

Minutes:

Midway Pacific Highway Community Planning Group

March 21, 2018

Call to Order at 3:04 pm

Attendance:

--Cathy Kenton, Kurt Sullivan, Tod Howarth, David Siegler, Randall LaRocco, Dawn Reilly, Mike Swanston, Amy Stark, George Diaz, Gil Kennedy

Excused: Judy Holiday

--6 members present at time of vote, others arrived afterward

--**January 2018:** Kurt moved, Amy 2nd. **Approved** (5 yes; 0 no; 1 abstain)

--**February 2018:** Amy moved, Tod 2nd. **Approved** (5 yes; 0 no; 1 abstain)

Public Comment:

--None

Government Reports:

--**Peggy Cooper** sent email on airport issues and Cathy read: Lufthansa launch event March 22; May 16 new parking plaza ceremony; August 90th airport anniversary

--**Vicki White** present and will report in Action Item section on Community Plan

Action Items:

--**Vicki White reported on Community Plan.** Displayed and discussed status of plan including land use and zoning using PowerPoint presentation. Finalizing EIR now; Planning Commission to hear on April 26; Land Use & Smart Growth Committee on May 24; City Council on June 26. Vicki asked for board input and action on the plan as shown:

-Tod inquired on homeless population issues related to future park development--Vicki advised this plan to be long term in nature and community policies will dictate how the park areas will be governed and overseen most likely in a public/private type of arrangement.

-Dawn expressed need for a dog park within the community--Vicki said that will be considered in the specific design process for each area as it becomes developable.

-Vicki commented on MCRD inclusion in the plan whereas prior plans did not include--Planning felt there was relevance to the community, that no other communities included it and it was appropriate to incorporate it into Midway.

-Vicki commented on tandem parking--flexibility was included in the plan to allow for multiple option for meeting the need such as diagonal, stacked (tandem), straight rather than limit to only one option. Cathy expressed concern on whether tandem parking is really meeting the need through actual use not placing a second vehicle but taking up the full area with just one. Vicki said she found only one study on this topic and it indicated that areas with tandem parking were shown to still have available parking in the area. Conclusion: No guarantee dual use will occur, but conditions are expected to prompt people to use it.

-Gil commented on community character in the Kemper-Camino Del Rio area along Midway--other areas in city of this community entry nature are not solely commercial but have residential

but Midway by nature repels residential. Tait Galloway of SD Planning indicated the group in 2011 determined that it should remain commercial and not include residential and the focus should be uplifting the commercial uses.

-Cathy commented that mobility remains a problem because of a lack of creativity in dealing with transportation issues that exist now and will increase in the future. The Peninsula community travel route through Midway remains a major problem and the plan does not provide for mitigation. Rosecrans was cited as a problem that signal staging and timing will not cure and that board suggestion for over or under route construction, while certainly costly, is not considered in this plan. Vicki indicated that the ideas were considered (overpass/underpass) but the area constraining factors do not allow for that however, language can be included in the plan to allow for future implementation of creative ideas.

-Dave inquired on better synchronization of Midway & Sports Arena signals and Vicki indicated that is an aspect of the mobility plan.

-Randall inquired on the new streets showed on the plan and expressed concern that the added frontage development would create additional traffic that is not managed in the plan. Vicki responded that the areas already allow commercial development and that there is just a small amount of residential proposed for addition, so the added traffic is not significant.

-Cathy expressed that the plan is a good and exciting addition to the area despite the lack of true resolution strategies for the vehicle mobility problems. Mike expressed that the plan must include flexibility and encouragement for technology and mobility developments that may come to light to address congestion. Tod expressed that there has been a lot of management around constraints that bear on the area.

-George expressed density concern on Hancock. Tait said provision of the potential for the stated density was deemed valuable, but the challenge is still there for developers to meet parking needs specific to proposed development.

-Kurt expressed that this plan delivers needed good things in terms of certainty for those who want to invest in development in the community; rearranges uses in a sensible manner; and adds routing to break up large blocks and for this reason it merits recommendation. However, he stressed that the glaring lack of solving the major traffic congestion prevents this from being "perfect". He asked that the plan allow for future implementation of such traffic solutions should they be proposed or encouraged.

Cathy called the issue: Gil moved to support the community plan update with the addition of policy language to include creative and thoughtful transportation systems on both a regional and local level as well as policy language that includes flexibility for implementation of innovation in technology.

Dawn seconded. No further discussion. Unanimous approval. Cathy offered to appear in support pending date & time.

--Request by Geoff Page for support of letter to City Attorney as distributed to the board regarding Proposition D. Kurt & Cathy expressed that, feeling that the 30' height restriction for the Midway commercial area is not appropriate notwithstanding, the application of Proposition D as intended and written without loopholes is appropriate. **Kurt moved that we support; Gil seconded. Unanimous approval.** Cathy will send an email on this.

--Cathy announced that Randall LaRocco's prior meeting absences requires removal under Council Policy 600-24 policy. Amy moved; Tod seconded. **Unanimous approval.**

--Board vacancy: With assurance from Randall of future attendance, Tod moved that Randall LaRocco be elected to fill the vacancy; Amy seconded. Unanimous approval.

Chair Report:

--**Election results:** George Diaz, Judy Holiday, Cathy Kenton, and Dawn Reilly were re-elected to 3-year terms. Jason Vieira elected as a new member. Tod Howarth, Kurt Sullivan & Mike Swanston, while termed-out. Were re-elected to the remaining open seats.

--**Dockless bicycle situation**--Cathy encouraged that any problems be communicated to her, so she can collect for board thoughts.

CPC Report:

--Presentation by Smart Growth & Land Use priorities made. City of San Diego beginning a new parks master plan.

Old Business:

--Amy provided Cathy with. Draft of bylaws update. This will be addressed in May meeting as Cathy will not be at April meeting.

New Business:

--Dawn inquired on potential for clean-up day as she has interested parties for participation. Cathy will inquire with Ryan Purdy at her upcoming meeting.

--Cathy inquired on Rosecrans construction at Glasshouse Square that is constricting the 5-South and 8 West freeway exits.

Adjourned at 4:59 pm