

Sacramento Midtown Neighborhood Association (MNA)
Board Meeting Minutes
February 4, 2016

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

Approximately 15 guests and neighborhood residents attended the meeting called to order at 6: 05 p.m., and held at the Midtown Business Association (MBA) office @ 919 20th Street.

REGULAR REPORTS

- **Sacramento Police Department Updates:** Officer Penny reported on the success of the 'Bait Bike' program, which rendered several arrests last week. If there are any residents interested in hosting a bike on their property please contact 808-7500 for placement of a Bait Bike. Discussion followed and Officer Penny agreed to bring informational stickers regarding the program to the next meeting.

Officer Penny briefly reported on other Midtown neighborhood police activities, which included a burglary at T Street, a recent increase in graffiti around town, and indicated that residents with Honda Accords and Civics be aware they are the most frequently stolen cars in the city and recommended buying anti theft devices for additional protection of your vehicle if left on the street at night.

- **Council District 4 Updates:** Jameson Parker from Steve Hanson's office reported that the Central City Neighborhood Counsel (CCNC), a group represented by the neighborhood association Chairs, will be meeting in the next couple of weeks to discuss a coordination of efforts regarding the solid waste haulers alternative plan. The group will begin preliminary steps of discussing alternative service models instead of the current operation. This approach will organize all neighborhood association ideas and suggestions into a cohesive approach.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Bill Rothwell reported that he was unable to open a business checking account through Chase because MNA doesn't have a federal tax ID number. The alternative is to open a personal account using a member's social security number, which is not advised. Discussion followed about checking with the Secretary of State regarding registering the MNA as a not-for-profit association and obtaining a tax ID number. Betsy Rothwell volunteered to visit the Secretary of State's office.

Bill reviewed the current bank balances of approximately \$1,853 (an 81 cent increase over the prior month, realized upon closing the account with US Bank). The organization has payables due of approximately \$400. Once a bank account has been established for the MNA, the outstanding debts will be settled.

- **Council Report:** Angela Tillotson and Danny Yost attended the Mayor's State of the City Address. Priority topics mentioned by Mayor Johnson included researching seed money to draw entrepreneurs to the region, homeless issues, public transportation, economic development, and lastly street safety.

On a related note, Angela will be attending the City Management Academy, beginning February 17.

- **Bicycle Master Plan:** Changes are currently being considering to the Bicycle Master Plan, which includes grid changes, buffered bike lanes, changes to Broadway with connections to X Street, along with making N Street two-way. The board discussed having a representative of the Bicycle Master Plan attend one of our meetings to provide a more in-depth preview of the proposed changes that will affect MNA.
- **Alliance Report:** Angela reported that the Central City Neighborhoods Alliance and the League of Women Voters (LWV) are planning a Mayoral Candidates Forum and the County has offered their chambers for the event. Dates and times to be announced.
- MNA and MBA are partnering to host a community mixer on February 29 at TRUE, located at 1900 K Street. TRUE is an up-scale thrift store benefiting WEAVE.

MNA and MBA are working in partnership to hold more community mixers to build a more cohesive community.

- Surveys are available on Facebook to make your voice heard regarding Parking issues in the city including rate increases, spot zones and time limits.

DISCUSSIONS

- **Previous Meeting Minutes:** The minutes of the January 16, 2016 MNA Board Meeting were **Approved** as read.
- **Membership and Dues:** It was discussed that Midtown businesses be charged \$15.00 for membership dues to be members of the MNA, that an on-line application for membership will be made available, as well as a PayPal and digital option for paying dues. Danny is working on the development of the forms.
- **Elections:** It was proposed that nominations for the MNA Board of Directors be completed by February 29, 2016, and that elections be held from March until March 31. Election results will be announced at the beginning of April. The new Board of Directors will select new officers in April. **Motion unanimously approved.**
- **Mayor's Budget Workshop:** Angela reported on the survey results from the website.

FUTURE ITEMS

- **Upcoming items, projects and events:** The Yamanee project was discussed. It was agreed to secure MNA community input via the MNA website.

UPDATES

- **Bylaws:** Bill Rothwell motioned to approve the changes to the bylaws regarding MNA boundary changes to match the city website. **Motion unanimously approved.**

Meeting adjourned 7:45 p.m.