

KENSINGTON TALMADGE PLANNING GROUP
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 13, 2009

A regular meeting of Kensington Talmadge Planning Group (KTPG) was called to order by Chair Tom Hebrank on May 13, 2009 at 6:50 pm in the Kensington Community Church located at 4773 Marlborough Ave., San Diego, CA 92116.

Members present: Tom Adam, Sherry Hopwood, Shauna Pribyl, John Garrison, Tom Hebrank, David Moty, Fred Lindahl, Daniele Laman, Kevin Kelly, Frank Doft, Bob Coffin, Guy Hanford, Gail Greer, and Tom Hoyt

Members absent: Jeri Dilno.

Also present: Dion Akers and numerous members of the public.

MODIFICATIONS TO AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was made by F. Doft, seconded by K. Kelly, and unanimously approved to accept the agenda without modification.

MINUTES

After a motion was made by D. Moty and seconded by J. Garrison, the March 11, 2009 minutes were approved with changes by a vote of 10-0-5. T. Hoyt, K. Kelly, F. Doft, F. Lindahl and D. Laman abstain from voting because they were not board members in March 11, 2009.

After a motion was made by J. Garrison and seconded by D. Moty, the April 8, 2009 minutes were approved with changes by a vote of 15-0-1. S. Pribyl abstains because she was absent on April 8, 2009.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer S. Hopwood presented the Treasurer report for April 2009. As of April 1, 2009 there was \$769.31 in the KTPG bank account. During the month of April 2009, deposits consisted of \$15.00 in donations and disbursements consisted of a single \$94.00 check payable to the USPS for 1 year of mailbox. The bank balance as of April 30, 2009 was \$690.31.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

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

- I. R. Reibli – Looking for copies of minutes from 2006 and 2002. It was reported that minutes from those years are missing.
- II. C. Kaminski – Questioned the agenda’s representation that Racquel Vasquez is the Public Information Officer for the undergrounding project. Requested that the board double check their information. It was reported that recent correspondence from the city affirms R. Vasquez’s as the Public Information Officer related to the undergrounding.
- III. S. Pribyl – Questioned Dion Akers regarding the status of canyon brush cleaning and the status of the commercial lease of 4679 Vista St. Announced that flyers are on the check-in table regarding the 10th Annual Electric Mower Trade-in Event.
- IV. D. Moty – Electronic exchange recycle program at Hoover High. This Saturday.
- V. T. Hebrank – D. McCallister, wants to speak to KTPG at a future meeting. Received a complaint that a board member approached the Kensington Café regarding the aesthetics of their renovations and commented that he/she “is a KTPG board member.” Gave a friendly reminder to board members that individually they do not represent the board.

CITY/GOVERNMENT INFORMATION ITEMS

- I. **Susan Davis, US Congressional District 53** – A representative was not available to speak on behalf of the Congressperson’s office.
- II. **Todd Gloria, City Councilmember District 3** – D. Akers made the following remarks on behalf of Councilmember Gloria.
 - a. Distributed a copy of the District Three Dialogue.
 - b. Noted the cover page article entitled “Water Update: Mandatory Conservation Begins June 1.” Reiterated that 1) odd numbered addresses may water on Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday, 2) even numbered addresses may water on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday, 3) sprinklers may not be used for more than 10 minutes per assigned day, 4) watering is permitted between 6pm and 10am only. Several questions and comments were raised from the public and the board members. D. Akers states that he is not “a water guy” but will report back to the community about altered rules for multifamily, types of fountains that need to be shut off, alternative sources of water, water conservation techniques used by other cities/counties, lightening the requirements for residential use of grey water, and rebates changing sprinkler heads. A “thank you” is stated for the Councilmember’s support of folks who can not cut back water usage any further.

- c. The Councilmember has had several discussions with the Historic Resources Board (HRB) and the Kensington Talmadge Community Association (KTCA) regarding completion of the sign project. The goal is to have the sign hung above Adams Avenue by November (the Kensington Centennial). After a question was raised about whether or not the sign will be restored or replaced it was announced that KTCA will be restoring what can be salvaged (e.g. the metal case) and replacing the balance (e.g. the neon letters). Restoration of the poles and cabling that support the sign is to be determined.
- d. Talmadge Maintenance Association District (TMAD) and City staff are having discussions regarding the lighting installation project proposed for Talmadge. A lot of back-and-forth discussions have occurred as to who has management rights over the project. City staff and D. Akers will have another meeting this week. It was announced that the main concern is getting lights working as soon as possible.
- e. At the request of Kensington residents D. Akers researched the zoning and use allowed for 4679 Vista St. It was announced that the property's zoning allows for commercial use. A change of ownership occurred which triggered the change in use.
- f. The Councilmember will be participating in the Kensington Memorial Day parade. It was announced that constituents should contact D. Akers if he/she/they want to walk with Councilmember in the parade.
- g. An upcoming Community Coffee event will be held at Baja Betty's from 11am to 12:30pm on Saturday May 16th at 1421 University Ave.
- h. City Council signed off on Tom Hebrank Day last month. The Councilmember and staff congratulate Tom Hebrank.
- i. A question was raised about the status of the Karaoke Bar on El Cajon Blvd. in Talmadge. It was announced that the Karaoke Bar is operating with an entertainment license but it does not have a liquor license as of the current date.

III. City Planning Office – A representative was not available to speak on behalf of the City Planning office.

NON-SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS

None

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I. Neighborhood Facilities & Historical Resources Subcommittee (NFHRS) – On behalf of the NFHRS, the subcommittee Chair, T. Hoyt, made the following presentation –

- a. **Action Items**

- i. **Subcommittee Vice Chair & Secretary** - The appointment of a subcommittee vice-chair and secretary were both tabled until next month, when the chair will decide if either position is necessary for the subcommittee.
 - ii. **Adoption of Meeting Time Guidelines** - A proposal by the chair to limit the subcommittee meetings to 60 minutes total time, following the time limit guidelines adopted by the full planning group. After a group discussion, this item was tabled until next month, and the chair will research the feasibility of adopting this rule for the subcommittee.
 - b. **Information Items**
 - i. **Discussion of Subcommittee Issues** – Several ideas were raised by subcommittee members including monitoring of building that is out-of-scale with the neighborhood, addition of lights, a “win-win” solution as to the library expansion, long-range site master plan for Hoover High School, etc.
- II. **Project Review Subcommittee (PRS)** – On behalf of the PRS, the subcommittee Chair, T. Adam, stated that no meeting occurred because the Canterbury project under consideration was recalled by the applicant.
- III. **Transportation and Safety Subcommittee (TSS)** – On behalf of the TSS, the subcommittee Chair, B. Coffin, made the following presentation:
 - a. **Action Items**
 - i. **Subcommittee Member Assignments** – The subcommittee identified six areas of interest: transportation, pedestrian safety, crime, street lighting, canyon fire safety, Aldine slope restoration. Furthermore, the TSS identified task leaders for current tasks assigned to the TSS: traffic during the Aldine Drive Restoration project, canyon fire safety, utility undergrounding and lighting.
- IV. **Membership & Communication Subcommittee (MCS)** – On behalf of the MCS, the subcommittee Chair, J. Garrison, made the following presentation:
 - a. **Action Items**
 - i. **Land Use Workshop** – The final workshop was held on April 28th. The series was successful. The students drafted a memo dated April 23, 2009 entitled “A Subject for Development” which was given to the PRS for final modifications before presentation to the full board. A thank you letter or certificate of appreciation will be drafted and sent to the students from the board.
- V. **By-Laws Ad Hoc Subcommittee (BLS)** – On behalf of the BLS, the subcommittee Chair, D. Moty, made the following presentation:
 - a. **Information Items**
 - i. **Update on Ad Hoc Subcommittee** – The subcommittee has met a couple of times. They have approximately 18 possible amendments to bring before the board.

KTPG LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

- I. **Talmadge Maintenance Assessment District (TMAD)** F. Lindahl reported on TMAD activities.
 - a. It will cost \$940,000 to install 240 lights in Talmadge. There is a disagreement between the city and TMAD as to whether or not the TMAD can install the lights. If TMAD is not allowed to install 240 lights then it will install 185 lights.
- II. **Community Planners Committee (CPC)** – T. Hebrank did not report on the recent CPC meeting.
- III. **City Heights Redevelopment PAC (CHRPAC)** – F. Lindahl reported on CHRPAC activities.
 - a. The CHRPAC is in the process of finalizing its 2010 work plan. The budget is \$13.9 million. Approximately \$4.4 million is budgeted for tax sharing. In June the board will vote on uses for the \$9.5 million balance of the budget.
 - b. A representative from Neighborhood Code Compliance attended the meeting to update the community on working with vacant properties regarding foreclosures. There are approximately 46 vacant properties and 13 new vacant properties in April. A Nuisance Property Officer, Building Inspector, and Police will be monitoring the vacant properties so that properties do not become unsightly due to dilapidation and/or occupied by transients.
 - c. Michelle St. Bernard with Redevelopment Department announced that Community Housing Works received an award of \$1 million to establish a First Time Homebuyer Loan Program. The grant will be used for loan application assistance, education, loan application processing, etc.
 - d. City Heights Community Housing Works will make exterior home improvements for 16 to 24 homes. Exterior renovations will include landscaping, painting, debris removal, awning repair, etc.
- IV. **Kensington 100** – T. Hebrank made the following presentation.
 - a. At the most recent meeting several ideas were raised as to how the community should celebrate the centennial but nothing was finalized.
- V. **City of San Diego Undergrounding Conversion Program** – There was no presentation made in regard to the City of San Diego Underground Conversion Project.

ADJOURNMENT

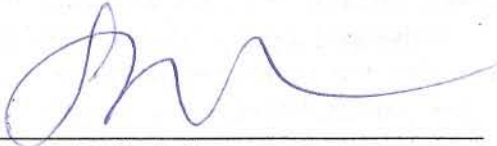
- I. **Agenda for an upcoming KTPG meeting** –
 - a. A proposal for another liaison report pertaining to the Hoover High Master Meeting.
 - b. TSS should have a speaker on the Aldine Slope Restoration project.

- c. PRS to make a recommendation regarding the Land Use Workshops development guide.
- d. Someone from the KTCA and HRB should be present to discuss the status of the Kensington sign.
- e. NFHS to make a recommendation regarding the utility box painting.
- f. MCS to address the sound system and the 300 foot noticing requirement for discretionary projects.
- g. NFHS to provide an update on the Hoover High School project.

II. The meeting of the KTPG adjourned at 7:58pm. The next meeting will be held at 6:30pm on Wednesday, June 10, 2009 at the Kensington Community Church.

Submitted by, Shauna Pribyl, on June 10, 2009.

I, Shauna Pribyl, am the Secretary of the Kensington Talmadge Planning Group and I hereby certify that that these minutes were approved by the Kensington Talmadge Planning Group on 6-10, 2009.



Shauna Pribyl, Secretary

6-30-09
Date