

Midway - Pacific Highway Community Planning Group Minutes

Wednesday, September 19, 2018

Location: Urban Corps of San Diego, 3127 Jefferson St., San Diego CA 92110

- 1) Call to Order: 3:01 PM
- 2) Introductions

Members Present: Dawn Reilly, Jason Viera, Dave Siegler, Mike Swanston, Cathy Kenton, Randall LaRocca, Judy Holiday, Tod Howarth – A quorum was present.

Members Excused: Amy Stark, Kurt Sullivan

Members Absent: George Diaz
- 3) Approval of Minutes:
 - a) July 2018: Motion to Approve by Dawn Reilly & seconded by Judy Holiday; the minutes were unanimously approved.
 - b) Special Meeting held Sept. 10, 2018: Motion to Approve by Dawn Reilly, seconded by Mike Swanston; the minutes were unanimously approved.
- 4) Public Comment: None
- 5) City/ Government Office Reports:
 - a) Mayor's Office – Representative Anthony was not present but sent thank you re: homeless shelter comments, thanking the people in the Midway district that are supportive of the shelter in our community.
 - b) Police Department – Officer David Surwilo: requested that we contact him on any issues and he will get them resolved immediately. He reminded us that this week is the shift change for officers. There is still a serious staffing issue on the SDPD, they are having problems losing officers and attracting officers at the same time. There are currently four Academies going on, and the department will not and has not lowered their standards to try and meet the need. Officer Surwilo asked if we've heard that the Academy is tough, and clarified for the record that people are quitting, not failing. There is a challenge with initial background failures. There is no age limit to join the SDPD. A question was asked by a guest about the court injunction allowing living in a car on the streets; Officer explained the difference between "habitating" and sleeping in a car. The Veterans Village rep in attendance mentioned that the SDPD HOT team hosts regular events to try and help get people off the streets. Officer Surwilo shared about how street people who prefer to live on the street and won't live inside refuse services that are offered. Police officers can address bad behavior but cannot arrest someone for just being homeless. Officer Surwilo can be contacted by email at: DSurwilo@PDSanDiego.gov
 - c) Council District 2 Office – Bruce Williams: Thanked the Board on behalf of Councilmember Lori Zapf for its efforts in getting the community plan update unanimously approved, in particular he recognized and thanked Vickie White of the City Planning Board and Chair Cathy Kenton for their many years of diligence and persistence in helping to draft a plan that could be approved by the entire City Council. Bruce advised that Councilmember Zapf will be hosting a meeting at the Orchard Senior Apartment community tomorrow (Thurs. 9/20) and acknowledged Board members Amy Stark and Judy Holiday for their efforts to get signatures in support of the new angled parking on Hancock St. in front of the Orchard complex and to get the City to clean up

the area surrounding the complex. Bruce reported that in response s to complaints their office had received about Gate 4 at the MCRD, they were able to get the areas adjacent to this gate cleaned up via the Connecting Hope organization. Finally, Bruce announced that Councilmember Zapf had provided the bakery treats for our meeting today in celebration of our working together to get the Midway community plan update approved. Chair Cathy Kenton sent thanks back to Councilmember Zapf via Bruce for their efforts in getting a plan finalized and approved by the City Council.

- d) State Senator Toni Atkins Office – Chavelle Tate was not present but had submitted an update on the homeless numbers to Chair Cathy Kenton to share with the Board. Quick summary of the findings: Los Angeles has 41% of CA's homeless population, San Diego has 7% of the state's homeless population and is 4th in the nation, San Jose CA has 5.5% of the state's homeless population, San Francisco has 5% of the state's homeless population. The state of California has 20% of the nation's homeless population.
- e) Congressman Peter's office – Congressman Peters was on a KUSI segment this weekend and recapped his recent Congressional trip, see the press release on his website for more detail.
- f) Board member Dawn Reilly mentioned that she is our Board liaison to the Airport Advisory Committee and we should contact her regarding any questions that need to be brought before the committee.
- g) Assembly member Todd Gloria's office was not represented, however Board member Dawn Reilly announced that she will be hosting a Todd Gloria coffee at the Mission Bay Yacht Club on October 6 at 8AM.

6) Information Items/Reports/Presentation:

- a) Midway Community Plan Update - Chair Cathy Kenton recapped that the plan passed unanimously at the City Council meeting and requires a second reading next month by the City Council of the approved plan. The next step in the process for the approved plan to be implemented is the Impact Fee Study. Chair Kenton said she has heard that the Mayor's office is already working on RFP's for the City-owned properties in Midway.

A guest in attendance expressed concern about bike and pedestrian safety in the plan. Chair Kenton explained there will be a study of grade changes at intersections as part of the plan to address bike and pedestrian safety throughout the community.

- b) Impact Fee Study Update – Angela Abeyta, City Planning Department, reviewed the Draft Impact Fee study for the Board and provided hard copies of the document to everyone present. Angela explained that there had been only 1 change to the Project List as a result of the approved plan: \$2MM in funding for a PSR for CalTrans to study the I-5 Intersections. The Draft updates the previous 2005 Financing Plan and reflects the updated Community Plan and other City plans. The Fee is relatively flat, a wash. A discussion ensued regarding how the numbers are used, they are Sandag's numbers. There were questions including where a dog park was in the study.

Angela requested that the Midway Planning Group prioritize the projects identified in the Plan and other projects that may not be included in the plan. Chair Cathy Kenton suggested that the Board review the updated study and discuss at the October Board meeting. She suggested that Angela plan to attend the October meeting for the discussion and questions so the Board could start framing our priority list for a vote on a final priority list at the November Board meeting.

Chair Kenton requested that Angela email an electronic copy of the Impact Fee Study Update and sample priority list that Angela distributed to the Board, as an aid in preparing our initial priorities.

7) New Business: None

8) Old Business: Board Vacancies: Member George Diaz has not been meeting the attendance requirements and we will have two vacancies on the Board as of next month's meeting.

Chair Cathy Kenton introduced two candidates who have stepped forward to express interest in serving on the Board: Dike "DK" Anyiwo, a resident in the Midway district, and Jerry Rivera, also a resident with a degree in Urban Planning who works with national parks in other areas of San Diego.

9) Adjournment: 4:31 PM