

KENSINGTON TALMADGE PLANNING GROUP
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 11, 2009

A regular meeting of Kensington Talmadge Planning Group (KTPG) was called to order by Chair Tom Hebrank on February 11, 2009 at 6:44 pm in the Kensington Community Church located at 4773 Marlborough Ave., San Diego, CA 92116.

Members present: Gail Greer, Tom Hebrank, Guy Hanford, Shauna Pribyl, Jonathan Tibbits, Stephanie Glazer, David Moty, John Garrison, Robert Coffin, Chuck Kaminski, Sherry Hopwood, Jeri Dilno, Tom Adam, and Dave Pfeifer.

Members absent: None.

Also present: Fred Lindhal, Nicholas Norvell, Todd Gloria, Dion Akers, and numerous members of the public.

MODIFICATIONS TO AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was made by D. Moty, seconded by J. Tibbits, and unanimously approved to accept the current agenda without modifications.

MINUTES

After a motion made by J. Tibbits and seconded by T. Hebrank, the January 14, 2009 minutes were unanimously approved with changes.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer S. Hopwood presented the Treasurer report for January 2009. As of January 1, 2009 there was \$725.77 in the KTPG bank account. During the month of January 2009, deposits consisted of \$26.00 in donations and there were no disbursements. The January 31, 2009 bank balance was \$751.77.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Various members of the public were present and conveyed the following:

- I. J. Roudebush – As President of the Friends of the Kensington-Normal Heights Library, she read a letter regarding the designation of several trees in the library as historic and requested that KTPG add the review of Heritage Trees designation to the “March agenda as an action item and vote in support of (the library’s) position to remove the 2 trees situated on the south side of the library from the designation and write a letter to the responsible parties supporting (the library’s) position.”
- II. M. Sullivan – He believes that the Washington Mutual branch located in Kensington may be closing.

CITY/GOVERNMENT INFORMATION ITEMS

- I. **Susan Davis, US Congressional District 53** – Nicholas Norvell made the following remarks on behalf of Congressperson Davis.
 - a. Distributed the Davis Dispatch Volume 9, Issue 2 to the public.
 - b. She received over a 1000 requests for the 200 tickets to the inauguration of President Obama. The Congressperson held a ticket lottery for the constituents from California’s 53rd district.
 - c. Both the House and the Senate approved a stimulus package. The approval happened earlier in the day and the details were not yet released to the public.
 - d. Congress extended the \$40 coupon per household to purchase a DTV converter box.
 - e. N. Norvell will no longer be attending the KTPG meetings. His successor will be Bill Cegelk.
- II. **Todd Gloria, City Councilmember District 3** – Councilmember Gloria made the following remarks:
 - a. He is honored to represent District 3 in City Hall.
 - b. He has asked for a meeting with the Chief of Police because crime has been reported as a top concern for constituents in the district.
 - c. He is the Chair of the Land Use and Housing Committee. He is also a member of the Public Safety & Neighborhood Services Committee; Committee on Rules, Open Government, and Intergovernmental Relations; and, Committee on Budget and Finance.
 - d. T. Gloria is holding a public hearing on Saturday February 21st from 9am to noon at Hoover High School to procure public input about making the budget process successful. Ideas to bring to the hearing might include: items in which the city is wasteful and financial improvements that can be made by the city.

- e. Water conservation is one of his main concerns. Along with Mayor Sanders he is holding a public forum tomorrow night at 6pm.
 - f. Dion Akers was introduced and will act as the liaison between T. Gloria and KTPG. D. Akers hands out the District Three Dialogue, Volume 1, Issue 1 to the public and to the KTPG. D. Akers can be reached at (619) 236-6633.
 - g. Several questions were raised by the public including:
 - i. Will the Councilmember open a field office in District 3? No. However, T. Gloria plans to hold public forums in rotating locations throughout the district.
 - ii. What is the Councilmember's opinion on extending indemnification to planning group subcommittee members? T. Gloria supports the CPC's stance on the topic.
- III. City Planning Office** – A representative was not available to speak on behalf of the City Planning Office.

NON-SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS

- I. Adopt Board Rule for Conducting KTPG Board Meetings** – A motion is made by T. Hebrank and seconded by J. Dilno to approve the following rules to future KTPG meetings and to apply the rules at the next regular KTPG meeting.
- a. All posted agenda times will be strictly adhered to. The Chair, at his/her discretion, may extend the time for a specific agenda item by up to 10 minutes. Any further time extensions for an agenda item will have to be voted on and approved by the Board.
 - b. For any projects up for approval from the PRS, applicants will be given 5 minutes to present their project. Applicants will be given an additional 2 minutes of follow-up time after Board and/or public comment. Note: Projects are reviewed and discussed in detail at the PRS meetings.
 - c. Public comment will be limited to the initial Non-Agenda Public Comment time at the beginning of the meeting, and to any Agenda Public Comment time on an agenda item, provided the speaker has turned in a speaker slip. Non-Agenda and Agenda Public Comments will be limited to 2 minutes per speaker, for a total not to exceed 10 minutes. There will not be any further general public discussions or comments taken while the Board conducts its meeting.
 - d. All KTPG meetings are to end at 8:30pm, unless the Board votes to extend the end time of the meeting. The Board may only do so in 15 minute increments.
 - e. Any items on the agenda not heard at the end of the meeting will automatically be tabled until the next month's meeting. The Chair is encouraged to move agenda items around in order to accommodate any action items or other priority items if time is getting short.

A lengthy discussion ensues regarding the use of consent agendas when applicable, whether or not the rule can be implemented right away, and other clarifications. A call for the vote is made and the motion passes unanimously.

NON- SUBCOMMITTEE INFORMATION ITEMS

- I. Ad Hoc Elections Subcommittee** – J. Tibbits reads and distributes the “Report of the KTPG Election Subcommittee” dated February 11, 2009. A call for volunteers is made by J. Tibbits. Volunteers will be asked to assist the Elections Subcommittee members with check-in, distributing ballots in accordance with the elections procedures, and counting votes on March 11, 2009. Priscilla Berge, Rich Czarniecki, Libby Andersen, Cecilia Garr, Joan Bormann, and Victoria Borman offer to assist the Elections Subcommittee. A discussion ensues regarding when announcing election winners on the night of the election, new members’ term will begin in April 2009, electioneering inside the church is prohibited [e.g. candidates passing out information about themselves (see Council Policy 600-24)], electioneering is not prohibited outside the church, KTPG board members are prohibited from supporting slates, and the lack of a rule mandating diversity of elected board members by and between Kensington residents, Talmadge residents, renters, owners, residential members and/or business members.

SUBCOMMITTEE AGENDAS

- I. Neighborhood Facilities & Historical Resources Subcommittee (NFHRS)** – On behalf of the NFHRS, the subcommittee Chair, S. Glazer, made the following presentation.
- a. Non-Agenda Public Items:
 - i. None.
 - b. Action Items:
 - i. Utility Box Painting – A general discussion was held by the NFHRS but the item was tabled.
 - ii. Historic District Designation – S. Glazer reads a draft letter from the KTPG to John Lemmo and Cathy Winterrowd dated February 11, 2009. The NFHRS motions for the board to approve the letter in its current form, sign it, and forward it to the indicated recipients. A lengthy discussion ensues including the following topics:
 - 1. Property owners within the proposed district were noticed by knocking on doors. The letter is only the 1st step in the notification process. All property owners will receive further noticing from the City of San Diego.

2. Benefits of the proposed district include historic preservation, compliance with the Mid-City Community Plan, and homes will have already been through the historic review process should individual homeowners decide to apply for the Mills Act.
3. Restrictions caused by the proposed district include "flagging" the building for historical review if renovation permits are ever pulled.
4. Volunteers chose the specific area based upon the original subdivision map boundaries.
5. A "contributing resource" located within the proposed district means the home is an original style and a "non-contributing resource" means that something about the face of the home has changed from its original style.

A call for the motion is made and the motion passes by a vote of 11-1-1 with G. Greer opposing the motion due to concerns over restrictions to homeowners within the district and D. Moty abstaining from the motion as he is a member of the applicant team.

II. Project Review Subcommittee (PRS) – On behalf of the PRS, the subcommittee Chair, D. Pfeifer, made the following presentation.

- a. Non-Agenda Public Items:
 - i. None.
- b. Action Items:
 - i. None.
- c. Information Items:
 - i. Land Use Workshops – Special thanks to the Conover Studio for developing flyers. The flyers have been distributed around the community and placed on the sign-in table for the public. The Kensington Community Church has been secured as the venue on February 26th, March 26th, and April 23rd. A general recap of the functionality of each meeting is read aloud.
 - ii. KTPG Projects – The item has been tabled until the next regularly scheduled PRS meeting.
 - iii. Aldine Drive – No update is available. A request is made of T. Gloria to follow-up on the status of the project on behalf of the community.

III. Transportation & Safety Subcommittee (TSS) – The TSS was unable to attain quorum at its January 28th meeting.

- a. Non-Agenda Public Items:
 - i. None.

b. Action Items:

- i. Talmadge Senior Center – A motion is made by D Moty and seconded by C. Kaminski for D. Moty to write a letter to the city recommending the creation of a 20 minute white curb loading zone on Dawson Street at El Cajon Boulevard; a handicapped parking spot on El Cajon Boulevard at Dawson Street; and in the letter remind the city to consider the cumulative needs of the elderly and handicapped if the redevelopment slated for the south side of El Cajon Boulevard at 52nd Street at the World Foods supermarket site (City Heights CPG) includes a substantial elderly/handicapped housing component. A discussion ensues about whether or not the Talmadge Senior Center has contacted the city regarding alterations to the curb and, if approved, whether or not the Center will receive a copy of the proposed letter.. A call for the vote is made and the motion passes by unanimous vote.

J. Garrison enters the meeting.

c. Information Items:

- i. Utilities Undergrounding Process – No update.

IV. Membership, By-Laws & Communications Subcommittee (MBCS) – On behalf of the MBCS, the subcommittee Chair, D. Moty, made the following presentation.

a. Non-Agenda Public Items:

- i. None

b. Action Items:

KTPG Website – A list of items to be included in the website is read aloud, but no motion is made by the MBCS.

c. Information Items:

- i. None.

KTPG LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

I. Talmadge Maintenance Assessment District (TMAD) is presented by F. Lindahl.

- a. No meeting

II. Community Planners Committee (CPC) presented by D. Moty.

- a. A tail will be added to the City's insurance policy to protect against claims made against prior board members.
- b. Regarding indemnification of subcommittee members it was announced that the City's attorney office will not do anything unless directed by City Council. Subcommittee members, who are not board members on the

planning group, are not currently indemnified for actions or inactions taken as subcommittee members. The CPC is in favor of indemnifying subcommittee members.

- c. The CPC chairs believe that updating the community plans is a high priority.

III. City Heights Redevelopment PAC (CHRPAC) presented by F. Lindahl.

- a. The CHRPAC is redoing its 5 year implementation plan which gives guidelines as to how the redevelopment agency should spend its money within the redevelopment area. Areas of focus include: housing, multifamily housing, neighborhood character including restoring historic features (e.g. Euclid Tower) commercial property improvements (e.g. loans for businesses that make building upgrades), improved infrastructure (e.g. lighting). A community workshop will be held on March 9th in the Price Charities Building located at 4305 University Ave., Ste. 610A to discuss the implementation plan.
 - b. The CHRPAC and the City of San Diego Redevelopment Agency have distributed a survey to gather public comment. Contact Kristine Toft at (619) 236-6534 or go to <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=4k5u79csMhYYUWb5uKCYag3d3d> for a copy of the community survey.
 - c. The CHRPAC received a presentation about the I15 bus route transit station from Sandag. One option for the I15 bus route goes up onto Adams and then down to the I15. A copy of the handouts from the presentation was included in KTPG records.
- IV. There was no presentation made in regard to the City of San Diego Underground Conversion Project.**

ADJOURNMENT

- I. Agenda for an upcoming KTPG meeting --**
- a. Elections.
 - b. NFHRS to review the Heritage Tree designation and report to the board.
 - c. No PRS meeting will be held in light of the Land Use Workshops; however, the Land Use Workshops should be an action item under the Subcommittee Agenda portion of the KTPG agenda.
 - d. TSS will not hold a February meeting.
- II. The meeting of the KTPG adjourned at 8:45pm. The next meeting will be held at 6:30pm on Wednesday, March 11, 2009 at the Kensington Community Church.**

Submitted by, Shauna Pribyl, KTPG Secretary on March 11, 2009.

I, Shauna Pribyl, am the Secretary of the Kensington Talmadge Planning Group and hereby certify that that these minutes were approved by the Kensington Talmadge Planning Group on 3-11, 2009.



Shauna Pribyl, Secretary

4-8-09
Date