

Midtown Neighborhood Association (MNA)

May 12, 2016

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Board Members Present: Danny Yost (Vice Chair), Matthew Piner (Immediate Past-Chair), Bill Rothwell (Treasurer) and Betsy Rothwell (Secretary). Alicia Doktor, Esteban Heredia, Jessica Sorenson, Natalee Vicencia, Aaron Ward,

Absent: Excused - Ed Donaghy, Nancy Finch, Caity Maple, Tim Schmelzer, Marshall Stenson, and Angela Tillotson.

Meeting called to order by Vice Chair, Danny Yost, at 6:10 pm, and brief introductions were completed.

REGULAR REPORTS

- **Sacramento Police Department Updates:** Sargeant Jeff Morris, formerly of SPD Homicide attended tonight's meeting in Lieutenant Bassett's absence. Sgt. Morris works on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and is off duty Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. His contact information is Jmorris@pd.cityofsac which is the best way to reach him.

Sgt. Morris reported that on April 29, PD issued a search warrant to a home in Natomas where police seized 60 bicycles. The department is busy using social media in an attempt to match bikes to owners by using the serial numbers. He asked that MNA post this on the website and social media sites to inform Midtown residents to send pictures to the BikeUnit@PD.cityofSac.org, there is also a dedicated phone line, 916-808-6705 to contact police if you have questions regarding the recovered bikes.

- **Council Updates District 4:**

Peter Fenolio, of Steve Hansen's office, will be attending MNA meetings until Jameson's position is filled, Peter's usual focus for district 4 is parks & utilities and alley/trash services in the grid. He reported on the dog park at 19th & Q which should open in November. The Friends of the Park (Angela is involved with this group) will be fundraising for park enhancements and maintenance of the property.

Also, Peter just received a red line copy of the of the proposed tree ordinance and will forward to MNA.

- **Assembly McCarty's updates: Presenter Absent**

COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS

- **Mike Klein - Absent**

COMMUNITY

- **Louis M** attended and reported on the Bicycle Master Plan meeting. The city is in the process of hiring an active transportation coordinator to assist with the planning and organization of this project.

BOARD BUSINESS

- **Updates/reports from MNA board officers, members and delegates:**

Vice chair Yost reported on the Marshall and Jefferson schools meetings held at Washington Elementary School. The Sac City Unified School board members and staff, along with concerned neighbors were in attendance. Fox 40 news covered the meeting and the Co-op donated meat & cheese and veggie platters. Tours of both Jefferson and Marshall schools were conducted and allowed neighbors and interested community members from each area to participate. As next step efforts, the District will send out letters listing the top selected use options discussed for each site.

- Bill reported on the Press Building meeting that he attended on April 27th. The proposed project is to be built on top of the Sacramento Bee parking lot structure at the corner of Q & 21st. The developer, architects and builder were present and took questions from residents. The project thus far has met with no opposition. Since the city doesn't post project designs and renderings for view, MNA has decided to download any potential projects to our website.
- In Angela's absence Danny reported on the May 7th Mayoral Forum, sponsored by the Alliance, The League of Women Voters of Sacramento County and Sac Metropolitan Cable Television Commission. The question and answer session will be rebroadcast every Sunday until June 5, 2016 on Cable channel 14. For video streaming visit www.sacramentocable.tv.
- Matt made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2016 meeting. **Motion unanimously approved.**
- **15th & Q Project** is an 8 story mixed use building with ground floor commercial space and 73 residential units located in the R Street Corridor Special Planning District on the corner of 15th & Q. After board discussion it was decided to set up a meeting to discuss this project before it goes to the commission for approval.

Board Comments/Questions: Is the association responsible for writing letters to oppose or support every development project? What type of retail do Midtown residents want?

- **Treasure's Report:**

Bill reported the following:

Balance on hand on April 1, 2016: \$3,864.63.

Receipts:

Members' Dues: \$1,257.56 (net of credit card & PayPal processing charges)

Donations: none received.

Total (Opening Balance plus Total Receipts): \$5,122.19.

Disbursements:

Awards: \$209.35

Promotions: \$224.50

Office Supplies: \$ 22.36

Printing: \$ 48.78

Snacks & Refreshments: \$305.01

Total Disbursements: \$ 810.00

Balance on Hand on April 30, 2016: \$4,312.19.

- **MNA Priorities and Team leads:**

Priorities - To create a budget, work on creating a mission statement and rewriting the Bylaws.

Betsy suggested that the board consider hiring attorney Philip Cunningham, to rewrite our Bylaws. Mr. Cunningham was kind enough to meet with Bill and Danny regarding our reactivation and has experience with nonprofits and community associations. Even though it would cost approximately \$1500 Betsy felt it would be a wise investment considering the amount of time it would take volunteers to tackle a project of this nature. It was mentioned that the Midtown Business Association leadership had mentioned that their attorney might be willing to handle MNA's legal work. It was decided to check into the cost.

Team Leads -

- **Budget Committee** - Bill, Jessica, Natalie
- **Strategic Plan** – Alicia, Natalie. Alicia handed out
- **Parking, Traffic, Transportation** - Louis, Aaron
- **Web/Social Media** - Jessica, Caity, Danny
- **Community Events** - Jessica, Betsy
- **Fundraising** - Natalie
- **Clean and Safe Neighborhood** - Angela, Betsy, Matt

Once the committee's are formed please hold meetings and report back to the board with suggested ideas and projects. Participation is open to any other interested members.

- **Slack Training Presentation – To be rescheduled.** Alicia used the allotted time to present an example of a 7-phase Strategic Plan Process for Nonprofit Organizations.

Meeting adjourned 8:05 p.m.

