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Regular Meeting Minutes February 7, 2018

I. PARLIAMENTARY ITEMS

- The February 7, 2018 meeting of the Kensington-Talmadge Planning Group was called to order by Chairman Don Taylor at 6:30 PM.
 - The meeting was scheduled one week earlier than normal due to Valentine's Day falling on the normal scheduled meeting date, February 14th.
- Board members present – Bill Adair, Ron Anderson, Sean Harrison, Ken Horsley, Daniele Laman, Darlene Love, David Moty, Bonnie New, Ann Pease, Elvia Sandoval and Don Taylor.
- Board Members not present: Travis Fawcett, Marilyn Sanderson and Deborah Sharpe
- There were eleven audience members who signed in.
- Approval of Agenda: This evening's agenda was **unanimously approved**.
- Approval of Minutes: The January 2018 minutes were **unanimously approved**, with one amendment: Elvia Sandoval requested that - in Section II. **Community Forum and Non Agenda Comment**, item #4 under 'Follow up items for Matt Yagagan' – the words 'at the curve' be substituted for the word 'intersection'.
 - *Secretary's note: The January minutes are amended and will be reposted.*
- Treasurer Darlene Love reported a bank balance of \$321.61 as of February 1, 2018.

II. COMMUNITY FORUM & NON-AGENDA COMMENT

○ Toni Duran, representing Senator Toni Atkins:

Ms. Duran provided the following updates to the Board:

- Legislation sponsored by Senator Atkins:
 - SB945 – Calls for ending current treatment caps of 18 months for breast cancer and 24 months for cervical cancer. SB945 would eliminate the caps and require that treatment programs continue for as long as necessary for each diagnostic occurrence.
 - SB1005 - Allows survivors of violent crimes, such as domestic violence, to use relocation funds to pay for expenses related to housing an animal companion, including pet deposits and pet related rental costs.
- Ms. Duran also discussed business tax credits, which provide assistance with starting new small businesses. A brochure was provided.

III. NON- SUBCOMMITTEE ITEMS

- Fred Lindahl addressed left turns, from westbound Adams Avenue, turning south into the parking lot adjacent to the Haven Pizzeria. Fred stated that, this evening in rush-hour traffic, he observed seven cars making this turn, crossing double solid yellow lines. He requested this concern be reviewed by the Transportation subcommittee.
- A brief update on the Central Avenue/Terrace Drive portion of the SANDAG Bike Path was presented by SANDAG representative and project manager, Chris Carterette. A handout entitled ‘Open House and Public Hearing’ was provided to Board members and members of the audience.

Go to www.KeepSanDiegoMoving.com/CentralAvenueBikeway for meeting updates and locations.

- **Action Item** - At the end of the presentation, **Don Taylor moved that the KTPG Board support the SANDAG updates** as presented:
 - Possible closure of Central Avenue to thru traffic and resulting cul-de-sac formation at the El Cajon Boulevard terminus. (With 2 possible designs, 15 ft. and 30 ft. radiuses)
 - Possible change of traffic flow to one way (southbound), with elimination of parking on the west side of Central Avenue.
 - The KTPG Board unanimously voiced a preference for inclusion of as much decorative vegetation as reasonably possible to be included in the design plans for medians, cul-de-sacs and traffic flow diversion installations. The Board feels this request is in keeping with the environmentally-conscious culture of the surrounding neighborhoods and may deter tagging of hardscape.
 - Don Taylor’s motion was seconded by David Moty. **The vote to approve was unanimous.**

NON- SUBCOMMITTEE ITEMS (continued)

- Don Taylor presented a letter, addressed to San Diego Mayor Kevin Faulconer, concerning City-owned land for sale at El Cajon Boulevard & Central Avenue. The letter requests a meeting with the Mayor or his representative to formulate conditions for the ultimate use of the City-owned parcel at the northeast corner of El Cajon Boulevard and Central Avenue. This is a joint request, signed by representatives of:
 - City Heights Community Development Corporation
 - El Cajon Boulevard BIA
 - Kensington Talmadge Planning Group
 - City Heights Area Planning Committee
 - Central Avenue residents

Don Taylor moved for signatory support by the KTPG Board for this letter. Seconded by David Moty. **The vote to approve was unanimous.**

- A drone's-eye video of traffic patterns at the Euclid Avenue/Monroe Avenue intersection and surrounding areas was presented David Moty, with the assistance of Tom Barb from TMAD. The video showed peak traffic patterns during the morning commute, with resulting area congestion. The video will be posted on the KTPG website.

IV. SUBCOMMITTEE ITEMS

- Elections - Chair: Don Taylor
 - Don reminded everyone that elections to the KTPG Board will be held at the next meeting on March 14, 2018. Seven (7) positions will be elected. Qualifications and requirements for potential candidates were reviewed.

The following qualified candidates have submitted their names for the 2018 ballot:

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| Bill Adair | Ken Horsley |
| Fred Lindahl | Darlene Love |
| George Palermo | Deborah Sharpe |
| Ralph Teysier | Kelly Waggoner |

- Any eligible community member who decides to run after tonight's meeting can still run as a write-in candidate on election night. All Kensington and Talmadge residents, property owners and business owners are eligible to vote for candidates. Voters must provide proof they are a resident, property owner or business owner in Kensington/Talmadge before being issued a ballot.
 - The Elections subcommittee will have an organizational and planning meeting later in February.
- **Transportation** - Chair: Sean Harrison
 - No meeting

SUBCOMMITTEE ITEMS (continued)

- **Project Review** – Chair: Ann Pease
 - No meeting
- **Communications** – Chair: Travis Fawcett
 - Not present
- **Kensington MAD's** – Chair: Don Taylor
 - Plate covers for light poles in Talmadge have been ordered and will be installed.
- **Utility Undergrounding** - Chair-Sean Harrison
 - The Master Plan has been updated. Kensington is not included.
 - The Ridgeway area is not included in the Master Plan, as this area already has underground utilities.

V. KTPG LIAISON REPORTS

- **Historic Resources** – Bill Adair
 - 4638 Norma Drive No historical criterion met
- **CIP & Planning** – David Moty
 - David met with Ricardo Flores, Executive Director for the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC). a non-profit which invests in low income areas of communities.
 - There was discussion about a proposal for either a Master EIR or Specific Plan to spur development along El Cajon Boulevard between Highland and Euclid Avenues. Incremental property tax funds would be used to invest in street trees, benches, street lights and, possibly, a parking garage. Because of LISC's mission, there would also be a strong low-income housing component. Developing either the EIR or the Specific Plan would require agreement between the El Cajon Boulevard Business Improvement Area, and both the City Heights and Kensington-Talmadge planning groups.
 - David discussed several potential issues with the proposal. Among these were piecemeal planning because the EIR or Specific Plan would precede the community plan update by one to two years and might preclude solutions to neighborhood issues - such as shown in the drone video shown earlier in the meeting - which could be pursued during the community plan update. Another concern was that oversaturation of low-income housing could stunt retail development in the area. David stated that Talmadge currently has 0.6% of the City's population, but with the development of the Price East Block project, would have 4% of its low-income housing.

KTPG LIAISON REPORTS (continued)

- **CPC** – David Moty
 - On behalf of CPC, David attended the City Council’s SGLU Committee meeting for the 11th Update to the Land Development Code. Prior to the meeting, staff added language offering protection for parking lot trees to discourage their casual removal for solar shade structures. The main issue he spoke to was to oppose, on behalf of CPC, the City’s proposal to make lot consolidation a ‘by right’ Process 1.

- **TMAD** – Fred Lindahl
 - Newly elected TMAD chair Fred Lindahl announced that TMAD elections were recently held. Results will be posted on TMAD’s website.

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 PM.