

Midtown Neighborhood Association (MNA)
Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting Minutes
August 10, 2016

Board Members present: Angela Tillotson (Chair), Danny Yost (Vice Chair), Matthew Piner (Immediate Past Chair), Bill Rothwell (Treasurer), Betsy Rothwell (Secretary). Caity Maple, Louis Mirante, Jessica Sorensen, Tim Schmelzer, Marshall Stenson, Aaron Ward.

Absent: Natalee Vicencia, Esteban Heredia, Ed Donaghy.

Meeting held at Midtown Business Association office at 919 20th Street and called to order by Chair Angela Tillotson, at 6:04 p.m. Brief introductions were completed.

REGULAR UPDATES:

The Sacramento Police Dept., Assembly Member McCarty's Office, and Council Member Steve Hansen's Office gave updates. See <http://www.midtownsac.org/community-updates/august-2016-community-updates> for more details.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS: (for items not on the agenda)

Megan Wygant, Executive Director for E. Claire Raley Studios for the Performing Arts (CLARA) provided an introduction and update on CLARA. See <http://www.midtownsac.org/community-updates/august-2016-community-updates> for more details.

BOARD BUSINESS:

- ❖ **Consent Calendar:** July Board Meeting Minutes and the Treasurer's report see the [Agenda Packet](#) for this meeting for more information.
 - Caity Maple moved to approve the Consent Calendar: (Minutes of the July meeting and Treasurer's report) **The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.**

DISCUSSION & INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

❖ **National Night Out (NNO) Update:**

Congratulations to Jessica Sorensen for a well-organized and very successful Midtown National Night Out, held August 2, on 22nd St. between Capitol Ave. and Matsui Alley. Additional kudos to Ed Donaghy and Meeta Lele for the help they provided as well as all members who rolled up their sleeves for a good cause. The waterslide was a big hit especially as the mercury soared. Neighborhood children enjoyed the wet and wild ride.

As a result of NNO our neighborhood association gathered 23 new memberships. Thank you, Danny, Louis and Betsy for your sales efforts.

ACTION ITEMS:

- ❖ **Board Member Vacancy** On Friday, August 5, 2016, Nancy Finch sent a resignation email to Angela affective immediate. The board determined that nominations for the open seat be submitted by September 1, 2016.
- ❖ **2218 Capitol Avenue:** Mike Klein requested a letter of support from MNA for this project. The board discussed MNA's level of involvement and whether writing a 'no position' letter was in fact a statement in itself. The project will go to the Zoning and Preservation Director's meeting on August 18. Tim motioned to table the discussion. **Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.**
- ❖ **Transportation Committee:** Louis reported that the City presented the Bicycle Master Plan this week and it is 60 pages in length and includes long-term goals. The committee will analyze the document and report back to the board.
- ❖ **Social Media Policy:** Due a recent incident written on MNA's Facebook page the board discussed adopting a social media policy. Danny so moved, to adopt a social media policy regarding any comments posted on any of MNA's social media sites that contain profanity, attacks, or inappropriate content will be removed. **Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.**
- ❖ **Housing Affordability Committee:** The board discussed affordable housing and rents in Midtown and the need for MNA to be a proactive partner in this discussion. Tim so moved to that MNA form a committee to address this issue. **Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.** Committee members include: Tim (Lead), Jessi, Aaron, Esteban, Betsy and Angela.
- ❖ **Lower American River Conservancy:** The board discussed AB 1716 which creates a state conservancy program for the Lower American River. Caity so moved that MNA support AB1716. **Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.**
- ❖ **Meeting Length:** The board discussed lengthening the meeting times. The majority of members agreed to keep the meetings at two hours and consider lengthening meetings only on an as-needed basis.

Angela (chair) adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.