

# Kensington-Talmadge Planning Group



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## Regular Meeting Minutes

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## PARLIAMENTARY ITEMS

### CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

A regular meeting of the Kensington Talmadge Planning Group (KTPG) was called to order by KTPG Chair Tom Hebrank on September 8, 2010 at 6:30pm in the Kensington Community Church located at 4773 Marlborough Ave., San Diego, CA 92116. The minutes were recorded by KTPG Member Sean Harrison.

**Members present at the start of the meeting:** Daniele Laman, David Moty, Frank Doft, Fred Lindahl, Gail Greer, Guy Hanford, Kevin Kelly, Sean Harrison, Sherry Hopwood, Tom Adam, Tom Hebrank.

**Members absent:** John M. Garrison.

**Also present:** Dion Akers (from Council Member Todd Gloria's office),

### MODIFICATIONS TO AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA (ADDITIONS / DELETIONS TO AGENDA)

A motion to approve the agenda with no changes was made by David Moty and seconded by Daniele Laman. The motion was approved unanimously.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING(S)

Fred Lindahl stated that he wanted to ask KTPG Secretary John M. Garrison about his style of taking minutes specifically about his desire to record items verbatim vs. editing information. Specifically items regarding a discussion of the Historical Review Liaison were missing. It was decided to table the item until the following KTPG meeting. Danielle Laman requested that the comments made during the discussion that Fred Lindahl mentioned be included in the minutes. The item was tabled.

### TREASURER'S REPORT – REPORT FROM PRIOR MONTH

**Starting Balance:** August 8<sup>th</sup> – \$123.97

**Donations:** \$46.00

**Expenditures:** no disbursements

**Ending Balance:** \$169.97

KTPG Treasurer Sherri Hopwood made a request to the community at large for additional funds to be donated.

### COMMUNITY FORUM / NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

Darlene Love made a presentation about the Kensington Community 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Picnic to be held on November 25, 2010. She also stated that she had arranged for a community wide tree trimming service that could be signed up for at her email address [lovewine@cox.net](mailto:lovewine@cox.net) or the Kensington Video Store. The charge was \$49.00 per



tree. The service was also posted on the KTPG website. KTPG member Tom Adam asked if any of the streets would be blocked off to traffic during the picnic.

Dion Akers from Council Member Todd Gloria's office mentioned several items, including:

- Tree Trimming of diseased and rotted trees on Edgeware Drive
- The economic difficulties of the city would result in additional City Services being cut

A member of the public asked Dion Akers if he knew which services would be cut and if there was a list. Dion Akers stated that the City Council had not made a decision yet.

KTPG member Guy Hanford thanked Darlene Love for the work she had done for the picnic.

Joan Fitzsimmons brought to the Board's attention that a letter regarding the KMAD which included survey questions that was distributed to the community in the mail was never approved by KTPG and that the subcommittee did not approve it. Since KTPG Chairman Tom Hebrank's name was on the letter, it implied that the KTPG sanctioned the letter. She also wanted to know how the letter was paid for. KTPG Chairman and Subcommittee Chairman Tom Hebrank stated that the letter was paid for by anonymous donations from the basket.

Shirley Kelly asked how the letter was authorized.

Fred Lindahl mentioned that it was an opportunity to discuss the process of donations and how they are spent

Wayne Murphy asked a question about the Elderly Care Facilities in the Kensington Talmadge area and was directed to Price Charity's representative at (619) 795-2018 and [pcalloway@pricecharities.com](mailto:pcalloway@pricecharities.com)

Kevin Heiss requested a follow up of where the donated money to the KTPG and the KTPG KMAD came from.

Priscilla stated that the Community Planning Groups in general and specifically the KTPG had no procedures for donating and suggested that those procedures could be defined. In addition, she mentioned that it was her understanding that KTPG Chairman and KMAD Subcommittee Chairman Tom Hebrank was authorized. The City Attorney had been notified and was reviewing the matter. She went on to suggest that a subcommittee could be created to discuss the situation.

Allen explained that the Starbucks on the Northwest Corner of Adams Avenue and Marlborough would be closed for remodeling between September 13-23. Also, Don Kelly Construction's lease was up at the end of November 2010.

Danielle Laman stated she had lots of questions that would be brought up at the next meeting when the Secretary was present, and about traffic on Aldine Drive.

Dion Akers gave an update that the Councilman's office and City Staff were looking more into the Aldine Drive safety issues.

Fred Lindahl mentioned the Talmadge Block Party that would be held on September 25, 2010.

Kevin Kelly made a statement regarding the different points of view of the Kensington and Talmadge Community and the concerned citizens of the neighborhoods both on the Group and members of the general public that have served on the Group in the past. He stated that the KMAD was a decisive issue but that everyone in the community



had the community's best interest in mind and not their own self interests. He suggested that everyone in the community be given the benefit of the doubt when it came to issues involving the formation of the KMAD. He suggested that community work together to find out if the KMAD was a good idea to improve the community.

## ACTION ITEMS

### ACTION ITEM: HOOVER HIGH SCHOOL EASMENT VACATION

School District Representative Andy Rasso made a brief presentation regarding the details of the easement. He stated the legal requirements for making the presentation. David Moty made a motion to approve the action item and was seconded by Tom Adam. The vote to approve was unanimous.

## SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

### TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY – BOB COFFIN

An update of the Mid City Underground Task Force was made. Normal Heights Planning Group had decided to join a collective effort to open a dialogue with the City Staff and the Utility Companies involved in the proposed projects.

A member of the public stated that the street lights should be improved at the same time as the rest of the utilities were installed underground. Bob Coffin explained the process of what was already intended to be improved in conjunction with the underground project.

Gretchen Pattengill thanked everyone involved in the presentation.

Priscilla mentioned the possibilities of the coordination of the street lighting would be possible with the Maintenance Assessment District.

David Moty directed a statement towards Dion Akers that he was looking to Todd Gloria's (district 3 Councilman) office for leadership in the underground utilities issue.

Ron Anderson mentioned that the 3HH portion of the current Talmadge underground utilities project had been delayed from October 2010 to March 2011.

The KTPG voted unanimously to extend the meeting to 8:00 PM.

### KMAD – TOM HEBRANK

Gave the results of the letter that was sent to the affected community in the mail. He went on to say that even though a deadline for the formation of the KMAD had been missed a petition currently being circulated could be signed and used for the formation process of the KMAD. He clarified the voting process that would take place for the KMAD's formation.



## KTPG LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

### TMAD – FRED LINDAHL

TMAD was dark. He did state that 120 street lights were upgraded in 2 years instead of 20 years because of the TMAD.

Wayne Murphy asked about the amount of money it took and how long it took to collect it. Fred Lindahl explained that it took 10 years and a capital improvement fund.

### CITY HEIGHTS

City Heights was dark.

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David Moty made a presentation regarding the Aldine Monroe traffic safety issue. There was a thorough planning discussion regarding the decrease of traffic volumes and distribution of traffic throughout the area.

- Street lights on El Cajon Blvd should be synchronized
- Dedicated left arrow at Euclid and El Cajon Blvd
- Encourage the use of Monroe with a dedicated lane at Fairmont Avenue which may require dedication of right of way from Price Charities property.

Daneille Laman mentioned a Rapid Bus Line

## AGENDA FOR THE NEXT KTPG MEETING

Planning Group Chairman Tom Hebrank promised to address the “donations issue” in the next meeting.

## ADJOURNMENT

Tom Hebrank asked if there was a motion to adjourn the meeting. Danielle Laman made the motion and Sherry Hopwood seconded the motion. It was a unanimous vote to adjourn.