as a new member of the Midway Planning Group
3. Members present: Cathy Kenton, Judy Holiday (Palmore), Dawn Reilly, Amy Stark, George Diaz, Tod Howarth, Mike Swanston, a quorum was present
4. Members excused: Gil Kennedy, Randall LaRocco, Kurt Sullivan, Dave Siegler
5. Approval of minutes from Dec 2016 was tabled to the February meeting.
6. Public Comment
 - a. Anthony Theodore with Coldwell spoke of the “re-gentrified” property near Liberty Station. He spoke of change in square footage and in the zoning (with mixed and commercial). Chairperson explained that the board can’t take action at this point.
 - b. Judy Holiday (Palmore) provided an overview of her “walk about” with Amy Stark and Bruce Williams who is from Lori Zap’s office. They walked portions of Sports Arena and Hancock Streets – near The Orchard Apartments. She shared how they all discussed the problems inherent with the high concentration of homeless in the area. The need for additional parking, possible speed bumps, reduced speed limits, an increase of time for pedestrians to cross streets at certain lights, the clean up of bus stop benches and city streets had also been discussed.
7. City Government Office Reports:
 - a. Mayor’s Office – Anthony George spoke of the Mayor’s State of the City Address. The main topics were tourism, homelessness, housing affordability (low to moderate income). Tourism – plans to raise the TOT (tax) and with the increase of the revenue stream will contribute to the funding of permanent housing for homeless, street repairs and expand the Convention Center.
Regarding the homeless there are plans to increase emergency beds & install a 211 services to access those facilities using provided government phones.
 - b. Police Department – Officers David Surwilo and Ricardo Pinon emphasized the importance of calling and reporting so as to direct police activity and resources more accurately into the Western Division. They explained that there has been a shift rotation the past weekend. Quality of Life Teams are reaching out to provide services, which per the officers, will be useful to the Western Division. Judy Holiday (Palmore) and the officers referred to a “ride a long” she took with the police. She shared that her experience was that the majority of calls dealt with the homeless issue.
 - c. Assembly Member Office of Todd Gloria - Adrienne Martinez came to address the group. She informed the group of the Regional Task Force for homelessness. She also informed the group of the “We All Count/Point in Time Count” even to take place the following Friday at 4AM.

- d. City Government Office Reports – Council District Lorie Zapf. Filling in for Bruce Williams from Lorie Zapf’s office was James McGuirk. He related the schedule and some of the complexities of the CPPS and made some recommendations for how the Midway district could receive funds from this discretionary fund. The application process (with a December due date), the scheduled fund replenishment (which starts in July), the 3rd party vendors who could provide services which could be funded through CPPS, and a brief overview of how PB applied and utilized funds with “I Love A Clean San Diego”.

- e. Planning Department – Vickie White. Vickie provided a slide presentation and handouts. Status update re Midway-Pacific Highway Community Plan Update Camino del Rio District Land Use and Zoning. Questions were brought up by Chairperson Cathy Kenton of the Midway Community Planning Group re: the zoning which, according to the proposed land use map, remained Urban Industrial IS -1-1 versus a change of zoning so to a mixed use zone. Tate Galloway addressed this and said they would submit an alteration or alternative to the current plans for a possible change to the zoning in the currently zoned IS-1-1 area. Update on the former post office sale and further information on the Climate Action Plan was also provided.

7.) Chair Report – Cathy Kenton brought up the open position on the Midway Community Planning Group . Also brought up were the elections coming up in March 2017.

8.) The Meeting adjourned at 5:02 pm.