

**Midway Planning**  
**June 19, 2019**

**3:07 pm Call to Order**

**Attending:**

- Cathy Kenton, Kurt Sullivan, Dike Anyiwo, Jason Viera, Mike Swanston, Amy Stark, Judy Holiday, Jerry Rivero

**Minutes:**

- Minutes for May were considered... Dike motioned; Mike seconded. Unanimous approval.

**Public Comment:**

- Judy attended the Port of San Diego master plan update. Can be viewed online and comments can be made by the public through July 31 at [www.portofsandiego.org/pmpu](http://www.portofsandiego.org/pmpu) .

**Government Reports:**

- **Councilmember Campbell from District 2** expressed appreciation for the plan update completion and the work that was devoted to this project by the planning group. RFP is out for 3-year lease of the arena and responses have come in. For the long-term perspective, the City will open the discussion with the public on what uses would be desired and feasibility. Homelessness is a significant factor, but San Diego is not suffering to the level of some other cities given past efforts and future efforts can reduce the problem even more. A former Obama administration official has been hired to lead the effort of create services and achieve housing and the city is committed to not simply leaving people on the street. Civic San Diego will be eliminated over the coming years by council action taken last week. A 4th shelter was opened last week that will replace the Fr. Joe's facility that is being eliminated for development. A new safe parking lot for RV's and other vehicles opened yesterday under contract with Jewish Family Services including counseling and home-finding services. Additional transitional housing is being pursued by the city. Cathy asked if Sunbreak Ranch was raised with the councilmember and it has not. Cathy will forward information on this.
- **Josh Coyne of Council District 2** indicated there has been a meeting to discuss the quiet zone issue for train noise. This initiative would require approximately \$ 4.5 million in funding for crossing modification.
- **Vicki White of SD Planning** updated on the Chevron at Midway and indicated permits are currently being sought.
- **David Surwilo of SDPD** spoke on current initiatives in the area for SDPD. His former partner has left the area, so David is the remaining contact. Academy recruits are in training at full capacity for initial deployment as patrol officers with 5 officers coming to the Midway area.
- **Emily Weir from the county supervisor's office** reported that the office is exploring a Hillcrest location for dealing with mental health intake needs for homeless. Engaged in the half cent ballot measure Elevate SD 2020.

- **Chevelle Tait from Toni Atkins' office** advised that Stand Down event collection is underway, and donations can be left at the Point Loma library. Cathy inquired on SB50 and other bills being impacted for community planning group. SB50 allowing streamlined appeal process for residential development to bypass community planning process has been shelved until 2020... SB592 is viewed as trying to reintroduce SB50. SB330 is under amendment for freezing new development regulations. Cathy pointed out that government, not community planning, is the problem that needs to be addressed and eliminating community input is the wrong approach. CPC's are taking this up to voice their positions on these bills.
- **Matthew Gordon from Todd Gloria's office** clarified that SB330 will not allow modification of the voter approved 30-foot height limitation. Highlighted several bills that were handled during the term.
- **Muska Laiq from the Navy** spoke on the NAVWAR site. Cathy reiterated her view to SANDAG that the NAVWAR site is not appropriate for the multi-modal grand central terminal concept. Dike is interested in hearing specifics in order to form an opinion on the concept. The Navy's own study on best use of the property is due to conclude this summer. The Navy has requirements for this land so it will not totally exit the picture whatever the plan that is eventually selected.

#### **Action Items:**

- **Train horn noise** was discussed. Jerry motions that MHPCPG support implementation of a train horn quiet zone from Little Italy to Old Town. Jerry moved; Amy seconded. **Unanimous approval.**
- **MPHCPG Annual Report** was discussed. Kurt pointed out Section V text should be replaced with "None" and typo change in Section II. Kurt moved approval with the two changes; Jason seconded. **Unanimous approval.**
- **CIP list** has been done by the group, so no further action needed.

#### **Informational Items:**

- Dike spoke on the transportation subcommittee. Continuing to investigate prospect of formation of a committee as there is interest but timing may not align with the current situation. Cathy favors a group that is in place to move various issues forward and this would need community participation. She will check with Vickie White on this and discuss next month.

#### **CPC Report:**

- Dike indicated CPC has not yet met for June and no report for last month. Draft EIR is out for the city's transitional housing initiative with 30-day review period.

**Chair Report:**

- **PCOW seminar** will occur net Tuesday regarding conduct of meetings and all are welcome to attend.
- **An email regarding Fire Station 20** and its need for improvement with inquiry on "town council" involvement in the process was read by Cathy. Cathy indicated we do not have any funding control and asked the station needs to prepare a specific request that the planning group could relay to our council member. Cathy asked Vickie if the BID money held for Midway could be used to assist and Vickie will follow up and advise. Vickie will also investigate DIF fund applicability. Jerry indicated he would like to contact FD on this for possible pro-bono support.
- **Website update** was raised. Jason and Dike met in exploration and provided Cathy with information to establish through Go Daddy. MPHCPG.org and .com appears to be favored by the group. The group agreed to proceed.
- **A community forum** on investment of money for housing will occur on July 31 at County office on Ruffin Road for anyone interested.

**New Business:** None

**Old Business:** None

**Adjourned at 4:53 pm.**