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## **Regular Meeting Minutes March 8, 2017**

### **I. PARLIAMENTARY ITEMS**

- The March 8, 2017 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, Travis Fawcett, Sean Harrison, Ken Horsley, Daniele Laman, Fred Lindahl, Darlene Love, David Moty, Bonnie New, Ann Pease, Marilyn Sanderson, Deborah Sharpe, Don Taylor and Kelly Waggoner.
- Approval of Agenda: Don Taylor asked if there were any modifications to the current agenda. None were noted.
- Approval of Minutes: An amendment was made to the February 8, 2017 meeting minutes to add the names of those board members who voted in favor of eliminating future use of the KTPG A-frame signs, to wit: Bill Adair, Daniele Laman, David Moty, Deborah Sharpe and Don Taylor. With this amendment, **adoption of the February 8<sup>th</sup> minutes was unanimously approved.**
- Treasurer's Report:
  - Treasurer Darlene Love reported a bank balance of \$308.78 as of March 8, 2017.

## II. COMMUNITY FORUM & NON-AGENDA COMMENT:

- Ron Anderson discussed sink holes on Aldine Drive and storm water damage resulting from recent heavy storms. Don Taylor advised Matt Yagyagan from Council member Gomez' office would be addressing this topic later in the meeting.
- Bill Adair notified the Board and audience of a free workshop on Historic Districts, sponsored by Mission Hills Heritage, to be held Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup> from 1 PM to 3 PM at Francis Parker School in Mission Hills. Flyers were made available.
- Area Representative Toni Duran, representing Senator Toni Atkins office, introduced herself and advised she plans to attend about every third KTPG meeting. She spoke about health and labor issues as being of major interest to Senator Atkins. The senator is currently working on 17 bills in the California Senate. These include topics such as affordable housing (SB2), three bills related to human trafficking and bills related to transgender rights and protections.
- Council Representative Matt Yagyagan, from Georgette Gomez' office, introduced himself to the Board and audience. A handout 'Office of Councilmember Georgette Gomez, District 9' was distributed to the Board. The purpose of the handout was to advise of the establishment of a newly created district office and weekly office hours:
  - Location: 4380 Landis Street (City Heights Recreation Center)
  - Office Hours: Every Friday from 10 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.
  - Telephone (619) 236-6699 or email [georgettegomez@sandiego.gov](mailto:georgettegomez@sandiego.gov).
  - For further information visit: [www.sandiego.gov/cd](http://www.sandiego.gov/cd).
  - Other contact methods are Facebook and Twitter (**ggomezd9**)
  - Direct contact information for Matt Yagyagan: [myagyagan@sandiego.gov](mailto:myagyagan@sandiego.gov). Telephone number (619) 533-5897.
- Mr. Yagyagan advised that Councilmember Gomez met with state representatives and officials on a trip with the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce and requested resources for District 9, for park space within the Kensington and Talmadge neighborhoods as well as for much needed street repairs. Ms. Gomez will be looking to City staff to identify potential park space and identify funding for related projects. Further information should be forthcoming.
- In response to inquiries from KTPG Chairman Don Taylor and the KTPG Board, Mr. Yagyagan addressed the following issues:
  - **Neighborhood Street Lighting** - Noting that the Alder loop is experiencing street light failures once again, Mr. Yagyagan said that SDG&E is working on circuitry issues in that area and hopes to have the lighting functional soon. Councilmember Gomez has requested funding for Kensington area lighting improvements, including an allocation to modernize the lighting systems, in the amount of \$300,000 from CIP funds. Ms. Gomez will make the request at a Budget Review Committee meeting and include her statement of support for better lighting within the neighborhood. Don Taylor questioned whether that amount would be sufficient to refurbish the entire lighting system, but agreed it would at least be a start. Mr. Yagyagan will advise the date and time of the meeting. He encouraged use of the City's 'Get It Done' app when there are street light problems and requested an email also be sent to him so that he is aware of the problem and can follow up if necessary.

## II. COMMUNITY FORUM & NON-AGENDA COMMENT (continued):

- **Aldine Drive** - Mr. Yagyagan acknowledged there have been many problems and issues requiring attention in this area. Multiple briefings have been held with City staff and Ms. Gomez' office is actively working to obtain funding to make necessary repairs. Ms. Gomez is currently advocating for \$250,000 for a storm water study. The current cost estimate to repair/rebuild Aldine Drive (from the Physical Facilities Financing Plan) is \$6 million. Mr. Yagyagan indicated the Council Member's staff believes the actual cost will be higher. Ms. Gomez is planning to take this issue up with the Mayor's office. Landslides on Fairmount Avenue, caused by recent storms, have been addressed with the City's Streets Division. It has been determined that a Public Works Engineer will need to assess the damage and make recommendations for repair designs. State funding is available for repairs, but the amount of money available has not yet been determined. Ron Anderson provided pictures of some of the storm-related damage to demonstrate its impact on the area.
- **Cave Forming on Norma Drive** - As a result of the recent storms, a cave is forming under a home located on Norma Drive. This is on an easement on private property and appears to be near a location where storm drain repairs were made a few years ago. The City's Streets and Public Works Departments are assessing the situation and Councilmember Gomez' office will receive the results of the report as soon as it is released.
- **Christmas lights in Kensington Park** - Multiple strings of Christmas lights installed on the large pine tree in Kensington Park were cut and destroyed. The electric service which was provided through SDG&E to run the lights, thought to be a permanent power source, was later determined by SDG&E to be "only one time". Matt Yagyagan said he will work with project lead Darlene Love to determine if a more permanent setup can be arranged.
- **Decorative posts for the Crosswalk Alert to be installed at Kensington Drive & Adams Avenue** - Don Taylor, as chairman of KMAD's, requested that decorative upright posts be part of the installation of the illuminated crossing alert system to be installed at the corner of Kensington Drive and Adams Avenue. These would be similar in design and would reflect the character of light posts in the surrounding Kensington Park community, north and south of Adams Avenue and in the business district on Adams Avenue. The Adams Avenue Business Association has requested that more information be provided on the proposed design for these posts.
- **Undergrounding Master Plan** – The KTPG Board requested that the April draft of the upcoming Master Plan be made available for review to the KTPG Board to ensure recommendations have been implemented into the plan. Mr. Yagyagan will check to see if review of the Master Plan draft is possible or if Councilmember Gomez' office will be able to review the draft.
- **Palm Tree Trimming by the City in Kensington & Talmadge** - Mr. Yagyagan advised the current schedule for palm tree trimming by the City is biennially in December. Darlene Love, who coordinates an annual, resident-funded trimming program in August, has suggested a schedule change by the City from December to August would better serve the community due to the fruiting cycle of the palm trees which line our streets. Pedestrian safety issues were cited because of the amount of fruit and debris which drops on sidewalks and streets in the summer months.

### III. SUBCOMMITTEE AGENDA

- **Elections** – Chair: Darlene Love

Chairman Don Taylor announced Darlene Love would state candidacy and voter eligibility guidelines and announce the candidates running in tonight's election. Darlene stated that, in order to be eligible to appear on the ballot, a candidate must have attended at least two regular KTPG meetings between February 1, 2016 and January 31, 2017 and must also be a resident, property owner or business owner in Kensington/Talmadge. To be eligible to cast a vote in the election, persons must present a photo ID and evidence of being either a resident, property owner or business owner in Kensington/Talmadge. Darlene then introduced the candidates, who each gave a brief statement.

The candidates on the ballot were: Ron Anderson, Daniele Laman, Fred Lindahl, David Moty, Ann Pease, Marilyn Sanderson, Elvia Sandoval, Don Taylor and Kelly Waggoner. Candidate Fred Lindahl announced he was withdrawing his name from the ballot and would not stand for re-election.

Following the candidate's speeches, the voting process began, ending at 8:00 PM.

**The eight remaining eligible candidates were all elected and confirmed to a new term.**

- **Transportation** – Chair: Sean Harrison

- No Meeting.

- **CIP & Planning** – Chair: Deborah Sharpe

- No Meeting.

- **Project Review** – Chair: Ann Pease

- No Meeting
- Ann requested that a March meeting be scheduled.
- Ron Anderson spoke about parking concerns related to the Price Charities development project proposed at the KTPG Special Meeting on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Ron encouraged members to maximize our role as community planners with regard to this project.

- **Communications** – Chair: David Moty

- KTPG website host 'Go Daddy' has requested that a credit card be placed on file for payment of the KTPG website account. KTPG does not have a credit card. David Moty asked Matt Yagyagan a City server was available which could host the KTPG website. Matt said he would check with the City's IT Department. Using a debit card linked to KTPG's Chase bank account was also suggested. [Secretary's Note: within 48 hours after the meeting, the issue was resolved when Go Daddy processed an authorized withdrawal directly from the KTPG bank account.]

## **SUBCOMMITTEE AGENDA (continued)**

- **Kensington MADs** – Chair: Don Taylor
  - No Meetings
- **Utility Undergrounding** – Chair: Sean Harrison
  - No Meeting

## **IV. KTPG LIAISON/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **Historic Resources** – F. Lindahl

4880 West Alder Drive	Does not meet criterion C
4874 Vista Street	Does not meet criterion C
4758 Natalie Drive	May meet criterion D – Master Builder (Dennstedt or Cliff May)

\* 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
  - Changes in land use – The City Council’s SGLU committee is proposing parking reductions for senior affordable housing.
  - Fully develop park equivalency standards – However, as David Moty noted, intensifying park usage requires there be a park.
  - Huffman units –City Council Member Sherman is proposing language to incentivize improving the front end facades of Huffman units.
  - Accessory dwelling units must pay DIF.
  - When over-concentrations of affordable housing were raised as a concern, CM Sherman indicated his agreement.
  - There was widespread opposition to consolidation of Community Planning groups. Seeking support from council members to oppose this idea was encouraged.
  - Term limits discussed, but not supported, due to loss of knowledge from termed-out members.
- **Talmadge Maintenance Assessment District** – Kelly Waggonner
  - Two gates on Highland have been returned for installation. Next will be 48<sup>th</sup> Street and then 49<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM**