

Midway-Pacific Highway Community Planning Group

Minutes

June 20, 2018

Call to Order: 3:05 pm

Attending:

Judy Holiday, Jason Viera, Mike Swanston, Amy Stark, Cathy Kenton, Tod Howarth, Randall La Rocco, Dave Siegler, Dawn Reilly

Absent:

Kurt Sullivan, excused
George Diaz

Minutes:

May 2018 minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

Public Comment: None

Government Reports:

---**Bruce Williams for Council District 2.** Bruce has returned as Council District 2's representative to the planning group. He announced a community clean-up is scheduled for October and he would like to receive recommendations on areas to focus those efforts.

Bruce was asked to investigate the loss of parking on Hancock Street, near the Orchard, and to find out why the additional parking spaces he had requested have not yet been implemented.

Action Items:

---**Removal of Parking Spaces on Sports Arena.** Nicole Burgess described the new bike lane by Sport Sports Arena and Pacific Highway. She described the danger of this bike lane with protection along the south side of Sports Arena Blvd between Kemper and East Drive. A motion was made to remove the parking space and continue the bike lane by Kemper. Amy made motion. Todd seconded. **Measured passed:** 5 favored and 4 opposed.

---**VVSD Community Feedback.** Aaron Maggy, VVSD's 200-bed Veteran Shelter Director took feedback from the Midway Planning Group. He mentioned over 700 homeless veterans were served at the shelter since it opened in December 2017. The average length of stay is 14 days, and over 50 people have moved from the shelter to permanent housing. No criticisms were made about the shelter. The Chair of the Committee asked Aaron about volunteer opportunities at the shelter. Aaron provided contact information to Chairwoman Cathy Kenton.

---**Bylaws Update:** The proposed Bylaws are being modified to comply with Council Policy 600-24 and to revise the voting and board protocol. In a motion by Dave and seconded by Todd, regular terms will be for 3 years with 4 seats up for election each year. The 3 present nine-year members (Mike, Todd, and Kurt, plus Cathy's seat) will be up for vote in March 2019. With no Business Improvement District in our area, the number of Board seats has been reduced from 14 to 12. Unanimous Board approval.

Information Items:

---Update on Community Plan Update – Vickie White reported that the Plan Update will be delayed and not go to the City Council in June due to Councilmember Zapf's concerns over the mobility element. The Planning Department is working on making changes and is communicating with Caltrans and SANDAG regarding prioritizing improvements to the I5/I8 connectors and other improvements.

Cathy expressed disappointment in the delay of plan and how significant delay could jeopardize redevelopment of the Midway Post Office site and other projects.

Residents from Point Loma expressed their concerns about increased traffic as a result of the proposed plan.

Impact Fee Study (IFS) – The IFS has been delayed due to plan delays. It will need to consider changes to the plan and progress on the IFS will be tabled until the Planning Department finalizes the plan.

Chair Report:

- Cathy shared articles from 1989 newspapers covering the same issues we face today in Midway.
- Dawn has agreed to act as the Vice Chair position in wake of Gil Kennedy's departure from the board.

Adjourned at 4:55 pm.