

Midway-Pacific Highway Community Planning Group Regular Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, January 21st 2026

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

Called to Order: 3:09pm.

Quorum: Confirmed

Approval of Minutes

- **Motion:** Cathy moved to approve the November 2025 regular meeting minutes as drafted. Ryan seconded. Vote taken, approved unanimously.

Non-Agenda Public Comments

- **Intersection Safety:** Cliff raised a public comment about the "extremely dangerous" Jack in the Box intersection, requesting the Planning Group support efforts for flashing lights, which the City has currently low-prioritized (with a tentative 2029 target). The D2 Representative noted that infrastructure requests are challenging without a supporting traffic study. Denise suggested checking if a current traffic engineering study exists.
- **Homelessness:** Denise reported a sudden, notable increase in homelessness, creating dangerous situations on Midway with people in the roadway. The issue will be raised with Officer Harris at the next meeting.

Board and Government Reports

Reporting Entity

Key Updates

Chair (Jason)

No Chair report given. Megan was thanked for updating the website.

District Two Representative (Seamus)

The new representative from Council Member Campbell's office introduced themselves. They noted that the upcoming budget season will be difficult, focused more on defending current priorities than adding new ones, and requested community suggestions for the budget memo. Randy, the regular representative, was absent and emailed an update.

State Senator's Office (Moana)

Seven total bills cleared the desk in the 2025 legislative session, and eight were co-authored by the Senator. The Senator currently serves on the Budget and Fiscal Review, Government Organizations, Health (as Chair), and Judiciary committees. The office hosted seven signature events last year.

MCRD (Jim)

Three major construction projects are underway, valued around \$100 million each: a new dining facility, a consolidated medical and dental facility, and new barracks. Recruiting is strong, and a downturn in the recruit training cycle means slightly less local traffic/visiting families.

Midway Rising Project Update and Action Item

Informational Update (Jeff Meyer)

- The Midway Rising team confirmed the project will move forward using **State Density Bonus Law** despite the California Supreme Court declining the City's appeal, which reinstated the 30-foot height limit.
- The project still includes 4,254 housing units (2,000 affordable) and mixed-use elements.

- **Proposed Heights:** Residential buildings will be 105 feet, and the new entertainment center will be 165 feet.
- **Timeline:** Following anticipated City Council approval this spring, permitting is expected to take 9 to 12 months, with "shovels in the ground" likely in early 2027.
- Jeff confirmed the plans are being advanced as a "Process 5" approval and noted substantial future amendments to be approved by City Council.

Action Item: Board Letter of Support for Midway Rising Project

- Cathy presented a draft letter to the Mayor and City Council expressing the board's strong, urgent support for the project as the necessary catalyst for community revitalization.
 - **Motion:** Denise moved to approve the letter with the following tweaks: References to outside groups, legal protection of State Density Bonus Laws, modified the closing to focus the project's future benefits on "our community".
- **Second:** The motion was seconded by Karen.
- **Vote:** All members voted in favor with one abstention. Cathy will finalize and send the letter for distribution.

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 4:08pm.
- The next meeting is scheduled for February 18th, 2026 at same time/location.