

Midway Pacific Highway Community Planning Group Regular Meeting

Date: Wednesday, November 19, 2025

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

I. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 3:06 PM by the Chair.
- A quorum was established.

II. Approval of Minutes

- **Motion:** To approve the September and October Regular Meeting Minutes as drafted.
- **Moved by:** Cathy
- **Seconded by:** Tod
- **Vote:** Passed unanimously.

III. Non-Agenda Public Comment

- **Clifford:** Raised concerns regarding dangerous traffic flow and lack of pedestrian safety signage at the intersection near the freeway entrance (West Baltimore Blvd/Orchard Senior Community). He also expressed opposition to the Midway Rising project, citing increased building heights, insufficient parking, and traffic mitigation issues.

IV. Government Reports

- **Randy (Government Affairs/Mayor's Office Representative):**
 - **Surveillance Technology:** Provided an update on the City's annual review of surveillance technology, specifically ALPR (Automated License Plate Readers). Reported stats: 420 arrests, 600 investigations supported, and \$5.8 million in stolen property recovered. City Council will discuss this on December 9 at 2:00 PM.
 - **Grants:** SDPD was awarded a State Office of Traffic Safety grant for enforcement related to DUIs, distracted driving, and bicycle/pedestrian safety.
- **Margaret (Council District 2 Representative):**
 - **Trash Bins:** Addressed constituent issues with the rollout of new trash bins (missed deliveries or pickups). Advised residents to file "Get It Done" reports and forward them to the Council office for escalation.
 - **Liberty Station:** Demolition of Building 619 began this month. Debris removal is Step 1, followed by structural removal. Parks and Rec may install a temporary structure for maintenance presence.
- **Officer James Harris (San Diego Police Department):**
 - **Crime Statistics:** Western Division trends (5-year average): Crimes Against Persons down 3%, Crimes Against Property down 16% (attributed partially to Prop 36); Crimes Against Society trending down.
 - **OVO Enforcement:** Oversized Vehicle Ordinance enforcement continues twice a week between 2:00 AM and 6:00 AM in hotspots like Sports Arena, Hancock, and beach lots.
 - **Community Relations:** Announced a technology seminar on December 4 at 3:00 PM at the Hervey Library in Point Loma regarding SDPD tools (ALPR, etc.).
 - **Graffiti:** Reminded the public to report tagging via "Get It Done" or crime reports (594 PC) with photos before removal. Clarified that the City cleans public property, while private property is the owner's responsibility.

V. Information Items

- **Midway Rising Project Update**
 - **Presenter:** Jeff Meyer (Midway Rising Team)
 - **Status:** Acknowledged the overturning of Measure C by the courts but stated the project is moving forward without modification. The Exclusive Negotiation Agreement (ENA) with the City has been extended to December 2025. Council approval is now expected in early 2026.
 - **Building Heights:** Reaffirmed commitment to the Planning Group: Residential buildings will be ~105 feet, and the new Entertainment Center will be max 165 feet.
 - **Affordable Housing:** The project relies on State Density Bonus Law as a unified mixed-use project providing 2,000 affordable units.
- **County Supervisor's Office & Behavioral Health Update**
 - **Presenters:** Jamie Tammy Fox (County Supervisor's Office) and Nadia Tamara (Director, County Behavioral Health).
 - **Behavioral Health Wellness Campus:** Presented a proposal for a new "Behavioral Health Wellness Campus" at the site of the current County psychiatric hospital (Rosecrans/Pacific Highway). The County is applying for a \$100 million state grant (total project cost ~\$200 million).
 - **Services Proposed:** The campus would include a continuum of care: social rehabilitation, sub-acute care, outpatient services, residential treatment for substance use, and a Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU).
 - **Community Discussion:**
 - Board members and the public expressed strong concerns about the concentration of services in the Midway area and the issue of patients being discharged or leaving facilities and remaining on local streets/encampments.
 - Director Tamara explained the "Regional Distributed Model" intended to treat patients near their homes (citing new facilities in Oceanside, East County, Chula Vista) to reduce the burden on the Midway centralized hub.
 - It was clarified that while the County provides transportation upon discharge, they cannot legally detain voluntary patients who wish to leave. The new campus design aims to be more inviting to encourage voluntary long-term engagement.

Adjournment: 4:28 PM. The next meeting will be January 21, 2026 at same location.