

Kensington Talmadge Planning Group
March 8, 2023 Meeting Minutes

I **Parliamentary Items**

Meeting in person at Normal Heights Community Center, called to order at 6:32 pm by Chair David Moty.

Board members present: Moty, Heuter, Isaak, Satter, Utt, Baer, Irwin, Sharpe, Lindahl, Laman, Kreuger, Tessier.

Board members absent: Spano, Helmich, Sinclair

Members of the community & public present: Priscilla Berge, Lisa Stone, Willow Lane, Lauren MacDonald, Lucero Maganda, Naveed Haris, homeowner of 4030 Terrace Ct., Representative from Wireless Communication Facility, Karen from Talmadge Park So. KMAD.

Moty proposed to add to the agenda the March 8, 2023 letter from Engineering & Capital Projects Dept to KTPG titled: “Response to Kensington Heights Empire Style Lights Post and Lantern Luminaires”. Sharpe 2nd. Adoption of the revised agenda and approval of the Feb. 8, 2023 meeting minutes as amended, approved without objection.

Treasurer’s report: absent

II **Community Forum/Non-Agenda Public Comment**

Mayors Office Lucero Maganda to work with D9’s office to set a meeting about the current Kensington Heights Circuit #2 upgrade underway. (Note: several requests from KTPG to meet with the Mayor and the City have not been met).

Council District 9: Naveed Haris fielded questions re: the KH#2 circuit upgrade; agreed to help set up a meeting with D9, Mayor, City Engineering & CI, Parks & Rec, and the community. office both absent from the meeting. Will respond re: Aldine Dr. watershed project status. Harris said D9 is working on increased tenant protections; shared that 25 street lights were repaired in the Kensington Talmadge areas within a few weeks (a fast response according to Haris).

Representative Sara Jacobs staffer Willow Lance: \$3.4M grant to the SD Community College Dist. And includes \$1.2M to LGBT Pride Centers.

Supv. Fletcher staffer Lauren MacDonald: seeking sites on County-owned land for emergency housing; creating an ‘aging roadmap’ utilizing resources from senior centers and agencies that cater to seniors.

Non-Agenda Public Comment – None

III **Subcommittee Items**

A. Support the applicant’s pending Conditional Use Permit renewal (originally granted in 1998) in connection with the Wireless Communication Facility located at 4030 Terrace Ct. KTPG’s Project Review subcommittee approved unanimously, subject to the applicant satisfactorily

mitigating impact of potential tagging vandalism by use of landscaping and screening with faux ivy. Motion from subcommittee approved by KTPG unanimously
B. Support Kensington MADs Chairs reports for January 18, 2023 and February 13, 2023; motion by Moty, 2nd by Satter, approved unanimously.

IV **Non-Subcommittee Item**

Chair: Subcommittee structure and meeting times & locations for the coming year: Kensington Church, YMCA, community center? Hybrid event? Liability insurance is likely required. City stipend of \$500 annually could be used. Note: Normal Heights Community Center schedule requires subcommittees to meet Friday nights. Discuss at next month's meeting after gathering cost data and calendar openings.

Letter from City's E&CI Dept: 'Response to Kensington Heights Empire Style Lights Post and Lantern Luminaires'. Discussion & responses: KTPG did not review the demolition or approve; community did not approve the design & was not made aware of the demolition; street lights are not working because they are not being maintained; all lights should be restored to original condition; CEQA compliance has not been met; will streets be re-paved after the trenching & project is finished; what about the 'John Tully' replicas & using those; Lucinda w/ Mayor's office says replica lights are on order; special benefit lighting is the KMAD cost, not the City cost. Request for meeting to review the project and discuss details of the proposed replicas. Mayor's office and D9's office to set up and notify the community.

V **KTPG Liaison/Committee Reports**

Historic Resources Division 45-year review liaison – Moty said 4 properties were reviewed but none had historical significance– no comment to HRB staff.

Community Planners Committee – D. Sharpe: 2023 Bylaws to be modified. Street preservation ordinance. SANDAG requires in-person meetings. Changes to the Brown Act re: public meetings policy is now extended to the end of March 2023.

Talmadge Maintenance Assessment District – no update as Helmich is not present

Board Member updates regarding other groups/organizations relevant to the KTPG area: Moty reported that Parks & Rec Board Mtg indicated parks needs index update.

VI **Possible Agenda for the next or future KTPG Meeting(s)** April 12, 2023

Next meeting to be held in person at 4649 Hawley Blvd., the Normal Heights Community Center.

VII **Adjournment** – 8:08 PM

Engineering & Capital Projects Department
Transportation & Utility Engineering Division

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David K. Moty
Kensington Talmadge Planning Group Chair

Subject: Response to Kensington Heights Empire Style Lights Post and Lantern
Luminaires

Dear Mr. Moty,

Thank you for your letter regarding the Kensington Talmadge Planning Groups (KTPG) discussion during the February 16, 2023 meeting. The timing of your letter coincides with design stage initiation of the next phase of Street Light improvements with the Kensington Street Light Circuit upgrade # 3 project. This new project will be upgrading 21 Street Lights along the streets of Palisades, Canterbury, Ridgeway and Marlborough.

Normally, we do not begin our coordination efforts this early in the design stage, it is customary to have a design conceptualized prior to a presentation to provide a visual of the final work product. However, the intent of upgrading the street light circuit and providing poles with energy efficient lighting is similar to the project in construction, Kensington Street Light Circuit upgrade #2.

The project team can schedule a meeting with a smaller working team of the KTPG and the MAD to discuss our design standards and KTPG's request outlined in this letter further, or, you can coordinate directly with the Parks and Recreation Department / MADs to facilitate further discussion on how to procure desired services related to the fixtures as there are explicit manners in which MAD funds can be utilized. Please contact me directly as to what is preferred. In the meantime, the City team will begin collecting the preliminary documents required to commence the official design stage of the project.

Once the project completes the design stage, the project will go through a procurement process that prime and subcontractors have an opportunity to competitively bid on the scope of the contract. Contractors such as Gibson and Gibson have an opportunity to compete in such a process as long as they carry the minimum bonding and licenses required to qualify for the process.

In regards to annual budget review of the FY 24 Kensington Heights MAD, the design and execution of the Kensington Street Light Circuit Upgrade projects, including the completed Kensington Street light Circuit upgrade #1, the project in construction Kensington Street Light Circuit Upgrade #2, and the future Kensington Circuit Upgrade Phase #3 are independent of the MAD annual budget process. For further information on the established

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MAD managed by the City, please contact the city Administrator for the MAD, Michael Jones, to walk through the process.

Regarding the current project in construction, Kensington Street Light Circuit Upgrade #2, the project is still in the circuit upgrade phase, working on potholing and boring of new conduit in preparation of the streetlight installs anticipated during the May timeframe of this year. We are trying to minimize impacts to the community during this operation by focusing on one area of work and completing the install of conduits before moving to other areas of the community.

We appreciate the discussion and the opportunity to coordinate early on our future street light projects in the community.

Thank you,



Luis Schaar, P.E.
Deputy Director, Engineering and Capital Projects

cc: Randy Wilde, Mayor's Office, Policy Advisor
Michaela Valk, Mayor's Office, Director of Community Engagement
Lucero Maganda, Mayor's Office, Community Representative
Naveed Haris, Council District 9, Policy Advisor & Community Representative
Rania Amen, Engineering & Capitol Projects, Director