

# Midway-Pacific Highway Community Planning Group Minutes

Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2023

Location: publicly available Zoom virtual meeting - San Diego, CA

1. Call to Order: 3:04pm. Quorum present: Tod, Amy, Dike, Cathy, Karen, Judy, Jason, Rebecca.
2. Approval of Minutes: January 2023 minutes were circulated. Judy motioned to approved as drafted. Cathy seconded. Unanimous approval.
3. Public Comment:
  - Margaret from the peninsula planning board announced they have five open board seats. Elections will be in person- see their website for more info PCPB.net. Becky noted continued issues with homeless nearby.
4. Government Office Reports
  - a. Mayor's Office, Kohta Zaiser: not present.
  - b. Council District 2's Office, Randy Reyes:
    - General discussion on new committee tomorrow. Working on meet and greet dates for 2023. Midway rising team presented this month. Cathy asked about new committee, neighborhood safety committee. Randy explained public safety and neighborhood committees were really two different sets of issues.
  - c. Planning Department, Nancy Graham: not present.
  - d. Police Department, Officer David Surwilo:
    - Shift change coming up which happens every eight months. Encouraged public to engage officers out in the community on issues they've been experiencing. Currently short 37 dispatchers but working to hire 10 more this week this should improve long wait times callers are experiencing on non-emergency line. Also implemented new Amazon phone system to improve experience. Dike mentioned Kohta's work on new signage in specific areas last month. Officer Surwilo said he has been involved and they are working on it. They are still restricted from enforcement of vehicle habitation laws. Think signs will help with determinant. Noted California has three of four homeless people in the country. Cathy asked about Kurtz and Hancock intersections- saw people walking their property up behind the sports arena. Seemed like they were shuffling up to city property. Asked if and when new CARE courts will be implemented. Officer noted moving people along helps with cleaning up leftover food which is helpful. Mentioned many of California's recent legal changes in state laws that soften drug possession and vehicle habitation laws that are in legislation. Police are here as part of the solution but are not the solution. Judy mentioned potentially getting the word out to her community on the recent dispatcher positions.
  - e. Housing Commission, Lisa Jones: not present.
  - f. Regional Airport Authority, TBD: not present.
  - g. County Supervisor District 3 Office, Rebecca Smith: not present.
  - h. State Senator Toni Atkins Office, Cole Reed: emailed update to board chair.
  - i. Assemblymember Tasha Boerner, Margaret Doyle:
    - announced on March 25th the women of impact will be decided. Nominees taken through the end of the week. Plans to look into SDG&E rate increases.
  - j. Congressman Scott Peters Office, Samantha Keosoukanh: not present.
  - k. SANDAG, Mara Cunningham: not present.
  - l. Naval Base Point Loma, Muska Laiq: not present.
  - m. MCRD, Jim Gruny:
    - review their operations which are training and recruiting of new marines. Recruiting has been tough which is being felt by all branches of military. We'll start training 50 of female recruits in San Diego, previously 100% female recruits were trained back east. Will be making some improvements to the existing facilities including \$94 million renovations in the mess hall. New medical facilities of about \$76 million. Spending \$83 million on new barracks. Redoing exterior fence from liberty station to Washington street. We'll look nicer and be stronger. Commanding officer will change in may. Dike Asked about timing on fence work, already started and should complete by year's end. Jim said he'd like to invite community to attend a graduation.
5. Information & Discussion Items
  - a. Midway Rising Project Update- Shelby Jordan II, Project Director, Legends
    - Jim Anderson: here to review recent public outreach meeting at EF international nearby. Mention recent news article about \$5000 fine for failure to disclose indirect lobbying efforts. As did all of the other groups originally, they set up a website and talked to various groups. All groups were required to file quarterly reports with the city. Upon their own internal audit, they discovered and brought to the cities attention that they missed said quarterly reports in 2022 for quarters one, two and three. They brought this to the city's attention and agreed to pay the \$5000 fine. Wanted to be open about the article and give some background. Went on to review the project location and multifamily unit mix. Reviewed

nonprofit partners who are interested in right working with them on the development. Discussed outline of climate and environmental concerns and goals. Next step are the quarterly meetings with public and updates to the City Council. In the process of flushing out all site due diligence to get to the CEQA process. Cathy asked if they are required to provide 72 hours notice for their quarterly meetings. Dream said they are not required to provide public notice but his goal is to get as many attendees as possible. They are open to feedback on our thoughts to increase turnout. Cathy asked how the 10% figure for percent of assisted/homeless units were determined and will be handled. Jim talked about "permanent supportive housing which populations are typically more vetted and highly serviced. Mentioned there was pressure to provide said housing and still taking guidance form the city.

b. Ramada Inn Homekey Project- Lisa Jones, EVP Strategic Initiatives, San Diego Housing Commission

-Lisa started off her comments by referencing groups previous discussion about homeless issues and care courts. In her opinion, the care courts will not really kick in until cities have the right housing facilities available. Buddy started slideshow presentation with more info on how home key funding works. Property and consideration is former Ramada inn on midway drive South of sports arena Blvd. SDHC is currently in escrow to purchase the property. Working on home key funding application in March/April with expected approval by July. Improvements would take approximately 12 months to complete. Occupants would be a diverse mix of veterans, youth, and others. There would be on site services for residents, also 24 hour security, maintenance, management and cleaning. Residents will have leases with terms and rules typical to any private market lease. On site supportive services may include: mental health substance use educational etc.. Chosen service provider would be required to be involved and integrated into the community to hear directly from the public. Dike asked for a little more about what a resident would be required to do to be approved or accepted into the program? Lisa said residents could not be required to take services. Service providers are however required to continue to reengage each resident on an ongoing basis residents are still held to their lease agreements. Some residents may have long term disabilities and could exit housing eventually. Dike Asked if they have reached out to neighboring properties? Lisa said they haven't yet but we were their first stop. Cathy said she was not enthused about the project and disappointed we are just now being notified after the property is already in escrow. Next question was what other areas are being considered besides midway? Expressed her frustration with midway being the "dumping ground" for all other neighborhoods. Lisa responded saying as a public agency they are still early in the process and still need to go to council for approval and funding. Lisa said there are three other properties being considered but not able to share locations. Also mentioned two other home key properties that were in Kearny Mesa and Mission Valley. Cathy asked how concerned residents can be heard in the future. Lisa said there is a contact person for that who will take comments to their board. Karen asked if residents have to pass through some other program first? Lisa said most applicants are matched to properties so they are in the system at some level though. Tod asked about who funds SDHC? Lisa explained their funding mostly comes from federal funds but also state and city funds. Todd also ask where their other sites are at? Lisa said their vouchers can only be used in the city of San Diego. Amy wanted to mention that they actually have some voucher holders at the orchard and some are good neighbors and some are not. Also wanted to ask Lisa if there was any focus on the ones in the most need or special populations such as vets and transitional use. Lisa said yes there is some consideration but their goal is a mixed community which are usually most successful. Dike asked if there was still opportunity for public input? Lisa said there can be changes made based on the type of populations we feel need help.

c. Council Policy 600-24 Compliance- Marlon Pangilinan, Interim Program Coordinator, City of San Diego

-Marlon: discuss the four steps that all CPG's will be required to go through this year. There will be an application process online. All types of groups can apply to represent the area based on diversity etcetera which the city is still working on. Groups will have to document how the group plans to set up their group including operations and its planned for improving the community. Dike asked where this info can be found but Marlon said he's still working on FAQ page online. Also reference the docs the city put out on September 13th meeting. Dike Asked which sections will be most important and how will marches elections be looked at? Marlon emphasized we are in a transitional period and to follow our current bylaws. Dike asked about when in person meetings will be required again with the state of emergencies being lifted? Marlon said moving forward we can still use zoom but all board members addresses will need to be on the agenda so the public can participate too.

6. Action Items: none.

7. CPC Report:

-Main point to bring up was how meetings need to have physical location moving forward. Marlon said board members can view meeting virtually but cannot vote or be part of quorum unless their physical address is also noticed 72 hours prior to meetings per the brown act. Board noted their concerns with potentially opening themselves to privacy and liability issues with this requirement. Brought up to Marlon we don't even have public facilities to hold our meetings and it's up to board to find meeting location for public. We're also paying for our own zoom which Marlon reminded us could potentially be reimbursed of the \$500 a year.

8. Chair Report: none.

9. New Business: none.

10. Old Business:

-2023 Election Subcommittee: board discussed reaching out to various businesses on possible election locations but no confirmation of March meeting location yet. Would continue to work on it between now and then.

Adjournment: 5:45pm.