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Regular Meeting Minutes May 9, 2018

I. PARLIAMENTARY ITEMS

- The May 9, 2018 general meeting of the Kensington-Talmadge Planning Group was called to order by Chairman Don Taylor at 6:34 PM.
- Board members present – Bill Adair, Sean Harrison, Ken Horsley, Daniele Laman, Fred Lindahl, David Moty, George Palermo, Don Taylor and Kelly Waggoner.
- Board members not present: Ron Anderson, Darlene Love, Ann Pease, Marilyn Sanderson, Elvia Sandoval and Ralph Teyssier.
- Thirteen (13) audience members signed in.
- Approval of Agenda: Tonight’s agenda was **unanimously approved**.
- Approval of Minutes: The April 11, 2018 minutes were **unanimously approved**.
- In Darlene Love’s absence, Don Taylor presented the Treasurer’s report. There is a bank balance of \$261.10 as of May 9, 2018. Reimbursement from the City for Go Daddy website-hosting expenses is pending.

II. COMMUNITY FORUM & NON-AGENDA COMMENT

- **Matt Yagyagan, representing District 9 Councilmember Georgette Gomez:**
 - Matt reported that City is currently in ‘budget season’. Items of particular interest to the Talmadge and Kensington neighborhoods are:
 - Allocation for street lighting in Kensington - capital improvement funds of \$550K for FY2019.
 - Fairmount Avenue fire station design funding. This will be a new station, which will serve the Mid-City area.
 - Projects not identified in the current budget plan are:
 - Aldine Drive Storm Water
 - Reduction in services:
 - Tree trimming funding reduction, from once every 19 years to once every 21 years.
 - Graffiti abatement on private property may see a substantial reduction.
 - Councilmember Gomez will continue to request that projects experiencing funding reduction be re-evaluated for further funding.
 - A flyer announcing a Town Hall meeting to discuss the City budget was distributed. The meeting is scheduled for Saturday, May 19th, at 10:30 AM at Church of the Brethren - 2850 Westgate Place San Diego 92105. Information at www.sandiego.gov/cd9.
- Board member Fred Lindahl read a letter from Laura Ann Fernea, Executive Director of the City Heights Community Development Corporation, acknowledging the one-year anniversary of the opening of the Talmadge Gateway apartment project. Ms. Fernea expressed gratitude, on behalf of the City Heights CDC, to KTPG for its assistance with this project.
- Following an inquiry regarding the ‘open’ hours for the Copley- Price YMCA front doors (the doors which face El Cajon Boulevard), Don Taylor received a response from Julian Viegas, YMCA Director. The letter stated that, due to liability and safety issues, the doors will remain closed. Contractual issues were discussed following this comment, as well as questions about access to transit.

III. NON- SUBCOMMITTEE ITEMS

- Don Taylor notified the Board that member Ann Pease has tendered her resignation from the Board. Don nominated former Board member Deborah Sharpe to fill the vacancy. **The vote to approve was unanimous.**
- Deborah Sharpe, who already serves on the Project Review subcommittee as a community member, will now be a Board member on that committee. In order to comply with the requirement that no more than six (6) Board members serve on any one committee, Don Taylor will step down as a member of the Project Review subcommittee.
- The KTPG Annual Report for 2017-18, to be filed with the City, was reviewed for approval by the Board. David Moty moved to approve. Don Taylor seconded. **The vote to approve was unanimous.**
- A presentation in support of a plan to redevelop the Mission Valley stadium site by **SDSU West** was given by Mr. Kim Kilkenny, a volunteer representative with **Friends of SDSU** and Mr. Jim Chatfield, who is with **JMI Realty** and represents **SDSU Mission Valley**. Mr. Joe La Cava, representing the **No on Soccer City Coalition**, also spoke briefly in support of **SDSU Mission Valley** at the conclusion of the presentation. (Project information is available at www.sdsuwest.org)
- Some members of the KTPG Board expressed concern that some of the information about the project was not definitive enough and also raised questions regarding details about tax generation and issuance of public bonds to fund the project. In addition, some Board members expressed support for the project. A discussion and Q&A followed the presentation, with the presenters, Board members and audience members participating.

The question before the Board was whether to **support** or **not support** the proposed SDSU West project or **take no position**. A motion to **take no position** was made by Deborah Sharpe and was seconded by Sean Harrison. The vote was **6 to 4 in favor of taking no position** at this time.

IV. SUBCOMMITTEE ITEMS

- **Transportation** - Chair: Sean Harrison
 - Sean Harrison presented the subcommittee with a brief report reviewing past projects of the planning group, which helped bring the subcommittee up to date on activities. This was followed by a discussion of the Monroe Bike Path project and the preview, which will be shared with the Transportation subcommittee chair and Project Review subcommittee chair prior to an anticipated July presentation by SANDAG.
- **Project Review** - Chair: Ken Horsley
 - No Meeting
- **Communications** - Chair: David Moty
 - No Meeting

SUBCOMMITTEE ITEMS (continued)

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

V. KTPG LIAISON REPORTS

- **CPC** - David Moty
 - Sidewalk proposals from Councilmember Alvarez with regard to repairs and liability:
 - Fix sidewalks so there are fewer liability related payouts.
 - No net expenditure increase, just a redirect of legal fees/awards to actual repairs.
 - New Planning Director, Mike Hansen (formerly Mayor Faulconer’s Policy Advisor), was introduced.
 - Master Storm Water
 - David asked about the Fairmount Avenue channel. The reply was, “If it is not in the work program then they have determined that it’s in reasonable condition”.
 - Grand Jury Complaint

The complaint received by the Grand Jury alleged that Community Planning Groups tend to delay hearing certain items as a method of limiting growth in the communities. A recent article in the San Diego Union Tribune voiced a similar complaint.

The complaint filed with the Grand Jury suggested specific reforms, among them:

- Consolidate the 43 CPGs into 6.
- Make every effort to enforce diversity requirements for CPG membership.
- Require that CPG consideration of development projects be done in a timely manner.
- Require that training of CPG members focus on community planning issues to better prepare them to address their main charge.
- Determine if members of the Planning Department staff should attend all CPG meetings.
- Consider directing San Diego City Neighborhood Services Department staff to closely monitor CPG actions and provide timely guidance to preclude requests for inappropriate project additions or modifications.
- Determine if all CPG members should be required to complete the eCOW (Community Orientation Workshop) training each time they are re-elected or re-appointed.

KTPG LIAISON REPORTS (continued)

CPC - David Moty (continued)

- Circulate San Diego CPG Restructuring Proposals:
 - Most Community Planning Groups were comfortable with no attendance requirement in order to vote.
 - Most CPGs would like City staff at every meeting.
 - Many were uncomfortable forcing a diversity requirement where it wasn't a natural fit.
 - Some CPGs have restructured their meetings so that all local government representative's presentations are the last item at each meeting.
 - All who spoke objected to council-appointed members.
 - Many spoke to the difficulties of an 'all' CPG by-laws overhaul.

- **Historic Resources** – Fred Lindahl (covering for Bill Adair this month)
 - The following properties were determined to meet Criterion C (embodies style, type, period or method of construction)
 - 4604 48th Street
 - 4459 Euclid Avenue
 - 4534 Natalie Drive
 - 4619 West Talmadge Drive

 - 4496 Euclid Avenue – did not meet Criterion C

- **TMAD** – Fred Lindahl
 - Discussed formation of new subcommittee for alleyways, traffic circle planting and 13-foot light poles.

Meeting adjourned at 8:44 PM.