

Midway Pacific Highway Community Planning Group Regular Meeting

Date: Wednesday, September 17, 2025

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

Call to Order: 3:05 PM. Quorum achieved.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for February 2025 and July 2025 Regular Meetings were presented for review. Alex moved to approve both minutes with one correction to date correction to "July 16, 2025". Denise seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Government Reports

Margaret Doyle (Council District 2 Campbell's Office):

Building 619 Demolition: An update was provided on the building that burned down.

- The demolition will occur in two phases. Phase one, the removal of internal debris, is scheduled to begin within the next couple of weeks.
- Phase two, the removal of the structure, will require a separate contractor solicitation process. The insurance money from the fire claim will be used for this and for the demolition of building 191.

Proactive Demolition: Building 191, on the other side of the park, will also be taken down proactively to prevent a similar incident.

Street Construction (Liberty Station Apartment Complex):

- The ongoing work is for the installation of a new 400-foot-long median, required by the city to prevent illegal U-turns. The construction is expected to last for a couple of months.

Officer Harris (Police Department)

Crime Statistics (Western Division):

- Crimes against persons (battery, assault) are slightly down over the five-year average.
- Crimes against property are down almost 18%, partially attributed to Proposition 36 enforcement and the use of felony enhancements for repeat offenders.

Oversized Vehicle Ordinance (OVO) Enforcement:

- OVO is being enforced several times a week in Western Division, including recent enforcement in Liberty Station.
- Enforcement is conducted between 2:00 AM and 6:00 AM.
- An "oversized vehicle" is defined as anything 27 feet in length (bumper-to-bumper, including trailers) or 7 feet in height.
- Compliance with the offered "safe parking option" remains in the low single digits.

"Get It Done" App/72-Hour Violations:

- The "Get It Done" app is the best way to notify police of OVO or 72-hour parking violations, especially when including a photo and precise location details.
- Recent experience suggests the enforcement process is often faster than the timeline provided by the app.
- For persistent issues, the community is encouraged to contact Officer Harris directly via email.

Illegal Vendors (Midway District):

- The illegal taco vendor ("Talk About Tacos Australia") near Rose Brand Deli has been successfully countered through impounding equipment and vehicles after multiple encounters.

Vendor Enforcement on Private Property (Target/Home Depot): For illegal vendors on private property open to the public, management should confirm they have a "Letter of Agency" with the police. This allows officers to enforce trespassing without management physically being present. Property owners should call the

non-emergency line, and Officer Harris suggested he can connect them with the Health Department for equipment impoundment, which is the most effective enforcement action.

Community Events & Safety:

- A "Coffee with a Cop" event is scheduled for the next day, from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM, at 5047 Newport Avenue in Ocean Beach.
- An educational initiative is being rolled out city-wide regarding e-bike/e-motorcycle safety and regulations. Enforcement is also taking place, including citing families to get their attention, as "e-motorcycles" (which can exceed 27 mph) require riders to be 16 years old.

Shaina Tigar (Office of Rep. Scott Peters)

Statement on Violence: Congressman Peters issued a statement condemning the horrific act of violence following the shooting of Charlie Kirk and the rise in political violence.

Legislative Work:

- Introducing a bill to protect seniors' access to approximately 800 lab tests threatened by Medicare payment cuts in January.
- Reintroducing a Housing Improvement Act to protect veterans and low-income individuals from housing discrimination based on their source of income.
- Voted against the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), citing the addition of several amendments that did not prioritize service members or national security.
- Secured "San Diego wins" in the NDAA concerning the local ship repair industry.

Budget Focus: The Congressman is currently focused on the federal budget, which expires at the end of the month, and addressing national debt/deficit while prioritizing San Diego interests.

Dina Ryan (Naval Base Point Loma)

Black Start Exercise: The base recently conducted a 12-hour "Black Start" exercise, intentionally taking the campus off the grid to test the mission's ability to operate on backup power. The exercise was successful, despite some preparation challenges.

- A long-term goal is being pursued to make the base independent from the grid (power, water) for a minimum of 30 days through innovative microgrid studies being conducted by Stanford and Naval Postgraduate School.

Traffic-Impacting Project: An environmental restoration project is underway on Cabrillo Memorial Drive to clean up old garbage placements from the 1950s. The project will involve truck traffic for a couple of months, impacting Cabrillo Memorial Drive and Rosecrans.

Information Items:

Midway Rising Team Update- Jeff Meyer

The Midway Rising team is actively engaged in wrapping up lease negotiations with the city.

Economic Analysis: An economic analysis, commissioned in partnership with the San Diego Regional EDC, was published in mid-August, detailing the project's financial impacts during the anticipated 10-year construction phase and in perpetuity.

Final EIR: The Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was published last Wednesday and is available on the City of San Diego's CEQA webpage.

Planning Commission Meeting:

- The project is scheduled for consideration by the Planning Commission next Thursday, September 25th, at 9:00 AM.
- **New Location:** The meeting will be held at the new Development Services Department office in Mission Valley. It will be a hybrid meeting.
- **Scope of Review:** The Planning Commission will review the land use elements of the project and the Final EIR. They will then vote on a recommendation for approval to the City Council.

- **Future Steps:** Following the Planning Commission, the project will move to the City's Land Use and Housing Committee, and then to the full City Council for a final vote on the long-term lease agreement and the final EIR. This is anticipated to occur in October or November of this calendar year.

Estimated Groundbreaking: Following final approval and assuming a positive outcome, the team estimates a 9-to-12-month period for permitting, with a tentative groundbreaking projected for late 2026.

Overview of the Commission on Police Practices (CPP)- Yasmeen Obeid

Core Mandates

- **Complaint Investigation Review:** The CPP evaluates the San Diego Police Department's (SDPD) internal investigations of public complaints to ensure thoroughness before cases are submitted for a Commission vote.
- **Policy and Practice Recommendations:** The CPP researches national best practices to evaluate and make formal recommendations for improvements to SDPD policies, training, and protocols.
 - **Examples:** Recommendations were issued on police pursuit procedures and the public complaint filing process, with multiple suggestions accepted by the Police Chief.
- **Future Independent Investigation Authority:** The CPP is actively pursuing the authority to conduct its own independent investigations into officer-involved shootings and in-custody deaths, a new function separate from merely reviewing other entities' investigations.
- **Distinction from DA:** The CPP focuses on violations of **departmental policies and procedures**, while the DA's office focuses on **criminality**. The CPP operates as an independent, community-led oversight body.

Structure & Engagement

- **Membership:** Authorized for 25 members; currently operating with approximately 20–22 members.
- **Commitment:** Commissioners are estimated to serve a minimum of 10 hours per month.
- **Meetings:** The Commission meets twice a month. The first Wednesday meeting typically includes the most public discussion items. Meetings can be joined via Zoom, Teams, or in person.
- **Reporting/Outreach:**
 - The first semi-annual report for the new Commission on Police Practices is expected to be published by the end of the month.
 - The Commission has completed approximately 50 presentations to community and planning groups.
 - Public engagement is encouraged via social media and a monthly newsletter.

Adjournment: 4:05 PM. The next meeting will be October 15, 2025 at 3:00pm.