

Midway Pacific Highway Community Planning Group Regular Meeting

Date: May 21, 2025

Location: 2911 Sports Arena Blvd, Suite A San Diego CA 92110

Call to Order: 3:19 PM. No Chair report given.

Approval of Minutes: No minutes submitted for approval.

Non-Agenda Public Comments: None.

Mayor's Office- Randy emailed update prior to meeting.

Councilwoman Jen Campbell's Office Report (Presented by Margaret):

- * The Mayor's revised budget was released on May 14th.
- * The City Council will discuss budget changes on June 6th at 9:00 AM. Public comment, both in-person and virtually, is available.
- * Prop 218 mailers regarding the trash fee have been distributed. Residents can protest by mailing back the form, ensuring they include their APN (Assessor's Parcel Number).
- * It was noted that if no response is received, the fee is approved.

Supervisor Lawson-Remer's Office Update (Regarding the Homeless Shelter):

- * The plan is still to demolish the existing shelter.
- * The County has committed funds for mental health services at the site.
- * The City will not be providing funding to keep the tent shelter operational during demolition.
- * People currently in the shelter will be relocated to other facilities to ensure continued access to care.

Planning Department Update (Presented by Megan):

- * The Mobility Master Plan was released on April 22nd.
- * Mandatory annual Planning Group training via Zoom will be held on Thursday, May 29th, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Board members must register by May 23rd.
- * Reimbursement requests must be submitted by June 15th.

State Senator Keala Weber's Office Report (Presented by Moana):

- * 13 bills are currently on suspense in committee.
- * The Senior Advisory Council event on May 14th was successful, with the next one scheduled for August.
- * The Young Legislators Program has 20 participants, two from Point Loma.
- * May is Asian American Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Heritage Month; nominations for community recognition are being accepted.
- * May is also Small Business of the Year Month; small businesses are encouraged to nominate themselves.
- * A backpack giveaway event will be held at Kip Adelante off of Euclid.

Assembly Member Tasha Bomer's Office Report (Presented by Selma):

- * AB1286, increasing reporting requirements for state elected officials regarding conflicts of interest, has passed the Assembly and is moving to the Senate.
- * Most of the Assembly Member's bills have passed policy committees and are now in the Appropriations Committee or awaiting a full Assembly vote.
- * The revised budget has been released, and the office is receiving emails from constituents requesting support for it.
- * Upcoming events: Microplastics and Health Webinar on May 29th, and a Public Service Career Resource Fair on June 6th.
- * Small businesses celebrating their first, fifth, or tenth anniversaries are being recognized with certificates.

Congressman Scott Peters's Office Report (Presented by Shaina):

- * Introduced a bill to expand San Diego's law enforcement childcare facility nationwide.

- * Reintroduced a bill to establish a bipartisan commission to ensure the solvency of Social Security and Medicare.
- * Launched the "Build America Caucus" to reduce bureaucracy hindering the development of housing, clean energy, and infrastructure.
- * Hosted a press conference with Feeding San Diego to highlight risks of proposed cuts to USDA programs (e.g., SNAP).
- * Congressman Peters opposes a bill that would increase national debt and cut Medicaid, advocating against it.
- * **Tijuana Sewage Update:** Administrator Zeldin (EPA) recently toured treatment plants. Construction is anticipated to take two years, but the EPA aims for completion in 100 days. Mexico is also undertaking repairs on their side.

Navy Report (Presented by Dina):

- * The Navy is celebrating its 250th anniversary.
- * Admiral Rosen (head of Navy Legion Southwest) will be replaced by Admiral Jarrett.
- * The Navy presented on the OTC revitalization project at the Peninsula Community Planning Board, but no new information or designs were shared.
- * Volunteers are needed for Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery to place flags on Saturday, May 24th, at 9:00 AM and remove them on Tuesday, May 27th, at 8:00 AM for Memorial Day weekend.

Information Item- Midway Rising Update (Presented by Jeff):

- * Appreciation was extended to the Ah Hoc subcommittee for their engagement on the draft EIR.
- * The public comment period for the EIR closed on May 8th. Responses to comments are expected within 3-4 months.
- * The goal is to obtain City Council approval for the long-term ground lease for the sports arena site by the end of the year.
- * A quarterly informational update for City Council is scheduled for June (date to be announced).
- * The next quarterly informational workshop will target Council District Nine (venue and date to be announced).
- * The final EIR is anticipated to be issued in the summer.
- * **Project Details:** The project includes a new 16,000-seat entertainment center, 4,000 homes (2,000 deed-restricted affordable), 130,000 sq ft of mixed-use retail/commercial space, and 14.5 acres of parks/open space.
- * **Parking:** Three distributed parking garages for the entertainment center; residential buildings will have podium parking.
- * **Roads:** Two new roads, Frontier Drive and Kemper Street, will bisect the area to aid traffic flow.
- * **Statement of Overriding Consideration:** The City Council may issue a "statement of overriding consideration" if the project's benefits outweigh unmitigated impacts (e.g., traffic).

Action Items- Quorum Achieved shortly after Call to Order:

Board Seating subsequent to March's election: Issue was tabled in April due to lack of quorum. Discussion regarding current roles ensued.

Motion made by Jason to nominate and confirm Jason as Chair, Cathy as Vice Chair (in absentia), Karen as Secretary (in absentia), and appoint Denise as the representative for the Airport Noise Committee (SAN ANAC).

Motion Seconded by Tod. Vote Called: All in favor. Motion approved unanimously.

Vacant Seat Appointments:

Alex Hauger: Designated business representative for Selva Coffee House per letter April 16, 2025. Mr. Hager is a commercial insurance broker living in Point Loma. Dustin made a motion to nominate Alex to a vacant seat expiring in 2028. Desnise seconded. Vote taken- all in favor, motion passed unanimously.

Rebecca Shulman: Business owner of Stardust Float Spa on Midway Drive introduced herself as a former board member interested in joining again. Jason made a motion to nominate Rebecca to a vacant seat expiring in 2026. Tod seconded. Vote taken- all in favor, motion passed unanimously.

Chair declared Nathan Watkins seat expiring in 2026 as vacant after he resigned via email.

Old Business:

CPC Representative: Kathy has volunteered to serve as the CPC representative as Vice Chair.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:57 PM.