

**Midway Planning  
November 15, 2017**

3:04 pm Call to Order

Quorum was not present at start: Cathy Kenton, Kurt Sullivan, Tod Howarth, Dawn Reilly present at start. Mike Swanston arrived at 3:18. Judy Holiday & George Diaz arrived at 3:26 to establish the quorum.

Members excused: David Siegler, Amy Stark  
Members Absent: Gilbert Kennedy, Randall LaRocco

Minutes from September: Dawn motioned at 3:36 PM; Tod seconded. Unanimous approval.

No meeting to be held in December.

**Public Comment:**

Dawn invited anyone to join in beach clean-up final party and raffle.

Omar Passons introduced himself as running for District 4 board of supervisors. Attorney with public health and land use background who came from the SD foster care system. Committed to the community and lives in it.

**Government Reports:**

Officer Pinon reported on homeless issue activity in the last week within the district. 26 citations issued; 18 illegal structures removed; 44 arrests made; 9 placements of homeless into resources. Encouraged email notification of any issues. Resource offering is first priority with small percentage taking up the offer and many not interested which necessitates action by police of enforcement. An area resident in attendance commented that the recent police activity has made a big, positive difference.

Bruce Williams expressed councilmember Zapf's thanks for support of the new tents; some other communities have not been as supportive. Zapf suggested former Chargers' training facility be considered for another shelter. Trying to improve parking situation for Orchard Apartments via traffic and procurement of consultant to evaluate; east side of Hancock to alter to head-in parking to net 30 more spaces and further changes to be evaluated. Judy asked for speed calming to be evaluated through signage and crosswalk addition in front of the rental office; Bruce will check with traffic. Moore Street crossing is in final update by engineering; looking to close the median and add striping/flex barriers within 30 days. The Hep A challenges have necessitated moving the November clean-up day to the spring; Judy indicated this delay would allow time to approach area businesses for support and asked for an advance date setting to allow time for this.

Chevelle from Toni Atkin's office distributed news on the senator's activities and state issues. Affordable housing in SD County will receive \$ 6 million from state initiative. Supported \$ 4 billion bond initiative for next year's ballot with \$ 12 million to come back to SD. Holiday party on December 19 at 5:30 joint with other assembly members in Toni's office with Alpha Project

as benefitting non-profit for the event. Omar Passons suggested Alpha food as caterer for the event.

Cathy was asked by Anthony George (who could not attend) to share that he is the mayor's office point person for any issues on the homeless problem and welcomes input and calls.

Vickie White said draft EIR continuing to be worked; trying to maximize ability for stakeholders to review. Mid-December is target for issuance; that would allow 2 planning group meetings to discuss within review period. August 2018 target approval and implementation of any zoning changes.

Cathy read items from Peggy Cooper on airport: Lufthansa will start service from SD on March 27, 2018. Alaska Airlines has begun service to Mexico City. New federal inspection station construction project on time/on budget. New parking structure is on time/on budget. No other government present or submitted reports.

### **Veterans Village of San Diego:**

Andre Simpson and Aaron Magee presented on the proposed veterans shelter to be housed in the district. 3 shelters proposed: one in downtown, one by Alpha Project; one by VVSD behind Goodwill in Navy's storage lot (same location as operated for a number of years up to 2015). To house 200 veterans starting December 2017 for 2 years. Coordinates with SDPD and HOT. Funding for first 7 months in place; more expected to be committed for remainder of term. This is a bridge program to get veterans off the street and transitioned to permanent housing. Targets veterans who have the government subsidy in place but nowhere to exercise/access services. Variety of services including housing, employment, clothing to. Area businesses have been briefed by VVSD on the plan and expressed support based on VVSD's reputation for past operation of shelters. Expectation is to move veterans to housing options within 30 to 90 days with city maximum target at 120 days. The group expressed support of the initiative.

### **Chair Report:**

Cathy asks all to read/review EIR items marked in yellow on her summary. Board members volunteered to take 1 or 2 sections marked in blue as follows:

- Dawn took Historical & Cultural Tribal Resources & Visual Effects and Neighborhood Character
- Tod took Noise & Health/Safety
- Kurt took Biological Resources & Paleontological Resources
- George took Public Services & Facilities & Public Utilities
- Mike took Geologic Conditions & Air Quality
- Cathy took Hydrology/Water Quality & Greenhouse Gas Emissions.

If anyone finds something of high importance, contact Cathy and she will consider holding a special, properly noticed public meeting. Otherwise discussion will occur in January. Due to sunshine law requirements there is to be no group emailing of thoughts or concerns, rather all must occur within official meetings.

Cathy distributed a print out of a sign discouraging panhandling contribution as something that is worth considering. Kurt suggested former BID funds be used to rent a billboard at Rosecrans from I-5 ramp area stating "YOUR Midway Planning Group asks that you not give money to panhandlers. To make a REAL difference donate to VVSD, Fr. Joe's or \_\_\_\_\_." Request was made that using these funds accordingly be explored with the city. Bruce indicated that outlawing certain intersections where accidents have occurred from panhandling is being explored; Bruce encouraged members writing to City Attorney Mara Elliott to express individual concern for this issue.

Request for any interest in becoming a board member to fill vacancies was made. Cathy is discussing joining board with Dixieline manager. Cathy would like to see EF have a representative on the board.

EF is willing to host some special planning group meetings (as they did for the homeless issue discussion) but cannot commit to regular monthly meetings.

**Other:**

No new or old business.

Adjourned at 4:25 pm