

Kensington-Talmadge Planning Group



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Regular Meeting Minutes for 2010-11-10

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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 November 11, 2010 at 6:38 in the Kensington Community Church located at 4773 Marlborough Ave., San Diego, CA 92116. The minutes were recorded by KTPG Secretary John M. Garrison.

Members present at the start of the meeting: Bob Coffin, Daniele Laman, David Moty, Frank Doft, Fred Lindahl, Gail Greer, Guy Hanford, John M. Garrison, Kevin Kelly, Pam Hubbell, Sean Harrison, Sherry Hopwood, Tom Adam, Tom Hebrank, and Tom Hoyt.

Members absent: Kevin Kelly

Also present: Dion Akers (from Council Member Todd Gloria’s office) and numerous members of the public

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

A motion to approve the agenda with no changes was made by Bob Coffin and seconded by Sherry Hopwood. The motion was approved 14-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING(S)

September minutes – Were taken by Sean Harrison in John Garrison’s absence but have not been circulated.

A motion to approve the August minutes was made by Tom Hebrank and seconded by Sean Harrison. Before the motion came for a vote, Fred Lindahl proposed an amendment.

Fred Lindahl – I have two changes I would like to make to the minutes:

1. In the section titled “Historical Review Member” – 7th paragraph – starts with “Roger Utt asked Maggie to...” I would like to rephrase from “declined to answer” to “declined using an expletive”... -
2. Later, under my comments, I mentioned several places where I plan to raise my concern. I would like the minutes amended to say “Fred Lindahl – wants to state for the record that he does not approve of the tone or language in the response from the KTPG’s 45-Year Historic Review Board Liaison (Maggie McCann) in answering Roger Utt’s question. Mr. Lindahl said he plans to raise his concern with the HRB, and Council Members office, and Mary Wright with the City Planning and Community Investment Office.”



Sean Harrison – seconded Fred’s motion

In favor – Sean Harrison, Tom Adam, David Moty, Fred Lindahl, Tom Hoyt, Frank Doft, Pam Hubbell, Gail Greer, Danielle Laman

Opposed – Sherry Hopwood, John M. Garrison, Bob Coffin, and Tom Hebrank.

Abstaining – Guy Hanford (not present at the August meeting)

Absent – Kevin Kelley

Secondary motion passed 9-4-1 (+1 absent)

Main motion – Sean Harrison, Tom Hebrank, David Moty, Fred Lindahl, Tom Hoyt, Frank Doft, Pam Hubbell, Gail Greet, Danielle Laman, John M. Garrison

Opposed – Sherry Hopwood, Bob Coffin,

Abstaining – Guy Hanford (not present at the August meeting)

Absent – Kevin Kelley

The minutes were approved 10-2-1 (+ 1 absent)

Jean Fitzsimmons – I am wondering why updates have not been made to website.

John M. Garrison - As secretary and webmaster I apologize that I was not able to post the September or November agenda to the www.ktpg.org website, and that he was hoping to have that problem fixed this week.

Jean Fitzsimmons – but the minutes don’t seem to be there either, are they being posted?

John M. Garrison – we just approved the August minutes and the September minutes have not been approved yet. I believe all the minutes prior to August have been posted.

Jean Fitzsimmons – I can’t access any minutes from the entire year.

John M. Garrison – the minutes through July should be posted. Has anyone else here been able to access the minutes. (Several people said “yes”). John said that he would take another look to see if the minutes could be made more obvious.

TREASURER’S REPORT – REPORT FROM PRIOR MONTH

Starting Balance: October 1, 2010 - \$37.97

Donations: September – \$0

October - \$0 (no meeting in October)

Expenditures: October - \$0



Ending Balance: 37.97

Upcoming expenditures - \$95 for PO box – Tom Hebrank asked for a motion to approve this bill conditionally when money is available. John Garrison so moved, Sherry Hopwood seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Ideas for fund-raising:

- Something at the Memorial Day parade?
- Putting out a box at the Ken100 events?

COMMUNITY FORUM / NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

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

- Tuesday 11/9, City approved a request for bid on the Aldine Slope Restoration Project
- The streets in Kensington are horrible due to the Water and Sewer Project
- Utility Undergrounding - City Staff came to their office seeking input on how and where to host a community meeting *within the community* as opposed to the normal practice of doing it in Balboa Park
- Noted the tragedy that a policeman was killed in the line of duty.

Fred Lindahl asked if the City had acted on the differences between the Aldine Slope Restoration project as approved by KTPG and as recently promoted.

Fred Lindahl said the city left a flyer at his door saying that as a result of the undergrounding, they will be

A community member spoke on behalf of www.sdcleanelections.org. They hope to place a “Clean Election” Initiative on the next city ballot (November 2012). They have to launch a petition drive in January 2012.

Joan Fitzsimons – at the September meeting I addressed this group with my concerns over the KMAD mailer that was sent. My question is for the chairman. It is a 7 page mailer, and I want to know who paid for it, because the KTPG has no money. The chairman said it was an anonymous donor who wished to remain secret. I pay attention to what goes on in the community as do a few others. In September, I raised the question of where the money came from for a 7 page mailer. Anything mailed by the board usually contains a reference that KTPG approved it by X vote. That was missing. I believe the Chair must reveal who gave the money and how much it was.

In August, there was apparently some hostility, but I was not at the meeting. I believe that the appointment of the liaison to the HRB was not done correctly. Also, I question whether the Heart of Kensington paid for the mailer and whether the Heart of Kensington is a non-profit group or not.

Pam Hubbell – the Heart of Kensington is not associated with this board. Questions about them should be directed to them.

Sat – Nov 27th – Kensington’s 100th Birthday - 1-4pm. Highlights include getting the Kensington sign back up.

NON-SUBCOMMITTEE ITEMS



DISCUSSION ITEM:

Tom Hebrank - Question on whether anonymous donations are allowed. The day after the question arose; he sought input from the city as to whether anonymous donations are allowed. The city said they are.

Daniele Laman – I believe it is OK to have anonymous donations but we should track how much comes in and how much goes out.

Bob Coffin – believes the practice is perfectly allowable, that Joan Fitzsimons’ comments were an attack on the chairperson.

John M. Garrison – believes that all the donations we receive are anonymous, that the city allows it, and that we should not be looking to do anything other than that.

Pam Hubbell – respects that there are concerns about anonymous donations, but I believe that the fact that the city allows it is important.

David Moty – this past year the election was paid for essentially by an anonymous donation, and the last one before that was also, because we didn’t want to take it to the full KTPG to get a vote.

Member of the public – I think you would really be making a mistake if you say you would not take a donation that is tied to a specific purpose. Plenty of non-profits do exactly that. For instance the zoo does allow for donations to be targeted specifically to the elephants, for instance.

Fred Lindahl – I work with a non-profit and we do allow anonymous donations to be allocated to specific things, but we do note that the money came in and that the money came out. I also want to make clear that anyone who is part of the general membership does have the right to say what they want, regardless of what we feel, who they are directed at, etc.

Sherry Hopwood – it came up in the COW that we do not have to take every possible comment from the community. If the comments are abusive or

Gail Greer – would like to see something in our bylaws addressing anonymous donations.

Tom Hebrank – I asked the KTPG if anyone wanted to make it an action item and no one did. We are guided by Council Policy 600-24.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

No subcommittees met last month.

Subcommittee Meetings for November – this coming Wednesday, November 17th

6:00pm - Project Review - Neighborhood use permit for a therapist in a home business

7:00pm – Traffic and Safety – 2 matters to cover: (1) Wireless commission that he has been serving on and (2) Utility Undergrounding



7:45pm – Website updates, general methods of informing the community, painting utility boxes

KMAD – TOM HEBRANK

INFORMATION ITEM

Jonathan Tibbitts, a member of the KMAD subcommittee, reported on the signature drive. They hope to get the mandatory ~600 signatures gathered by August 2011, and then the community ballot would happen later in 2011, so that the matter could be on the first tax bill in the 2012.

When Proposition D failed, someone asked the mayor about KMAD, and he responded that the matter was dead.

Community member – are you going to try to get signatures at the picnic?

Jonathan Tibbitts – I believe that would be a good idea. I should have brought some today but I forgot to do so.

Jeanie Camp – where are the petitions?

Jonathan Tibbitts – that is a good question. I am not entirely sure where they all are right now.

Shirley Hopwood – when it gets closer to 2012, is it necessary to reconfirm the signatures that came from 2010.

Jonathan Tibbitts – we received confirmation from the city that the “shelf life” of a signature is 12 months.

8:00pm – Tom Hebrank observed that he needs to request an extension to carry-on past the scheduled adjournment time.

David Moty – moved to approve a 15 minute extension, seconded by Sean Harrison

In favor - Bob Coffin, Daniele Laman, David Moty, Fred Lindahl, Gail Greer, Guy Hanford, John M. Garrison, Kevin Kelly, Pam Hubbell, Sean Harrison, Tom Adam, Tom Hebrank, Tom Hoyt.

Opposed – Frank Doft and Sherry Hopwood

KTPG LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

CITY HEIGHTS REDEVELOPMENT

Fred Lindahl – reported on the October 29th meeting. We met with the city about our lighting project and who we chose for the lighting elements in zone 1 of the TMAD. We are looking at October of 2011 for those to be up and running.

Fred Lindahl – working on \$2.2 Million dollar plan for lighting and curb cuts in ____.

David Moty – I would like to raise a question about that. There was a question on general community plan updates. They are usually done on 20 year cycles, but due to lack of funding, they are stretching out to 25 or 30



years. Community redevelopment money can be used to partially fund a community plan update. So, I have 4 questions that I would like Fred to take to City Heights Redevelopment:

1. Is CHRPAC under its particular charter allowed to contribute money towards a community plan update?
2. Does the CHRPAC have sufficient money in the right accounts to contribute towards a community plan update?
3. Is the CHRPAC willing to agree to contribute money towards a community plan update?
4. If the CHRPAC makes a contribution, will that allow Mid-City to get updated on schedule or are we condemned to wait until 2025 no matter what?

COMMUNITY PLANNERS COMMITTEE

David Moty – We have had 2 meetings since the last KTPG meeting. Two meetings ago, our own City Council member was there pushing for his ordinance pertaining to restricting big box stores. The CPC motion failed 13-14 (although it did pass City Council). This past month medical marijuana task force was back on the agenda. The task force recommendations were actually quite lenient, and I think the Land Use committee did a good job in limiting them out of neighborhood zoning areas.

AGENDA FOR THE NEXT KTPG MEETING

Tom Hebrank - We should have some subcommittee reports since 3 subcommittees are meeting.

Gail Greer – I would like to get an update on the Aldine Slope Restoration Project in Kensington

Sherry Hopwood - Donations tonight were in excess of \$100, so the post office box rental can be paid.

ADJOURNMENT

Tom Hebrank adjourned the meeting at 8:12 by unanimous consent.