

Midway-Pacific Highway Corridor Community Plan Update Advisory Committee Meeting

DRAFT Meeting Summary

September 18, 2013

3:00- 5:00 pm

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

The following were present:

City Staff:	William Fulton, Tait Galloway, Elizabeth Ocampo Vivero
Consultants:	Christine Babla
Committee Members:	Walter Anderson, Celeste Grant, Tod Howarth, Cathy Kenton, Melanie Nickel, Kurt Sullivan, Mike Swantson, Kristy Swantson

**Meeting was called to order by Chair Melanie Nickel at 3:17 with a quorum,
immediately following the North Bay Community Planning Group meeting**

- 1. Opening Remarks:** Opening remarks were made by Tait Galloway.
- 2. Non-Agenda Public Comment:** None
- 3. Approval of Meeting Summaries for the June 20, 2012 and July 18, 2012 CPUAC meetings:** The summaries were approved by the Committee.
- 4. Presentation of Community Plan “Discussion Draft”**
 - Tait Galloway informed the Committee that on September 19th 2013 there would be a Planning Commission Workshop to update the Planning Commission on the Midway – Pacific Highway Community Plan. He also informed that the Community Plan draft document will be posted on the Community Plan Update website and sent to the Committee members when available.
 - As part of the presentation Tait Galloway described the Community Plan Update process and previous planning efforts. He explained the existing conditions of the community and the guiding principles of the Community Plan. Tait Galloway described land use, mobility and urban design concepts for the Community Plan. He described in detail the distinct Districts and Villages envisioned within the Community Plan.

Comments:

- A comment was made suggesting that the Midway Post Office should remain, and the Plan should encourage the Regional Processing Center to relocate from its current Carmel Mountain Ranch location.
- In response to the mobility concept of ending I-8 near Kurtz St., it was commented that is not a realistic solution that could result in more congestion and affect the beach communities. It was also suggested that further research on other locations where this has been done is necessary to evaluate its feasibility.
- In regards to the land uses proposed within Camino Del Rio District, it was suggested that commercial uses could be allowed along Kurtz St.
- In response to the parks and recreation concept, there was a comment questioning the accessibility to the proposed mini park on Caltrans right-of-way.
- There was a comment expressing concern on the traffic congestion caused by adjacent communities' activities. The traffic congestion experienced on Rosecrans St. due to the Rock Church services was mentioned; as well as traffic generated by Navy employees on Lytton St. and Barnett Ave.
- In regards to new streets introduced through Sports Arena super block; the comments expressed concern on possible increased traffic congestion on Kurtz St. and Hancock St.
- A comment was made that the current Community Plan suggested connecting Barnett Ave. to the Hancock St. on-ramp.
 - Tait Galloway explained that this would impact SPAWAR. The Community Plan could recommend improving Witherby St. to allow for a better connection from Pacific Highway to the Hancock St. on-ramp.
- A comment was made explaining that the swap meet helps create and support small businesses within the community. The Plan should recommend retaining Sports Arena, since it is working.
- MCRD should be incorporated into the community planning area.
- The Plan should require a community planning process should the MCRD close, but not contain recommendations for future development.
- If a new arena was built somewhere else, such as Downtown, the existing or a renewed Sports Arena would not be needed, and the Plan should consider other uses for this site.
- The Plan should identify the need to prepare a master plan for the future development of Sports Arena.
- If the Sports Arena is nominated as a historic site, would there need to be considerations in regards to this building.
 - Tait Galloway explained that the Sports Arena building has not been nominated as a historic site, but it is potentially eligible. It would need to be submitted to the Historical Resources Board.

- There was a comment made mentioning that there is a lack of bicycle and pedestrian-friendly environment within the Community, explaining that there is a need for bicycle lanes, and potholes and sidewalks need to be repaired.
- Tait Galloway responded that the Community Plan would have recommendations for pedestrian and bicycle facilities, including bicycle lanes.

5. Overview of Next Steps:

Tait Galloway explained that the next steps are obtaining community input on the draft Community Plan and to complete technical studies to inform the plan update, including traffic modeling that is expected to be completed by the end of 2013. In early 2014, the draft plan will be prepared and work will begin on a Program Environmental Impact Report. It is anticipated that the adoption hearing process will begin by mid-2015.

6. Closing: The meeting was closed by Tait Galloway at 5:00 PM.