# KENSINGTON TALMADGE COMMUNITY GROUP REGULAR MEETING JUNE 11, 2008

A regular meeting of Kensington Talmadge Community Group (KTPG) was called to order by Chair Tom Hebrank on June 11, 2008 at 6:40pm in the Kensington Community Church Youth Hall located at 4773 Marlborough Drive, San Diego, CA 92116.

Members present: Robert Coffin, Carl Davis, John Garrison, Gail Greer, Tom Hebrank, Sherry Hopwood, David Moty, Dave Pfeifer, Shauna Pribyl, Deborah Sharpe, and Jonathan Tibbitts.

Members absent: Chance Bilmeyer, Elayne Summers, Jeri Dilno, Clinton Kisner.

Also present: Nicholaus Norvell, April Chesebro, Marlon Pangilinan, Guy Hanford, Danielle Laman, and numerous members of the public.

#### MODIFICATIONS TO AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded to amend the current agenda so the Election of the Board Secretary is moved before Public Communications and after the Treasurer's Report.

#### MINUTES

The Chair, T. Hebrank, stated that the May 14, 2008 minutes were not available and will be reviewed at the July 9, 2008 meeting.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer, S. Hopwood, presented the May 2008 report dated June 10, 2008. There is \$591.45 in the KTPG account. During the month of May 2008, \$29.97 was paid to Cox Communications, \$112.90 in the Police Storefront Account was returned to O. Padilla closing out the account, and check number 3081 was voided as it was dated December 28, 2007, and \$35.00 was received in contributions during the May 2008 KTPG meeting.

## NON-COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS

 Election of Board Secretary – It was announced that Member E. Summers resigned as Board Secretary. Per the KTPG Bylaws, the Chair, T. Hebrank, nominated S. Pribyl to the Board Secretary position. After a motion made by J.

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Garrison and seconded by S. Hopwood, the Chair nomination was unanimously affirmed with a 11 - 0 - 0 vote of the board.

#### PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

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

- I. R. Riebli Asked if www.411kensington.com is the site the official website for the KTPG. Also reported that the website incorrectly showed a June 8<sup>th</sup> meeting date. Reported that uninvited persons are riffling through trash cans. A lengthy discussion regarding uninvited persons going through the trash ensued with S. Falkenberg and J. Camp. A request for guidance was made of the board.
- II. D. Moty Reported a recent episode of tagging in the Talmadge area. The community cleaned the tagging by 6:30am. Another member of the community reported that similar tagging took place in Kensington from Alder down south of Adams Avenue.

# CITY/GOVERNMENT INFORMATION ITEMS

- I. Susan Davis, US Congressional District 53 On behalf of Congressperson Davis, N. Norvell distributed *The Davis Dispatch*, June 2008, Volume 8, Issue 6. In addition, N. Norvell made the following comments:
  - a. Thank you for attending and participating in the Memorial Day parade.
  - b. There is a housing bill that is moving through the Congress. The House passed the bill and the bill was supported by Congressperson Davis. The Senate passed a less aggressive version of the housing bill.
  - c. Congressperson Davis voted for a bill that would allow California to have higher mileage standards. Unfortunately, the bill failed.
  - d. Stimulus checks should have been received by now. If members of the community have not received their check and/or think their check is late, then the person(s) should go to the IRS website or call Congressperson Davis's office.
  - e. Mentioned several upcoming district events including forums on water, housing, grants workshop, small business workshop.
- II. Toni Atkins, City Councilmember District 3 On behalf of Councilmember Atkins, A. Chesebro distributed *The Toni Times*, May 2008. In addition, A. Chesebro made the following comments:
  - a. The Councilmember approved the new city budget. The mayor has one week to approve or veto the budget.
  - b. The Toni Times, May 2008 newsletter has a list of initiatives for the balance of the Councilmember's term.

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- c. Councilmember Atkin's office has been getting a lot of questions regarding the historic resources designation of the Kensington sign. As a result of the number of inquiries, *The Toni Times*, May 2008 contains an article regarding the sign. A. Chesebro explained that a hearing date has not been selected for the appeal hearing.
- d. Talmadge received a county FireSafe grant and status. It was recommended that Kensington also pursue the status.
- III. City Planning Office On behalf of the City Planning Office, M. Pangilinan made the following comments:
  - a. Vicki White has recently been hired by the department. V. White will be replacing M. Pangilinan's position as the representative spokesperson to KTPG in July. V. White will attend monthly for a while and then she will attend quarterly. Any questions can be addressed to M. Pangilinan at (619) 235-9153.
  - b. S. Hopwood inquired about the impact of the water shortage on decisions made by the City Planning Office. M. Pangilinan stated that the department is currently evaluating the impact.

# NON-COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS (continued)

II. Filing Board Vacancies – It was announced that Member E. Summers and C. Bilmeyer have resigned from the Board. Per the KTPG Bylaws, the Chair appointed G. Hanford to E. Summers seat. The Chair did not appoint anyone to C. Bilmeyer's seat. After a motion made by T. Hebrank and seconded by J. Tibbits, the Chair's appointment is unanimously affirmed with an 11 - 0 - 0 vote of the board. G. Hanford will complete the balance of E. Summers two year term. G. Hanford took a chair at the table in which the Board sits.

## NON-COMMITTEE INFORMATION ITEMS

I. The Chair explained that, due to construction at the Kensington Community Church, the July 2008 and the August 2008 KTPG meetings will be held elsewhere. A discussion ensues regarding potential locations and whether or not the recommendations are compliant with Council Policy and the KTPG Bylaws. D. Moty recommends contacting the Para de Sufrir church in Talmadge. G. Greer recommends the Kensington Community Park. A. Chesebro offers to email contact information of the Para de Sufrir church in Talmadge to T. Hebrank. A member of the public recommends The Ken Theater. It is requested that the Bylaws subcommittee recommend a location to the Board.

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#### COMMITTEE AGENDAS

#### I. Project Review Subcommittee (PRS) -

- a. Action Items:
  - i. On behalf of the PRS, the Subcommittee Chair, D. Pfeifer made a motion to approve the mission statement of, "The KTPG Project Review Subcommittee's mission is to review projects proposed for Kensington and Talmadge for consistency with the Mid-City Community Plan, and other applicable ordinances, with specific emphasis on retaining and enhancing the character of our unique neighborhoods, and to make recommendations for action to the full KTPG board."
    - A discussion ensues regarding the proposed mission statement including comments on the title of the Mid-City Communities Plan, the type of projects to be reviewed by the committee, and the phrase "other ordinances," and whether subcommittees should be entitled "subcommittee" or "committee."
    - Upon a motion made by D. Pfeifer and seconded by J. Tibbits the main motion to approve the mission as presented by the subcommittee is amended to make the following changes to the subcommittee mission statement:
      - a. "Mid-City Community Plan" to read "Mid-City Communities Plan";
      - Remove the word "other" in the phrase "other ordinances"; and,

The board unanimously approved the mission statement as amended with an 11 - 0 - 0 vote of the board.

- ii. D. Pfeifer presented the Norfolk Canyon Access Project Project #153076 – Marcos Gallegos. This project proposes access for sewer maintenance in Norfolk Canyon and is part of the Programmatic Environmental Impact. Project is within the MHPA. Report (LDR No. 42-0077) and Master SDP/CDP#6020. City Project. On behalf of the Project Review Subcommittee, the Subcommittee Chair, D. Pfeifer made a motion to approve Project #153076 with the condition that:
  - 1. The re-vegetation be conducted taking consideration of the original canyon ecology as well as fire safety; and,
  - The City of San Diego supports resident's access for brush management, so long as the appropriate permits are secured.

Discussion ensues regarding proposed mitigation for the erosion of the staging area. Upon a motion made by D. Pfeifer and seconded

Kensington Talmadge Planning Group Regular Board Meeting Minutes June 11, 2008 Page 4 of 9 by J. Tibbits, the main motion is amended to include the condition that:

 The City of San Diego mitigate the erosion of the staging area.

The board unanimously approves the Project #153076 with the amended conditions with an 11 - 0 - 0 vote of the board.

- J. Tibbits leaves the meeting.
  - b. Information Items:
    - The Subcommittee Chair, D. Pfeifer explained the means by which the public, the subcommittee, and the KTPG Board will be able to review projects, and their supporting documents, that are reviewed by the subcommittee.
      - Hard copies of the subcommittee materials will be placed in the Kensington-Normal Heights Public Library.
      - Copies of the subcommittee materials will be placed on the website www.411kensington.com.
      - An upcoming project "matrix" will be placed online along with status of the project.
      - The subcommittee's agenda will be available for viewing at www.411kensington.com.
    - ii. In addition to the KTPG Chair's appointment of D. Pfeifer as the subcommittee chair, the KTPG Project Review Subcommittee unanimously voted S. Pribyl as subcommittee Vice-Chair and J. Garrison as subcommittee Secretary.
    - The next meeting of the KTPG Project Review Subcommittee will be held on June 25, 2008 at 6:30pm.

# IV. Neighborhood Facilities & Historical Resources Subcommittee (NFHRS)-

- a. Non-Agenda Public Items:
  - i. Two concerned residents stopped by the NFHRS meeting to express concern over a broken concrete cross gutter that runs across Van Dyke between Monroe and Meade. The gutter is deteriorating and water is leaking underneath it due to the cracks. The more water that leaks through it, the more the gutter deteriorates. A. Chesebro notes the broken gutter.
  - A member of the community asks, "What's a neighborhood facility?" and is directed to the subcommittee minutes.
- b. Action Items:
  - i. On behalf of the NFHRS, the Subcommittee Chair, S. Hopwood makes a motion to approve the mission statement of, "It is the mission of the KTPG Neighborhood Facilities & Historical Resources Subcommittee to assess and prioritize our communities' needs for

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> A member of the community asks for the definition of a "unique historic characteristics" and is told examples of unique historic characteristics include: pillars, craftsman, village feel, etc.

The board unanimously approved the mission statement as written with a 10 - 0 - 0 vote of the board.

- c. Information Items:
  - i. A discussion ensued of pending neighborhood facility issues.
  - ii. A discussion ensued of the revised Mills Act Program. Ron May is willing to come and speak with the NFHRS and interested citizens. The subcommittee chair will coordinate a presentation with R. May.
  - iii. A discussion ensued about preservation of the original Kensington Park pillars and the original street lights in the communities and whether or not to pursue historic designation.
    - The NFHRS recommended that the pillars be designated historic. It was noted that several of the original columns were moved during the 115 project and so the NFHRS will need to research which pillars are original and which pillars are remanufactured.
    - It was recommended that the NFHRS seek historic designation for the original street lights within the communities. It was noted that Talmadge had several streets lights designated with the Talmadge gates were designated historic.
    - 3. A member of the community asks if the tall palms that align the streets be designated historic. In particular, the member wants to know if the board can "...ask people who have palms removed to replant the palms?" A discussion ensues and the NFHRS will see if they can be designated.
  - iv. Discussion of public notices received.
    - The NFHRS is looking for a liaison between the KTPG and the Benjamin Franklin Elementary School.
  - v. The next NFHRS will have their next meeting on June 25, 2008 at 5:30pm.

## V. Transportation & Safety Subcommittee (TSS) -

- a. Action Items:
  - i. On behalf of the TSS, the Subcommittee Chair, R. Coffin made a motion to approve the mission statement of, "It is the mission of the KTPG Transportation & Safety Subcommittee to consider and address all issues regarding modes of transportation and traffic flow that occur within the Kensington and Talmadge communities, together with all

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 A discussion ensued regarding the inclusion of "fire and crime prevention" and "all modes of transportation." No amendment is made to the motion on the table.

The board unanimously approved the mission statement as written with a 10 - 0 - 0 vote of the board.

- b. Non-Agenda Public Items:
  - A member of the community asked if development of an emergency plan is part of the TSS function. It is noted that Ron Roberts is distributing emergency plans to communities and recommended that the TSS review it. It is also noted that CERT trains neighbors to take care of each other.
  - ii. A community member suggested purchasing two monument sign boards and placing them in a public area to post emergency items, notices, etc.
  - iii. A member of the public asked if transportation includes parking and the response is "Yes." A member of the board reminds the public that the KTPG focuses on land use.
- c. Information Items:
  - A presentation and discussion of alternative traffic calming devices to be used within the community is presented by subcommittee member M. Stouffer. M. Stouffer distributes a hand out entitled "Traffic Calming – Alternatives." A recommendation is made to the TSS to use the traffic maps created in the December 2007 meeting to determine areas within the communities in which a traffic calming device is needed.
  - ii. The TSS reported that it expects the Aldine Drive Slope Restoration Project No. 152162 to commence in approximately one year. Traffic issues will be discussed when the project commences. A member of the public requests that the KTPG doesn't give up the bike path.
  - iii. The TSS will be working on activating a group to address brush removal from canyon areas for fire protection purposes.

D. Sharpe leaves the meeting.

## VI. Membership, By-Laws & Communications Subcommittee (MBCS) -

- a. Action Items:
  - On behalf of the MBCS, the subcommittee Chair, D. Moty made a motion to approve, "The mission statement of the Membership, Bylaws, and Communications Subcommittee of the Kensington Talmadge Group is:
    - 1. Bylaws:

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- a. To develop and revise the organizational bylaws and related rules and procedures of the KTPG to ensure they are in accordance with Council Policy 600-24, and also serve the particular interests of the Kensington-Talmadge communities.
- 2. Communications:
  - a. To conduct regular community outreach in order to promote membership and encourage adequate and diverse representation on the planning group.
  - b. To develop and maintain means and secure resources to facilitated communication between the KTPG and the community at large in order to promote understanding of, and participation in, the planning process.

A discussion ensued and D. Moty amends the motion to strike the word membership from the committee title. The motion did not receive a second so the motion failed.

The board unanimously approves the mission statement as written with a 9-0-0 vote of the board.

- ii. Information Items:
  - A discussion ensued regarding the general outline of the committee's activities over the next ten months. One of the activities included researching and purchasing a microphone for the use at KTPG's monthly meetings.

## III. KTPG Liaison Committee Reports

- Talmadge Maintenance Assessment District (TMAD) is presented by D. Moty.
  - The TMAD is working on updating the community master plan and it will be reballoting in the community.
  - The TMAD is making progress on being able to oversee the funds as a 501c non-profit status.
- b. Community Planners Committee (CPC) presented by T. Hebrank.
  - v. The CPC reelected its officers.
  - vi. The CPC passed a motion to discuss expansion of the CPC with particular interest in including more non-typical servers (e.g. lawyers, architects, etc).
- c. City Heights Redevelopment PAC (CHRPAC) presented by D. Laman. The CHRPAC is working on a \$44 million project on University Avenue between 43<sup>rd</sup> Street and Fairmont Avenue. \$1m will come into the City of San Diego for parks and recreation.

# IV. The next KTPG meeting will be held on July 9, 2008 at 6:30pm.

a. The next meeting of the KTPG will include a discussion about when the board should go dark. In the past the KTPG has gone dark in August of

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every year. The current KTPG will decide whether or not to continue this trend or to go dark during the holidays.

- b. Board member G. Greer requests that the board review the City of San Diego's current 300 foot noticing policy and whether or not that policy is consistent with the "city of villages" concept and relevant in Kensington. A board member recommends that the MBCS add this item to their June 25<sup>th</sup> agenda and make a recommendation to the full board.
- c. S. Pribyl requests that the KTPG add sign-in sheets to the July 9, 2008 agenda.
- d. It is noted that the agendas for PRS, TSS, MBCS, and NFHRS will be available one week from tonight.

# V. The meeting of the KTPG adjourns at 9:04pm. The next meeting will be held at 6:30pm on July 9, 2008 and the place is TBD.

Submitted by, Shauna Pribyl, KTPG Secretary on July 9, 2008.

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 July, 2008.

Shauna Pribyl, Secretary

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