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Regular Meeting Minutes August 10, 2016

I. PARLIAMENTARY ITEMS:

The August 10, 2016 meeting of the Kensington-Talmadge Planning Group was called to order by Chairman Don Taylor at 6:33 PM.

- Board members present: Bill Adair, Ron Anderson, Sean Harrison, Daniele Laman, Darlene Love, David Moty, Ann Pease, Marilyn Sanderson, Deborah Sharpe, Don Taylor and Kelly Waggoner.
- Board members not in attendance: CJ Ametrano, Elvia Sandoval, Fred Lindahl and Ken Horsley.
- Approval of Agenda: Don Taylor asked if there were any modifications to the current agenda. None were moved.
- Approval of Minutes: **Approval of the July 13 minutes was unanimous.**
- Treasurer's Report:
 - Darlene Love reported a bank balance of \$246.17 as of August 1, 2016.

II. COMMUNITY FORUM/NON-AGENDA COMMENT:

- Don Taylor advised the Board that our former contact at the YMCA (Andrew) has taken another position. The new contact, Robin, has not been able to confirm whether the dates submitted for future meetings will be available at the YMCA facility. Contingent on the outcome, it may be necessary to investigate other options for a meeting location.
- Julio Rivera, representing City Council President ProTem Marti Emerald's office:
 - Reviewed the recent decision of the San Diego City Council to ban plastic bags. There will be a six-month phase in for all grocery stores in San Diego county.
 - Adams Avenue crosswalk: The installation of the new safety crosswalk will be done by city crews and is projected to be completed within six months.

- The City Engineering department has received the SANDAG bike path plan and will be working on revisions to be made.
- Emerald News was distributed.

III. NON SUBCOMMITTEE ITEMS

- Jeff Marston, representing Citizens Plan for San Diego:
 - There is a November ballot issue which proposes to raise the Transit Occupancy Tax from 12.5% to 15.5%.
 - The tax provides funding for promotion of tourism, infrastructure, convention center, sports, education and park facilities.
 - The Transit Occupancy Tax currently generates \$18M for the City's general fund.
 - A separate entity would be created to oversee and distribute funds.
 - It has not yet been determined if a two-thirds or a simple majority would be necessary for passage of this measure. To be determined by California Supreme Court ruling.
 - A City ordinance requires that all funds collected must initially be held in the City's general fund for a minimum of 30 days before any distribution could be initiated.
- Rhea Kuhlman, Vice Chair – College Area Community Planning Group:
 - Southeastern Talmadge may be covered by a mini-dorm ordinance being developed for the College Area, which is affected by problems such as housing, parking and the number of occupants at a property. This would depend on how the City-defined overlay is implemented. In the event this situation becomes a reality, she suggested it may become necessary for KTPG to join forces with the College Area CPG to protect the non-student residents from the effects of over worked rental units and the current lack of code enforcement which exists with the College area and its mini-dorms.
 - The College Area CPG is currently addressing the number of bedrooms per square foot of property, lack of common areas within mini-dorm rental properties, use of easements and setbacks for parking adjacent to public streets and right-of-ways, as well as the lack of code enforcement within the areas affected by the college population.
 - See Explanation of Changes Proposed by the Community document.

IV. SUBCOMMITTEE AGENDA(S)

- Transportation – Chair: Sean Harrison
 - No Meeting Held
- CIP & Planning – Chair: Deborah Sharpe
 - Deborah presented the Subcommittee’s recommendation that the KTPG Board initiate a discussion with the College Area CPG to propose an adjustment to the geographic boundary between the Kensington-Talmadge and College Area CPG areas (as described above – See R. Kuhlman’s presentation, item #2)
 - The area which may be affected by the boundary change is: North to the southern right-of-way of Montezuma Road and east to Collwood Blvd/54th Street.
 - The subcommittee indicated that it is in support of discussions with the College Area CPG and KTPG. **The vote to approve was unanimous.**
 - Don Taylor moved to appoint Deborah Sharpe and David Moty as representatives of KTPG to work with College Area CPG. Seconded by David Moty. **The vote to approve was unanimous.**
- Project Review – Chair: Ann Pease
 - 4749 Norma Drive (RS-1-7 Zone) - A 300 sq ft addition. Ann Pease praised the project and noted that the setback was not changed in any way, the addition was well planned and is not visible from the front of the house. Ann noted this was a Process 2 application so this was a ‘courtesy’ approval and did not require formal KTPG approval. She thanked the owners for being present and presenting their plans to the Board. **Board support was unanimous.**
- Communications – Chair: David Moty
 - No Meeting
- Kensington MADs – Chair: Don Taylor
 - No Meeting
- Utility Undergrounding – Chair: Sean Harrison
 - Don Taylor and Sean Harrison will co-author a letter to the city introducing the Undergrounding Subcommittee and to ask preliminary policy questions regarding undergrounding in Kensington.
 - Sean Harrison did some independent research and believes EIR’s will be needed for undergrounding.

V. KTPG LIAISON/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Historic Resources – F. Lindahl
 - (Not Present)
- Community Planners Committee – David Moty
 - De Anza Cove – Suggested the uses should be high intensity to accommodate the desire for recreation there.
 - Fire House Bond – Marti Emerald is considering a petition drive in the future to put it on the ballot again.
 - TCC – David Moty presented to TCC some of the major issues facing Talmadge with the upcoming community plan update, including the scope of the area available for development within the Aldine Drive catchment and increased number of signals on El Cajon Boulevard. He suggested the community try to achieve consensus as to how to address these issues.
 - ❖ Four general paths were presented:
 1. Diversion of traffic
 2. Accommodation of traffic
 3. Regulation of traffic
 4. Do nothing
 - ❖ There appeared to be no consensus.
- Talmadge Maintenance Assessment District – Kelly Waggonner
 - Design plans for the Talmadge Gate project have been received. Ground breaking for the gate project is estimated to be sometime after Labor Day. The gates will be refurbished offsite. There are eight sets of gates, with one set missing. Hot dip and galvanized before paint process.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.