

Midway-Pacific Highway Corridor Community Plan Update Advisory Committee Meeting

DRAFT Meeting Summary

June 29, 2011 • 3pm-5pm

San Diego Community College, West City Campus
3249 Fordham Street Room 208, San Diego, CA 92110

Meeting was called to order by Chair Melanie Nickel without a quorum.

Chair: Melanie introduced Tait Galloway, Senior Planner, as the new project manager for the Midway Pacific Highway Corridor Community Plan Update.

Tait asked everyone present to review the contact list in order to streamline future communications. In the future email will be the preferred method of contact in order to cut down on waist and expenses. Von Davies was introduced as an urban designer with AECOM, the lead consultant for the plan update.

Von Davies gave a presentation on existing conditions and urban design. Von addressed urban design aspects that should be consider when updating a land use plan. Planned land use and design guidelines should contribute to providing character and create a sense of place. He stressed the need to create inter connections between land use areas and create signage that is friendly.

He also addressed what participates should look for as they take pictures and notes in the community on the self guided walk audit. The guided walk audit is schedule for scheduled July 13th. People can either provide their photos, observations, and comments prior to the walk or attend the guided walk and discuss their observations after the walk.

Questions and comments: Several members of the CPUAC commented that the issues from the walk audit from the past planning effort were still valid concerning pedestrian and traffic issues. The CPUAC provide the following comments:

Existing Conditions

- Dutch Flats and the former Frontier housing sites should be added to the lit of historical resources
- Many existing industrial uses are located on small parcels.
- A large portion of the traffic is due to pass through traffic from adjacent communities to the access the freeways.
- Add the Post Office site to the redevelopment project area.
- The accuracy of the map showing parking should be checked since some of the areas shown are not used from parking.
- Need to look at the vehicle collision data
- Need to address bicycle/pedestrian facilities and identify missing gaps



- Need to address missing I-8/I-5 transition ramps. The lack of having freeway to freeway access impacts Rosecrans St. This has been a long-standing goal to address traffic congestion.
- Access to health care and healthy foods should be addressed in existing conditions report.

Walk Audit

- There is a value in walking together as a group rather than walking it separately or driving as a group.
- The walk could focus on areas that could be improved as connections to San Diego River, the Old Town Transit Center, and potential “green streets”..
- The project team should look at the Sports Arena Task force recommendations.
- The Sports Arena operator may want to consider providing shuttle service to the Old Town Transit Center during major events.
- Should invite representatives from big retail centers, Sports Arena, San Diego County Health and Human Services, and SPAWAR to participate in the walk audit.
- Need to invite Target representative to the Community Planning Group meetings.
- There’s a need to obtain input from the Navy and Marine Corps.

Parks

- There is not any land available for parks.
- Parks could attract homeless.
- Green areas could be provided for workers as lunch time amenities
- There is the potential to look at the future use of public owned lands for park opportunities.
- Need to address connections to the San Diego River.
- Park and recreational areas could be included as part of residential development projects.

The walk audit materials will be made available online at:
<http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/cpu/oldtownmidway>

Adjournment: Melanie adjourned the meeting.

Next Meeting/Walk Audit: July 13, 2011
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