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Regular Meeting Minutes September 14, 2016

I. PARLIAMENTARY ITEMS:

The September 14, 2016 general meeting of the Kensington-Talmadge Planning Group was called to order by Chairman Don Taylor at 6:30 PM.

- Board members present: Bill Adair, Ron Anderson, Sean Harrison, Ken Horsley, Daniele Laman, Fred Lindahl, Darlene Love, David Moty, Ann Pease, Elvia Sandoval, Deborah Sharpe, Don Taylor and Kelly Waggonner.
- Board members not in attendance: CJ Ametrano, Marilyn Sanderson.
- Approval of Agenda: Don Taylor asked if there were any modifications to the current agenda. None were moved.
- Approval of Minutes: **Approval of the August 10, 2016 minutes was unanimous.**
- Treasurer's Report:
 - Darlene Love reported a bank balance of \$246.17 as of September 14, 2016.

II. COMMUNITY FORUM/NON-AGENDA COMMENT:

- Don Taylor advised the Board that subcommittee meeting dates have been set and confirmed for the YMCA location, but that general meeting dates and room facilities have not been confirmed as of this date. The KTPG Board may have to look at other possibilities.
- Eric Young, representing the Mayor's office, introduced himself. He will attend future KTPG meetings, as scheduling permits.

COMMUNITY FORUM/NON-AGENDA COMMENT (continued):

- Julio Rivera, representing City Council President ProTem Marti Emerald's office:
 - Julio acknowledged the Talmadge MAD group and their leaders Kelly Waggoner and Fred Lindahl (historic research) for their work with the Talmadge Gates refurbishment project.
 - Aldine storm drains have been cleared. One drain will require additional work and possibly a redesigned grate for better drainage (the lowest drain). The city is looking at options for the scope of this work.
 - Traffic circle diverter at 49th and Adams Avenue. This design is being done 'in house'.
 - Fairmount Avenue north is scheduled for repaving June 2017.

III. NON SUBCOMMITTEE ITEMS

- Jerry Selby with Talmadge Gateway Project presented an update on progress and gave a May 2017 projected finish date. Asked if any anchor businesses have been identified for the store fronts he said that, although there has been some interest, no anchors have been identified or confirmed.
- A presentation of the proposed El Cajon Boulevard Complete Boulevard Planning Study was given by Maureen Gardiner. Printed information was made available, as well as a PowerPoint presentation, to present the scope and general plan for this proposed project. The purpose of the presentation was to solicit input from the KTPG board and members of the audience for future mobility development in the area of El Cajon Boulevard from Highland Avenue to 50th Street. Two proposals being considered by the City for project development were presented:
 - **Alternate 1** – Four travel lanes, raised median, left turn pockets at signalized intersections, sharrows for bicycles, maintains on-street parking.
 - A center raised median is provided to improve vehicular, bicycle, and pedestrian safety by eliminating all left turn conflicts between signalized intersections while improving the aesthetics in the corridor. Curb extensions are provided to improve visibility of pedestrians, reduce crossing distances, and further calm traffic. On-street parking and the bicycle sharrows are maintained. This alternative provides opportunities for landscaping and urban design features in the median and on both sides of the street.
 - **Alternate 8B** - Four travel lanes, raised median, left turn pockets at signalized intersections, no parking alternating from one side of street to the other, bicycle lanes within the existing curb-to-curb area and narrower travel lanes.
 - This alternative removes parking from one side of the street and re-purposes that space for an on-street bicycle lane. The opposite side of the street becomes a bicycle lane with parking. Additionally, a center raised median is provided to improve safety by eliminating all left turn conflicts between signalized intersections while improving the aesthetics in the corridor. This alternative provides opportunities for landscaping and urban design features in the median and on one side of the street.

NON SUBCOMMITTEE ITEMS (continued):

Concerns raised by the Board were:

- Net loss of parking in the eastern area.
- Traffic lane width reductions.
- Turning options to the north and south severely reduced without traffic pattern studies.
- Properly synchronized traffic signals along El Cajon Boulevard.
- Paths of least resistance severely impacted along proposed area.
- Insufficient traffic studies done to date in proposed plan development, as related in Q&A.

Board support for Alternate 1 is made with the following addenda:

- Require the City to pursue left-turn access north on Euclid to westbound ECB.
- Timing of traffic signals to be properly synchronized for westbound signals on ECB.
- Need right-turn lane from westbound ECB to northbound Fairmount Avenue
- At the ECB & Euclid intersection (north side) re-divide the roadbed into quarters, one lane northbound, 3 lanes southbound, left, straight and right turn.

The Board was silent regarding Alternate 8B.

Don Taylor moved that the KTPG Board support **Alternate 1**, including the four addenda. Motion seconded by Kelly Waggoner. **Vote to approve was unanimous.**

- Mike Jenkins, from the College Area Planning Group, presented a concept for developing a specific plan for portions of the College area to create a ‘campus town’. This would provide student-specific shopping and living accommodations in multi-level, high density and transitional use buildings. Mr. Jenkins identified available transportation options already in place, such that student residents would not have a need for cars, and indicated these student accommodations would not require parking provisions. Mr. Jenkins was requesting KTPG board support for the project. When asked how many student residents the proposed ‘campus town’ would support (as a percentage of total SDSU student population) he estimated it to possibly be less than 10%.

Don Taylor stated he felt it would be in the best interest of KTPG to table this request until the College Area CPG takes a formal position on such a project. He further suggested this matter could be sent to CIP/Planning Subcommittee. No motion was made concerning this matter.

IV. SUBCOMMITTEE AGENDA(S)

- Transportation – Chair: Sean Harrison
 - Potential Adams Avenue & Van Dyke Street crossing danger. Feasibility of a crossing provision will be discussed in future.
- CIP & Planning – Chair: Deborah Sharpe
 - No meeting

SUBCOMMITTEE AGENDA(S) (continued)

- Project Review – Chair: Ann Pease
 - No meeting.
- Communications – Chair: David Moty
 - No Meeting
- Kensington MADs – Chair: Don Taylor
 - Don Taylor moved for Board approval of the MAD June 2016 report. David Moty seconded.
Vote to approve was unanimous.
- Utility Undergrounding – Chair: Sean Harrison
 - Subcommittee has been told District 9 may have only one substation. The Kensington Talmadge substation on the City map is actually a distribution station and may not be considered in the new undergrounding plan. A meeting with City staff is planned for late September or early October.

V. KTPG LIAISON/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Historic Resources – Fred Lindahl
 - 7/19 4458 42nd Street Meets criterion C
 - 7/26 4814 West Alder Street Meets criterion C
 - 8/3 4357 Argos Drive Meets criterion C
 - 8/5 4543-45 Kensington Drive Meets criterion C
 - 8/23 5351 East Palisades Drive Does not meet criterion C
 - 9/01 4814 Hart Drive Meets criterion C

Criterion C - Embodies distinctive characteristics of style, type, period, or method of construction or is a valuable example of the use of indigenous materials or craftsmanship.

- Community Planners Committee – David Moty
 - No August meeting.
 - September 20 - Community Planning Day 50th Year Celebration
 - All current and former Community Planners are invited to attend
- Talmadge Maintenance Assessment District – Kelly Waggoner
 - Notice to proceed was received on September 12th for Talmadge Gates project.
 - On September 19th the gates on Highland Avenue will begin the removal process.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.