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Midtown Neighborhood Association (MNA)

Regularly Scheduled Board of Directors Meeting

August 9, 2017

Minutes

Board Members Present: Angela Tillotson (Chair), Danny Yost (Vice Chair) Jessica Sorensen (Treasurer), Gabriela Chavez (Secretary), Betsy Rothwell (by phone), Bill Rothwell (by phone), Tim Schmelzer, Marshall Stenson, Kevin Boll, Nicole Velasquez, Louis Mirante.

Excused: Larry Engelhardt Lee

Absent: Esteban Heredia, Ryan VanZuylen. Michael Sayers

Meeting was held at Midtown Association, 1401 21st Street, Unit A. Meeting was called to order by Angela at 6:20 p.m. Brief introductions were completed.

COMMUNITY PARTNER UPDATES

- The Sacramento Fire Department
 - Graduate an academy class on the 18th at 6 PM at the Crest
 - Station 16 in Natomas
 - Facebook Page has information
 - Firefighters' cameras
 - Grant for education in Fire Service Careers (info on website, CalJackAcademy.org)
 - Several victorian fires in the neighborhood (accidental)
 - Sept 11, few events
 - Participation of firefighters
 - 9/10 walk through downtown
- Assemblymember McCarty's Office
- Senator Pan's Office

COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS

- Neighborhood Services Division (NSD)
 - Randy Singh introduced himself
 - Neighborhood Services: youth programming, planning academy, assist neighborhoods, be a link between the city and neighborhoods.

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- Development Tracker - new updates coming
- Neighborhood Watch Training - Email mfalcon@pd.cityofsacramento.org or call 916-808-0813.
- Parking issues were raised by Jess, Danny - this should be addressed through NSD
 - Notices aren't received by renters, only landlords
- First Five, Sacramento - Community Grants
 - Grants for community programs serving kids from prenatal to 5 years old, grassroots efforts.
 - Requirements
 - Benefits age 0 - 5 kids
 - Grassroot, community driven
 - Opportunity to build relationships in the community
 - Application available from August 21 to October 6 <http://www.first5cbg.com/apply-for-grant.html>

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Neighbor complained that website was out of date and recommended MNA work with SF YIMBY.

BOARD BUSINESSES

Consent Calendar

A motion to approve the Consent Calendar with the Treasurer's report and minutes from the last meeting was made by Jessica and unanimously approved by voice vote.

Center of Praise Letter

A motion to approve the letter was made by Angela and unanimously approved by voice vote.

DISCUSSION AND INFORMAL ITEMS

- National Night Out
 - Federalist, Golden Bear, Kupros, Casa de Brazilian, participated in event and interested in supporting again next year.
 - Over 150 attendance
 - About 28 sign-ups of new members

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- \$620 expenditures (spent less than the estimated budget of \$1,000)
- Bark Park
 - \$500 for 5 year bench sponsorship
 - Jess made a motion to spend \$500 to sponsor for 5 years a bench for the Bark Park using unspent funds from the National Night Out budget, Board Members' donations, and donations solicited from the community and unanimously approved by voice vote.
- Louis raised concerns about the city's homeless issue
 - Steinberg is proposing a city ordinance to allow homeless to sleep in churches at night. Louis asked that the topic be added to the September agenda to propose that MNA draft a letter to support an ordinance to allow churches to have homeless individuals sleep inside.
 - A resident complained that a church near 27th was feeding the homeless and the homeless vandalized the neighborhood.
 - The board will seek additional information/future presenters.
- State of Addiction – KCRA 3
 - New stories
- Sept 5th next housing subcommittee meeting - Tim
- Notice 17th and S and 16th and O
 - There are chemical cleaner operations for the groundwater
- 27th of this month Casa de Brazilian will have a Brazilian Independence Day street festival.
- Swearing-in ceremony of new PD Chief.
- Midtown Association with St. Francis - clean up in September
 - Encourage members to participate

Angela adjourned the meeting at 8:16 PM.

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