

# Midway-Pacific Highway Community Planning Group Minutes May 16, 2018

**Call to Order: 3:03 pm**

**Attending:**

Kurt Sullivan, Judy Holiday, Jason Viera, Mike Swanston, Amy Stark, Cathy Kenton, George Diaz, Tod Howarth, Randall La Rocco, Dave Siegler,

Gil Kennedy (resigned due to job relocation),

**Absent:**

Dawn Reilly\_

**Minutes:**

April 2018: Kurt moved, Amy 2nd. Approved with Cathy abstained due to absence.

6 members present at time of vote, quorum achieved.

**Public Comment:** None

**Government Reports:**

---**Anthony George for Mayor's office.** Short term rental issue going to council on 5/22. Judy inquired on ability for public comment and Anthony said he would send more information on that. Business and government came together to discuss how the city can become a leader in drone technology. New Chief of Police worked with mayor to create a new division to help identify community prioritization issues including homelessness, illegal dumping, graffiti, and neighborhood policing. Judy asked for details to be sent to Cathy on this new division and how it will work. Cathy asked about temporary bridge shelter funding.

---**Ryan Purdy for Council District 2.** Reiterated Anthony George's information. Said City Council Smart Growth & Land Use Committee will hear the Community Plan Update at 9:00 am next Monday, 5/21 which was originally scheduled for 5/24. Several members expressed frustration with the change not having been made known until now. Judy inquired about the diagonal parking issue for Hancock and that no response to group from city has occurred.

---**Vicki White for planning.** Reiterated the SM&LU Committee hearing is scheduled for next Monday. Studying parking space usage for the areas being considered for change in configuration or use.

---**Peggy Cooper from the airport authority** sent update to Cathy that was read to the group on airport activities.

---**Chevelle Tate from Toni Atkins' office** spoke on the new pro tempore role of Ms. Atkins. \$359 million in state funding going to homelessness issues. Annual socks for veteran's drive underway now. Dave Siegler recognized Toni's advocacy for Veterans Village and asked about the funding for the No Place Like Home initiative and whether Veterans Village could apply. Chevelle said they would likely need to partner with the city to make an application. Spoke on the issue of the governor placing surplus in reserve and said there is a concern that some recessionary activity will occur in the coming years and cash should be saved for

dealing with that possibility.

### **Information Items:**

---**Angela Abeta from Planning Department** discussed the Impact Fee Study (IFS) and distributed the project list in its initial form. Angela asked that we create a priority listing based on the full detail of public facilities and handed out the San Ysidro ranking summary as an example of a format that could be used. These are capital improvements and not operational, maintenance, or repair projects resulting from the Community Plan Update. The board will consider the list at the June meeting and look to have a prioritization done in July.

Angela advised that approximately one million dollars is currently in the Midway fund for this kind of work with additional funding to come from development fees on new projects.

Walter Anderson asked about a specific project (closure of Moore St crossing and U-turn at Hancock) not being included and Vicki said she would communicate with him on this.

The large sums shown for many items were found to be "bizarre" levels of cost, but Cathy related that this is not a topic for our consideration but a city government issue. Cathy asked the board to review the list and be prepared to discuss in June.

### **Action Items:**

---**Joe Lacava for No on Soccer City.** Asked the planning group to take a position against the Soccer City initiative. When asked, he stated the Mission Valley Planning Group has not yet taken a position on the stadium options. **Judy moved, Tod seconded:** The Midway Planning Group is opposed to citizen's initiative process being used to determine land use and planning. **Unanimous approval.**

---**Grand Jury Report:** Cathy's proposed response was considered, and it was **moved by Kurt** to use Cathy's letter as our response with inclusion of the following sentence at the end: "If there are problems with a particular planning group, address that with that group and do not impose an additional burden onto other groups." **Mike seconded. Unanimous approval.**

---**Bylaws Update:** Cathy summarized changes: 12 members with 10 as minimum; 4 seats elected each year; delete references to city election guide as that guide no longer exists. Cathy recently received information from the city that needs to be reviewed and Cathy proposed we consider for vote next month. **Tabled.**

### **Chair Report:**

- Cathy reported on Midway's 30-foot height limit restriction being discussed by a variety of city officials.
- Distributed hard and electronic copies of the final PEIR for the Community Plan Update.
- Dawn is considering the Vice Chair position in wake of Gil Kennedy's departure from the board and she will advise Cathy before June meeting of her decision.

**Adjourned at 5:03 pm.**