

Midtown Neighborhood Association (MNA)

January 13, 2016

Board Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: Angela Tillotson (Chair), Matthew Piner (Immediate Past Chair), Danny Yost (Vice Chair), Bill Rothwell (Treasurer) and Betsy Rogalla (Secretary).

Approximately 30 Guests and Neighborhood residents attended the meeting of the reactivated MNA, held at the Midtown Business Association (MBA) office @ 919 20th Street.

Introductions: The meeting began with brief introductions by the interim Board members followed with introductions of guests and residents.

Code of Civility: Copies of the newly developed Code of Civility were passed out to the membership and read by Secretary, Betsy Rogalla.

Special Item: Angela Tillotson, acknowledged several outstanding community partners for their role and support in the redevelopment of the MNA. Plaques were awarded to Kupros Kraft House, CORE Medical Clinic Inc., Officer Jeff Kuhlmann, and Lt. Jason Bassett, Sacramento PD.

Regular Reports

- **Sacramento Police Department Updates:** Officer Kuhlmann informed the group Midtown was no longer part of his beat and that Officer Penny was his replacement but for ease during the am/pm shift transitions he would be more than happy to assist with calls to Midtown. Officer Penny was busy and not able to attend the meeting but has been involved in the Association's reactivation.

Jason Bassett, Lieutenant in charge of Midtown explained that when calling 911 it goes directly to CHP and takes additional time for transfers. The direct number when using a cell phone for emergency calls to SacPD is (916) 732-0100. Calls for non-emergency issues should be directed to (916) 264-5471. Lt Bassett's email, jbassett@sacpd.org. Lt Bassett answered questions about the crime in Midtown and explained there is a separate "entertainment unit" of 5 police officers and their job is to cover the bar and night club scene. Officer Penny currently covers the Midtown residential area.

Lt Bassett briefly talked about the, "No Camping Ordinance" within the city limits and efforts to help neighborhoods with the homeless setting up camps in the neighborhoods. He stressed the importance of calling SacPD to inform them of any activities in question. Lt. Bassett is a proponent of using LED lighting on your property as an additional means of security. He also recommended registering your bicycles at Ride/On!@Sacpd.org the program has been a deterrent to bike theft in Midtown.

- **Council District 4 Updates:** Jameson Parker (jdarker@cityofsac.org) (916) 808-5241, from Steve Hanson's office briefed the membership on an upcoming meeting regarding streamlining the amount/frequency trash pick-up for the city, along with the possibility of using one hauler instead of multiple vendors. Other issues pending are street lighting, and parking.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Matt indicated MNA has a balance of \$1,737.81, which will be transferred to a new account at Chase bank, in Midtown. Once the new account is opened, donations and dues will be deposited. The Association has several outstanding bills to pay as soon as the transfer takes place.
- **Council Report:** Angela attended the city council meeting, and introduced herself as the interim President of the reactivated Midtown Neighborhood Association. Items discussed at the City Council meeting were current homeless issues and Mayoral candidates.

- **Commission Report:** Angela and Danny attended the Planning Commission meeting and the discussion centered on several proposed businesses within our boundaries, including Big Stump Brewery, Yamanee (a 14-story building at the SE corner of 25th&J) and alleyway activation project to include Mexican tapas and a beer venue off of 24th between J&K.
- **Alliance Report:** The Washington School will be opening, located on the corner of 17th and F.

Updates

- **MNA Mission:** The Board approved a new mission statement, “Creating a strong community and a clean, safe and thriving neighborhood through partnerships”.
- **Communication/Outreach:** MNA’s communication outreach efforts were reviewed including the website, blog page, email, Facebook page, and NextDoor postings.
- **Bylaws:** A proposed change to the Bylaws to make MNA’s boundaries match the city’s website boundaries was discussed. This amendment will be considered and acted upon at the February Board meeting.

Discussions

Elections: Due to MNA’s reactivation over the busy holidays and the seating of an interim Board of Directors, it was proposed to change the Bylaws to allow for a special election to seat a permanent Board. This amendment will be considered and acted upon at the February Board meeting.

Membership: It was proposed that the current membership dues of \$15.00 per year be continued. A discussion took place concerning whether the dues would apply per person or per household. It was proposed that the details of membership be researched and that the discussion be tabled for the time being.

City Budget Priorities: The MNA was approached and asked to provide a list of priorities to be considered. Methods to solicit input of the membership were discussed including via the MNA Facebook page and by comment at the February meeting.

Future Items

Mark Huck shared information concerning the upcoming celebration of the 40th Anniversary of Preservation in Sacramento. The celebration is planned for May and is a joint effort of the City’s Preservation Commission and Sacramento Heritage, Inc. Sponsorship opportunities are available.

Angela reported on her successful efforts to mediate issues that had surfaced between the Big Stump Brewery and certain neighbors.

Proposed major City Water increases will be discussed at a meeting at 5:30p on January 27th. It was noted that the issue will go to a public ballot.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11p.