

KENSINGTON TALMADGE PLANNING GROUP
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 12, 2008

A regular meeting of Kensington Talmadge Planning Group (KTPG) was called to order by Chair Tom Hebrank on November 12, 2008 at 6:33pm in the Kensington Community Church located at 4773 Marlborough Ave., San Diego, CA 92116.

Members present: Gail Greer, Tom Hebrank, Guy Hanford, Shauna Pribyl, John Garrison, Jonathan Tibbits, Stephanie Glazer, David Moty, Carl Davis, Robert Coffin, Chuck Kaminski, and Dave Pfeifer.

Members absent: Sherry Hopwood, Jeri Dilno, and Deborah Sharpe.

Also present: Fred Lindhal, Cynthia Gaddes, Marianne Greene, and numerous members of the public.

MODIFICATIONS TO AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was made by S. Pribyl, seconded by J. Tibbits, and unanimously approved to amend the agenda so the Secretary may present a written report of a potential vacancy due to successive absences.

MINUTES

After a motion made by B. Coffin and seconded by J. Tibbits, the October 8, 2008 minutes were approved with changes by a vote of 10-0-2. D. Pfeifer & G. Greer abstained.

TREASURER'S REPORT

In the absence of Treasurer S. Hopwood, T. Hebrank presented the Treasurer report. As of October 31, 2008 there was \$738.16 in the KTPG bank account. During the month of October 2008, deposits consisted of \$169.00 in donations and zero disbursements.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Chair T. Hebrank addresses the time constraints of the public communication portion of the agenda. He explained the purpose of KTPG and explained that folks are welcome to speak but should understand that KTPG may not have authority to address all concerns.

Various members of the public were present and conveyed the following:

- I. A. Jansen – Update on Kensington Terrace. The land loan has been extended and the project size has been reduced. The current design consists of surface parking and a reduction in building square footage. Signs will be set up on the site with the intent of preleasing the building. A certain percentage of the building must be preleased to get a construction loan. He left a number of business cards for the community to contact him with any concerns. A number of questions arose including whether or not the residential component will be included in the new design, what, if any, aspect of the project is discretionary, how long with the gas station remediation take, whether or not the current design includes commercial condominiums, whether or not the building design includes any sustainable aspects.
- II. F. Lindahl – Asked the board for time at next meeting to speak about the Hoover High School projects. The school is proposing stadium lighting over the football field, new buildings, and a new parking lot that will allow entrance on Highlands and exit onto Monroe (a historic corridor), amongst other things. The city has no purview over public school projects and it is being reviewed by the state. The community has not submitted an opposition letter to the state.
- III. T. Adam – Inquired about which agency is responsible for filling in the tree wells that are along Adams Avenue. A member of community explains that Adams Avenue Business Association is responsible for filling in the tree wells. A discussion ensues and it is recommended that T. Adam contact Jim Schneider.
- IV. J. Kroft – Inquired about the status of the Kensington sign. It was announced that this body doesn't manage the Kensington sign. A member of the Kensington Talmadge Community Association (KTCA), the body that does manage the Kensington sign, states that the sign was taken down for inspections and KTCA is still awaiting the results of the inspection.
- V. B. Coffin – Requested that the utility undergrounding and purchasing microphones for KTPG be discussed by the board. It was announced that the individual who loans the microphones to KTPG is not present. He raised a concern over utility boxes being placed in front yards and other design flaws after visiting the Talmadge community. The Kensington community will be going through the design process and he is requested that an ad hoc subcommittee be formed and involved with the design process. General concern was raised about the aesthetics of the Talmadge undergrounding project and the impact of the undergrounding project on the character of the neighborhood.

- VI. G. Hanford – Announced that the lamp posts were recently painted. He asked the community to refrain from taping signs on the lamp posts and screwing signs into the trees.
- VII. T. Hebrank – Join the 6th Annual Kensington Tree Lighting Ceremony on Saturday December 13th at 4183 Adams Avenue.

CITY/GOVERNMENT INFORMATION ITEMS

- I. **Susan Davis, US Congressional District 53** – A representative was not available to speak on behalf of Congressperson Davis.
- II. **Toni Atkins, City Councilmember District 3** – A representative was not available to speak on behalf of Councilmember Atkins.
- III. **City Planning Office** – A representative was not available to speak on behalf of the City Planning Office.

NON-SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS

- I. **City Heights Redevelopment PAC** – T. Hebrank nominates F. Lindahl as the KTPG liaison for the City Heights Redevelopment PAC. A discussion ensues and it is explained that the nomination is for a 2 year term beginning in November 2008. It is also mentioned that Danielle Laman had expressed interest in the nomination. After a motion made by T. Hebrank, and seconded by D. Moty the board unanimously appoints F. Lindahl as the KTPG liaison to the City Heights Redevelopment PAC.
- II. **Upcoming KTPG Meetings** – A motion is made by T. Hebrank and seconded by S. Pribyl for the KTPG to go dark on December 10th, the subcommittees to go dark on November 26th, holding subcommittee meetings on December 10th, and allowing the subcommittees to go dark on December 24th. A call for the vote is made and the board unanimously passes the motion.

NON- SUBCOMMITTEE INFORMATION ITEMS

NONE

SUBCOMMITTEE AGENDAS

- I. **Neighborhood Facilities & Historical Resources Subcommittee (NFHRS)** –
 - a. Non-Agenda Public Items:
 - i. None
 - b. Action Items:
 - i. Utility Box Painting – presented by S. Glazer and C. Gaddes.

1. A motion is made by S. Glazer and seconded by C. Kaminski to approve the student's art design and paint the designated boxes on the southwest corner at the intersection of Marlborough and Adams. A lengthy discussion ensues and many pros and cons are raised regarding the art and painting the utility boxes. A call for the vote is made and the motion passes with a 10-3-0 vote. G. Hanford, J Tibbits and D Moty vote against the motion.

c. Information Items:

- i. Vision Statement – The ad hoc subcommittee was dissolved and the vision statement was cancelled.

J. Tibbits leaves.

II. Project Review Subcommittee (PRS) –

a. Non-Agenda Public Items:

- i. None.

b. Action Items:

- i. None.

c. Information Items:

- i. Aldine Slope Restoration – No updates. The applicant is going to resubmit its package to development services along with responses to the assessment letter in the next few weeks. The applicant will send a copy of the submittal to KTPG. Construction is still scheduled to begin in 2010. This is consistent with the August presentation.

G. Hanford Leaves

- ii. Land Use Workshops – To be discussed at December 10th subcommittee meeting.

III. Transportation & Safety Subcommittee (TSS) –

a. Non-Agenda Public Items:

- i. None.

b. Action Items:

- i. None.

c. Information Items:

- i. Rerouting of Traffic During Aldine Drive Slope Restoration Work – A three page handout entitled “Aldine Drive Daily Directional Trips” from the City of San Diego is disbursed to the board and community. As per the handout traffic will be detoured onto Van Dyke Avenue during the Aldine Drive Slope Restoration project. A discussion ensues about the location of the detour sign, the

- CEQUA process, and the appropriate forum to speak out against the proposed traffic route.
- ii. Crime Incidents and Issues – No update.
- IV. Membership, By-Laws & Communications Subcommittee (MBCS) –**
- a. Non-Agenda Public Items:
 - i. None
 - b. Action Items:
 - i. None.
 - c. Information Items:
 - i. Presentation and Q&A Session on Brown Act and Parliamentary Procedures – M. Greene discussed the Brown Act and Parliamentary Procedures including, but not limited to, posting meeting notices 72-hours before the meeting start time, lack of requirements to evenly distribute flyers throughout the community, topics that may be privately discussed (e.g. suggested meeting times, requesting volunteers to distribute flyers, setting the agenda), the chair may set the agenda, modifying the current agenda with items that *must* be heard due to time sensitivity, the definition of “private,” one-way distribution of draft minutes to the full board is okay, retention of records, and using the internet as supplementary (vs. substitution) source for public notices. A discussion ensues regarding the importance of sharing handouts with the community and placing information in a binder that is available at the meetings for public purview.
 - ii. Status of Grant Proposal to Fund Communications Efforts – It was announced that the topic was discussed at the recent MBCS meeting but no action was taken.
 - iii. Fundraising to Support Communications – It was announced that the topic was discussed at the recent MBCS meeting but no action was taken.
 - iv. Website Creation, Hosting, Domain Name, and Software Selection – It was announced that the topic was discussed at the recent MBCS meeting but no action was taken.
 - v. Advertising the Land Use Workshops – It was announced that this topic is pending the results of the next PRS meeting.
- V. KTPG Liaison Committee Reports –**
- a. Talmadge Maintenance Assessment District (TMAD) is presented by F. Lindahl.
 - i. The most recent meeting was the TMAD annual meeting. At the next TMAD meeting the board will pick officers.
 - ii. TMAD would like to redesign the entry into Talmadge and create a gateway entrance.

- iii. It was noted that the TMAD did not get the required number of signatures to operate as a non-profit; thus, TMAD solicited signatures for a petition. The goal was to get 750 signed petitions and TMAD currently has 760 signatures. The City is currently reviewing the petition.
- iv. TMAD is revising final drawings to install over 220 lights that will cost \$1.1 million. The goal is to install the additional lights next year. As a part of the additional light project, TMAD is working to piggy back the current undergrounding project and install conduit for the proposed new lights.
- b. Community Planners Committee (CPC) presented by D. Moty.
 - i. Requested that telecom projects stay out of residential area, if possible.
 - ii. The Historic Resources Board (HRB) passed two motions to make appointments to HRB thereby filling some of current vacancies.
 - iii. M. Greene gave a presentation on administrative procedures.
- c. City Heights Redevelopment PAC (CHRPAC) presented by F. Lindahl.
 - i. Marie Garner from city financing committee distributed handouts regarding a pedestrian master plan. The handouts were not provided to KTPG or the community but further information is available at:
<http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/programs/transportation/mobility/pedestrian.shtml>
 - ii. A recent count of car vs. person accidents the largest number of accidents occurred on Euclid and El Cajon Blvd.
- d. There was no presentation made in regard to the City of San Diego Underground Conversion Project.

VI. The Secretary presented the board with a written report regard D. Sharpe's third consecutive absence.

ADJOURNMENT

I. **Agenda for an upcoming KTPG meeting –**

- a. Hoover High Schools proposed renovation of project including, but not limited to, the addition of lighting around the football field so the school can host Friday night games.
- b. TSS to update the board on undergrounding in both Talmadge and Kensington.
- c. MBCS to make fundraising recommendations.
- d. TSS to aid in the search of block captains for Kensington Community Watch north of Adams and to address general safety concerns.

- e. PRS to address how to move forward to secure funds from Facilities Financing plan regarding addition of a bike lane on Aldine Drive. As a point of reference, the applicant wouldn't preclude the building of a bike lane but it would not build the bike lane.
 - f. MBCS to address timing of the subcommittee meetings.
 - g. MBCS to address excessive tardiness in its review of the Bylaws.
 - h. PRS to update the group regarding the proposed land use workshops.
 - i. Information item for community feedback on utility boxes.
 - j. Appointment of the election subcommittee.
- II. The meeting of the KTPG adjourned at 9:55pm. The next meeting will be held at 6:30pm on Wednesday, January 14, 2009 at the Kensington Community Church.**

Submitted by, Shauna Pribyl, KTPG Secretary on January 14, 2009.

I, Shauna Pribyl, am the Secretary of the Kensington Talmadge Planning Group and hereby certify that that these minutes were approved by the Kensington Talmadge Planning Group on Jan 14, 2009.



Shauna Pribyl, Secretary

2-10-09

Date