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Regular Meeting Minutes January 13, 2016

I **Parliamentary Items:**

- a. A regular meeting of the Kensington-Talmadge Planning Group was called to order by Chair David Moty at 6:34 pm. Members present at the start of the meeting: Ron Anderson, Daniele Laman, Fred Lindahl, Darlene Love, David Moty, Ann Pease, Elvia Sandoval, Deborah Sharpe, Don Taylor, Kelly Waggonner.
Arriving by 6:40 pm was Sean Harrison.
Absent were: Mike Anderson, Stephanie Contos, Ken Horsley, Marilyn Sanderson.
Also present were Ralph Dimarucut from Councilmember Marti Emerald's office and Jason Weisz from Assembly Speaker Toni Atkin's office, as well as approximately 15 members of the public.
- b. Approval of Agenda: David Moty asked if there were any objections or modifications to the agenda. Hearing none, the agenda was approved.
- c. Approval of Minutes: David Moty asked if there were any objections or modification to the minutes for December. Hearing none, the minutes were approved.
- d. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Darlene Love reported a balance of \$12.17 as of January 1, 2016. She requested contributions of up to \$40 to bring the treasury balance to the level required by the bank.

II **Community Forum/Non-Agenda Public Comment**

Community Forum—Marti Emerald's representative Ralph Dimarucut, provided updates on the following: funding for traffic diverters at Euclid/Adams/49th Street surrounding the Talmadge traffic circle; reviewing the Adams & Kensington crosswalk as either an internal City job or requiring the CIP process; and an ongoing traffic count study at the juncture of Aldine Drive and Monroe Avenue. There was extended discussion about flooding conditions on Aldine Drive during recent rains that required a six day road closure. Ralph Dimarucut stated that Storm Water had evaluated the drains before the rainy season and they were found to be in working condition. Jason Weisz reported on state issues and responded to a comment about a state role on the Qualcomm stadium issue.

Non-Agenda Public Comment – Andrew Holets advised the community on the YMCA's annual support campaign which allows them to offer membership to those in the community which otherwise can't afford it. The campaign will run from February 4 to March 3.

III **Subcommittee Agendas**

A. Elections:

Information Item: Don Taylor reported on the rules that apply to the March 2016 planning group elections.

B. Project Review

Action Item: The Project Review committee's motion on the installation of a Vietnamese heritage flag in the center median of El Cajon Blvd at Fairmount Ave was discussed. The subcommittee recommended: "Not to support locating the heritage flag at the proposed site, which is outside the Little Saigon district. However, we do support a single flag close to the center of the district, near Menlo and El Cajon Blvd., or slightly to the west. We believe this location would be more appropriate as it is a center of pedestrian activity, and the flag, along with a planned open air market, could become a catalyst for improvements needed in the area. This site would also allow for the inclusion of educational information explaining the flag and the history of the Vietnamese community in San Diego."

Frank Luong and Harrison Li made a presentation on behalf of the Little Saigon Foundation for their proposed location at Fairmount & El Cajon Boulevard. Discussion centered on the merits of locating the flag within or outside the district, its accessibility to the public, its proximity to other Little Saigon District designators, and the possibility of other groups seeking installation of heritage flags versus the cost of the Fairmount location and the validity of the Kensington Talmadge community passing comment on the flag's location. The subcommittee's motion passed 8 to 3 with members Sean Harrison, Darlene Love, and Don Taylor voting no.

C. CIP & Planning

Action Item: The planning group discussed Item #17 of the 10th Update of the Land Development Code. Item #17 eliminates the City's existing right to request improvements in the public right-of-way and bring the PROW up to current standards when tenant improvements of more than \$50,000 are permitted for multi-family residential or commercial structures. Discussion centered on the inability to plant trees, install pedestrian safety lighting and impassibility for people who are unable to walk on sloped driveway aprons. David Moty made, and Don Taylor seconded a motion to not support Item #17. The motion passed unanimously.

IV **Non-subcommittee Items**

Action Item: The committee discussed the Council Member's request for them to identify three to five capital and maintenance projects for inclusion in the Council Members' FY2017 budget request. David Moty made and Don Taylor seconded a motion to approve the following list in no particular order of priority. The motion was unanimously approved.

Kensington lighting circuit upgrades in Kensington Heights, Kensington Park North, Kensington Park South, and Talmadge Park North (Alder loop).

Sidewalk repairs and installations at various locations, such as: repairs - West Alder Drive, Edgware Road, 4600 & 4700 blocks; installations - Copeland Avenue & 42nd Street, northeast corner, and Madison Avenue, 4200 block; and other locations as identified.

Aldine Drive and Monroe Avenue (4600 – 4700 blocks), comprehensive redesign of storm water system, up to and including road realignment.

Fairmount Avenue safety fence.

Euclid/Adams/49th Traffic Circle diverters.

V KTPG Liaison/Committee Reports

- a. Historic Resources Division 45-year review liaison. Fred Lindahl reported that he recused himself from reviewing 4412 Euclid Avenue because he has a conflict due to his role with the underlying project. He reported that his review of 4180 Hilldale concluded it met criterion C of the City's standards for historic designation.
- b. Community Planners Committee – David Moty reported that the CPC was dark in December.
- c. El Cajon Blvd Business Improvement Association Economic Development Committee - David Moty reported they were dark in December.
- d. Talmadge Maintenance Assessment - Kelly Waggoner reported that TMAD was dark in December. However, there was an additional meeting of the City's ad hoc committee of various MADs to discuss revisions to Council Policy.

VI Adjournment–8:18PM