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Meeting Minutes March 17, 2025

I. PARLIAMENTARY ITEMS

- David Moty, KTPG chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.
- Board members present: Dawn Anderson, Ken Baer, Cindy Collins, Marlyn Gonzalez, Brian Helmich, Cameron Lindsay-Hewitt, David Moty, David Roth, Lisa Sinclair, Lisa Stone and Paul Tourkin
- Board members not present: Deborah Sharpe, Stella Stehly and Roger Utt.
- Approval of Agenda: The Agenda was approved, without objection.
- Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the February 17, 2025 meeting were approved, without objection.
- Treasurer Lisa Sinclair reported a bank balance of \$933.27, as of March 17, 2025. No bills are currently outstanding.

II. COMMUNITY FORUM & NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

○ **Fatima Maciel – Office of Mayor Todd Gloria**

- The City has eliminated the position of COO, duties to be assumed by the Mayor.
 - There are department consolidations and restructuring under way at the City.
 - Reminded audience about upcoming meetings regarding proposed trash fees.
 - Sen. Catherine Blakespear, D-Encinitas, introduced legislation on Thursday to speed up removal of homeless encampments located near state roads and highways.
 - The Mayor and each Council office have nominated women of distinction for recognition during Women's History Month.
 - David Moty raised questions about the process for new Undergrounding Districts. Ms. Maciel affirmed the undergrounding project in southern Kensington will soon enter a coordination phase between Council staff and public utilities involved.
- Judy Harrington reminded everyone about the Kensington Fire Safe Dump-a-Thon event taking place April 17th – April 28th and the annual Earth Day event on April 12th.
 - Daniele Laman asked about a recent art sculpture and bench installation in the El Cajon Boulevard median at Dawson Avenue. Is the bench permanent, as it may present a safety issue? David Moty responded that the installation was done by the El Cajon Boulevard Business Improvement Association, as noted in their newsletter.
 - Becky Rapp spoke about banned CBD products sold at some smoke shops. The current ban on these items expires March 31st. Ms. Rapp requested KTPG urge the City to be pro-active regarding banning of these products.

III. NON-SUBCOMMITTEE ITEMS

○ **Paul Coogan - Secretary, Community Planners Committee**

- Request by the CPC for a moratorium on all development within Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones. There is a growing threat of wildfires in urban areas and San Diego has significant portions of land classified as VHFHSZ. Current fire infrastructure in San Diego cannot mitigate these risks.

ACTION ITEM – That KTPG support the request by CPC that the City of San Diego place an emergency moratorium on all infill construction projects within Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones, where any such project would more than double the current density on the lot, until comprehensive risk assessments and mitigations are completed. Moved by Brian Helmich. Seconded by Cindy Collins.

The motion passed on a vote of 10 to 1.

YES (10) - Dawn Anderson, Ken Baer, Cindy Collins, Marlyn Gonzalez, Brian Helmich, Cameron Lindsay-Hewitt, David Moty, David Roth, Lisa Sinclair, Lisa Stone

NO (1) – Tourkin

NON-SUBCOMMITTEE ITEMS (continued)

- There was extensive discussion regarding Measure B and the City's proposed trash service fees and related services.

ACTION ITEM – That KTPG oppose implementation of Measure B and its proposed fee structure, due to the ballot item having been presented to voters with flawed data. Proposed fees are more than 100% higher than those originally presented and have no cap. If Measure B is implemented, any future fee increases should be limited to change in the CPI. Moved by Ken Baer. Seconded by Lisa Stone.

The motion passed on a vote of 9 to 2.

YES (9) - Dawn Anderson, Ken Baer, Cindy Collins, Brian Helmich,
Cameron Lindsay-Hewitt, David Moty, David Roth, Lisa Sinclair, Lisa Stone

NO (2) – Tourkin, Gonzales

- **INFORMATION ITEM** – The Board discussed the City's proposal to transfer the open space parcel on the south side of Montezuma Road to the Kensington Talmadge Planning Area. The City further proposes to not transfer two of the areas requested by KTPG and the College Area Planning Group, i.e. the west side of Collwood Boulevard, north Monroe Avenue and the area bounded by Monroe Avenue, Dawson Avenue, El Cajon Boulevard and Collwood/54th. David Moty reported that two planning commissioners pressed City staff for further explanation and data about why they did not support transfer of the two Collwood-bounded areas.

IV. SUBCOMMITTEE ITEMS

▪ Elections

- I. Cameron Lindsay-Hewitt announced the results of the 2025 KTPG election. There were eight (8) candidates running for six (6) open seats. 387 ballots were cast. 384 ballots were counted. 3 ballots were disqualified.

Candidate	Votes Received	Elected Y/N
Ken Baer	284	Y
Daniel Bertao	30	N
Marlyn Gonzalez	319	Y
David Roth	287	Y
Lisa Stone	286	Y
Paul Tourkin	294	Y
Roger Utt	84	N
Neil Winner	293	Y

SUBCOMMITTEE ITEMS

▪ Elections (continued)

- There was an extensive discussion about possible changes to future elections, with particular regard to expanding outreach, marketing strategies and standardizing procedures/ and best practices for poll workers. The Elections subcommittee may meet to discuss ideas and options and report back to the Board at a future date.

V. KTPG LIAISON REPORTS

○ Community Planners Committee (CPC) – David Moty

- There was a presentation regarding child and teen friendly public spaces.

○ Historic Resources 45-year review – David Roth

- No report

○ TMAD – Brian Helmich

- Met on February 25th. There was discussion about developing a plan to increase the number of lamppost refurbishments beyond the current 12 per year in order to achieve a 10-year maintenance cycle.

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 PM