Midway Pacific Highway Community Planning Group

July 15, 2020 Regular Meeting

3:01 pm Call to Order

The meeting was held electronically using ZOOM to respect the Covid-19 distancing protocols.

Attending:

Cathy Kenton, Kurt Sullivan, Dave Siegler, Dike Anyiwo, Jason Viera, Judy Holiday, Amy Stark, Ted Teran, Tod Howarth. Quorum is present.

Minutes: Minutes for February, April, May & June were presented. Kurt moved approval; Dike seconded. **Unanimous approval.**

Public Comment: No comments.

Government Reports:

Josh Coyne from District 2 council office spoke. Hancock to Channel Way has been communicated to city staff for clean up along with request to consider angled parking to minimize large vehicle parking. Street marking for crosswalk, bike lane and other identification is also being pursued. July 21 will be the next 30' height limit amendment discussion before full council. Tod Howarth expressed appreciation for the Hancock/Channel Way attention and hopes for continued focus on this area. Cathy suggested renewal of enforcement of signage prohibiting oversized vehicle parking as appropriate.

Miller Saltzman from Senator Toni Atkins office spoke. The senate housing package of bills is under consideration and movement between houses in the capitol; comments are welcome and can be sent to Miller. A tax credit to landlords for unpaid rent due to Covid is under consideration and would provide for a 10-year tenant payback to the state.

Randy Wilde from Todd Glorias's office spoke and indicated activities currently underway in the office. Unemployment, Covid and federal PPP reopening was discussed.

Gia Ballash from SANDAG spoke. Continuing collaboration with the Navy on the NAVWAR revitalization project and general airport connectivity was discussed. No agreements have been reached on developers for the revitalization project. A joint meeting between transportation and regional planning will be held this Friday and information is available on the website for interested parties. **Greg Geisen** from the Navy indicated that SANDAG is retaining consultants for its process but actual selection of developers will not occur until more steps have been completed in reviews.

Muska Laiq from the Navy spoke. A change of command for Navy Base Point Loma will occur on July 24 for the Navy and held virtually online for interested parties. The revitalization project continues its development with the draft EIR anticipated in late 2020 versus July due to more extensive work and data needed in the process along with the Covid impact on staff time availability. Cathy asked that our respect and thanks be extended to Captain Dixon for his work and cooperation with the planning group and she looks forward to Captain Franklin connecting with our group.

No other representatives attended.

Informational Items: Sports Arena RFP. Two organizations have cleared the city's first cut and are both in attendance to present their plan to the group. Cathy framed up the objective as being for the public/group to express which proposal is its preference, not a detailed discussion of elements. The meeting was recorded by the city therefore detailed presentations and discussion is not reflected here but can be found in the city's records.

Midway Sports and Entertainment District was represented by David Malmuth. David introduced the project team members. The proposal is a concept that will be subject to change as the process moves along, not a fixed, unchangeable development plan. Michael McCann from Toll Brothers spoke on the key nature of the park, the soccer stadium and the arena. Toll found the design work by the team to be precisely what it wants to be a part of and has joined to leverage its national strength to bring the idea to fruition. Dennis Cruzan commented on the commercial real estate aspect of the project as being highly experiential and drawing their interest. He stated that this project has the potential to completely reimagine the Midway area, not just the arena parcel. Aruna Doddapaneni commented on the residential component as being fully consistent with Bridge's capabilities and strengths. Board members and the public asked questions.

Brookfield/ASM Global was represented by Zach Adams on behalf of Brookfield and also representing ASM Global. Zach indicated he lives in Point Loma and knows this area very well. Zach discussed Brookfield's 40 years of development activity in San Diego and that it is also a global group that provides a platform for "placemaking" with multiple uses in one project. The integration and relatability of other Brookfield projects such as Pier 70 and LA Live to their communities was cited as the way they would approach this project. He cited creation of a special place unique to the community and not imposing what was done elsewhere. Letters of support from local business and organizations were cited as the group's initial effort to incorporate the community in this process. There will be significant investment in the sports arena to create a major entertainment and cultural element.

Action Items: None.

CPC Report: Dike attended the Complete Communities Program meeting to discuss housing, parkland and transit for development incentives. Dike voted to not support a motion that the CPC did not support the CCP program and that it should be scraped and restarted. He felt that since the planning group has not had opportunity to discuss this, he was not in a position to vote for abandonment. Cathy concurred on this action for the same reason.

Chair Report:

Cathy shared that she will send an email to the board and interested parties sharing the information Josh mentioned. She also clarified that speakers in call-in meetings cannot cede their time to others, specifically on the 30' height limit discussion on July 31.

New Business: None.

Old Business:

Tod inquired of Josh on the applicability of the city ordinance against working on automobiles on streets and that the recent renovation of Hancock is in jeopardy from this occurring. Josh will inquire on this issue.

Adjourned at 4:41 pm