

# Midway-Pacific Highway Community Planning Group Minutes

Date: Wednesday, January 18, 2023

Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting - San Diego, CA 92110

1. Call to Order: 3:05pm. Quorum present: Dike, Chuck, Cathy, Karen, Judy, Rebecca, Jason, Amy, Tod.
2. Approval of Minutes: Judy motioned to approve November's minutes. Dike seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Public Comment:
  - Becky Rapp: SD resident and public health expert, concerned cannabis businesses. Mentioned new reports regarding cycle reviews recently released and suggested everyone review them.
  - Phil Rath: Wanted to provide update, although not required to, on his client's cannabis CUP application at 2555 Kettner Blvd. Said after further review, their team was not able to agree to restriction our board suggested on prohibiting employee parking onsite. Employees handle cash exchanges and can't walk offsite for security reasons- it will not be part of the cities' conditions.
  - Byron Wear: Point Loma resident and former city council member. He supported Midway Rising group but wanted to suggest we create a priority list and action plan on proposed traffic/street modifications. Should include connecting to Liberty Station and Old Town Transit Station. Talk to local/state officials regarding funding major improvements ahead of anticipated DIF funds.
4. Government Office Reports
  - a. Mayor's Office, Kohta Zaiser: State of the city address given last week. Focused on infrastructure, homelessness, new parks, public safety. Crimes overall are down although still experiencing staffing issues in Police Department. Fentanyl is also a focus as its tough to address given its technically categorized as a low-risk drug. More new homeless persons than places in transitional housing. Installing signage around Kurtz/Hancock to help prohibit overnight parking/loitering. mentioned new Rose Canyon safe parking lot should open soon. There may be signs up now, but wrong code listed so they are being replaced. \*Cathy mentioned Greenwood Street behind Denny's needs attention too. She also asked for updates on the two former hotels being used as migrant processing facilities we have received very little details about in our community. He mentioned they are federal and will check into it on his end. 3775 Morena Blvd is the address of the Rose Canyon stie. Noted the safe lots are part of the stick & carrot approach to enforcement of other ordinances. \*Judy mentioned Kemper Street also needs additional enforcement- especially commercial vehicles which seem to be stored.
  - b. Council District 2's Office, Randy Reyes: Introduced himself as new D2 contact. Mentioned councilmember has been appointed to three committees. State of the district to be given in February. Neighborhood Services is a new committee spun off from the Public Safety Committee this year.
  - c. Planning Department, Nancy Graham: not present.
  - d. Police Department, Officer David Surwilo: not present.
  - e. Housing Commission, Lisa Jones:
    - Casey Snell on behalf of Lisa: all 44 beds at Harm Reduction Shelter are full. 98% capacity at Rosecrans Shelter- 70% of persons are from Midway area in last 3-4 months. Exits: 10 to permanent housing, 85 left back to the street since September 2022.
  - f. Regional Airport Authority, TBD: not present.
  - g. County Supervisor District 3 Office, Rebecca Smith: not present.
  - h. State Senator Toni Atkins Office, Cole Reed:
    - Governor's budget released last week. Goal is to address potential budget deficit. Governor issued a State of Emergency in response to heavy rains we've experienced throughout the state. Helps state coordinate with Federal agencies on recovery efforts.
  - i. Assemblymember Tasha Boerner Horvath, Margaret Doyle:
    - New assembly district runs along the coast from Carlsbad down to the border. Tasha has already introduced two bills- Blue Carbon Capture program in coastal communities- another for maternity care.
  - j. Congressman Scott Peters Office, Samantha Keosoukanh: not present.
  - k. SANDAG, Jack Christensen: not present.
  - l. Naval Base Point Loma, Muska Laiq:
    - Noted hundreds of people attended in person and virtually for NAVWAR's December 7<sup>th</sup> conference. Videos available on their website if you missed it. Two important dates coming up are: Deadline for questions is 1/24/23, Deadline for to submit Statement of Qualification is 2/7/23. \*Dike asked if there was any indication of how many proposals they expect to receive which Muska replied there isn't any estimation at this time.
  - m. MCRD, Jim Gruny: not present.
5. Information Items
  - a. Council Policy 600-24 Updates & Implications
    - Dike reviewed documents he had previously emailed to the board. Reviewed 600-24 highlights and suggested we review

our bylaws before submitting to city as required by end of 2023. mentioned all the projects and reviews that may be coming our way and thinks we should start gearing up for them. Wanted to open discussion for potentially creating subcommittees and modifying our bylaws. Group discussed potential bylaws updates relating to requirement to join board, term limits, categories of board seats, changing meeting time, ability to easily create standing and ad hoc committees, reviewing the differences between the committee types and purposes.

b. Capital Improvement Project Prioritization List

-Group discussed reviewing the existing spreadsheet and suggest any updates/comments at a future time.

6. Action Items: none.

7. CPC Report: Group talked about keeping meetings on Zoom and potential SANDAG fee per mile proposal.

8. Chair Report: Mentioned Midway Rising Community Forum quarterly meetings will start February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023, between 5:30pm-8:30pm. Will potentially be catered.

9. New Business:

a. 2023 Election Subcommittee. Group talked about setting this up in next month's meeting and expiring/vacant seats.

10. Old Business:

-Circled back to Phil Rath regarding our previous vote. His Process 3 review is coming up next week so he wanted to update us that employees will have to use onsite parking on occasion so they cannot agree to suggested restriction after all. They obviously want to make the parking most convenient to customers. Group decided not to take any further action.

Adjournment: 5:15pm.