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Regular Meeting Minutes – Final (Approved 2011 Mar. meeting)

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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 February 9, 2011 at 6:34pm at Franklin Elementary School., San Diego, CA 92116. The minutes were recorded by KTPG Secretary John M. Garrison.

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

Members absent: Kevin Kelly, Daniele Laman

Also present: Dion Akers (from Council Member Todd Gloria’s office), Daniel Hazard (Senior Community Representative for Susan A. Davis, Member of Congress, 53rd District, California), Ben Zeiger (from the office of State Assembly Member Marty Block), and numerous members of the public.

Tom Hebrank turned the meeting over to Guy Hanford to lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

A motion to approve the agenda with no changes was made by John M. Garrison and seconded by Fred Lindahl. The motion was approved 13-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING(S)



A motion to approve the September 2010 minutes was made by Frank Doft and seconded by Fred Lindahl. The motion was approved 12-0, with John M. Garrison abstaining.

A motion to approve the January 2011 minutes was made by Gail Greer and seconded by Frank Doft. The motion was approved 10 -0, with Pam Hubbell, Sherry Hopwood, and John M. Garrison abstaining.

TREASURER'S REPORT – REPORT FROM PRIOR MONTH

Starting Balance: January 1, 2011 - \$86.13

Donations: \$320 (Kensington 100 = \$200, Dr. MacIlvaine = \$120) *Note – donations from the January meeting will be deposited and noted in February's report.

Expenditures: \$0.

Ending Balance: \$406.13

COMMUNITY FORUM / NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

Daniel Hazard (Senior Community Representative for Susan A. Davis, Member of Congress, 53rd District, California) - Rep Davis will still be on the Armed Forces subcommittee, as well as Education and Workforce subcommittee. Their new office is by Café 21, near Adams Ave and Interstate 805. This is the people's office, so please stop by.

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

- State of the District Address – Wednesday, February 23, 2011 – 6:30pm The Birch North Park Terrace
- Aldine Slope Restoration Project – contractor L.B. Civil Construction

Mark Daddario – addressing Aldine and Monroe. He is a member of the Talmadge coalition, who are a loosely organized set of residents who are concerned about safety at this intersection. He owns the apartments on 47th and Monroe and he also lives there. He discussed his concern about traffic and safety which have developed over the past 11 months that he has lived there.

Ben Zeiger – from the office of State Assembly Member Marty Block

Tom Buettner – Safety on Aldine and Monroe, speed is a problem and needs to be addressed

John Royal – Chair of the Talmadge Maintenance Assessment District (TMAD), wanted to thank the city for repainting bike lanes, and asked for an update on the lighting project for Zone1 and Zone2 of the Maintenance Assessment District. He also would like to know what other traffic calming methods would be possible instead of a stop sign. Dion Akers gave an update on the timing of the lighting repair. He also gave some background on the work already done to consider various traffic calming measures at the intersection. He said ~50 different options were considered but were found not to be appropriate because of factors such as road angle, distance from the road to buildings, etc. There is a Council Policy that allows a community group like KTPG to request a stop sign, but this does not apply to other types of calming factors. So, the KTPG can choose to request a stop sign and if they do so that would be sent to Todd Gloria's office and to the mayor's office.



Margaret McCann – asked Ben Zeiger of Marty Block’s office if the Assembly Member would be willing to meet with a group of residents to discuss the appropriate use of Prop S funds in general, and the question of lights at Hoover High School in particular. Ben Zeiger said they would be happy to schedule something, and pointed out that Assembly Member Block is on (chair of?) an education committee.

Ralph Riebli – for Dion – are they still planning to use shuttle buses for the Aldine Slope detour. Dion – I believe so.

A community member mentioned that there is an opposing viewpoint on the stop sign at Aldine and Monroe, and that she believes safety is an issue and it is safer as it is. Traffic is already backed up on the uphill slope on a blind corner and Backing up even more traffic there will result in more accidents.

A community member mentioned that she thinks the City traffic study is going to speak to traffic flow in general and that might lessen the amount of traffic backed up at that intersection.

Sean Harrison – what is the expected finish time on Aldine Slope – Dion – 5 months, I think. He thinks a traffic officer might make sense to park his/her car at the bottom of the hill.

Sherry Hopwood – question for Dion – we have been waiting for 3 years for a stop sign or similar measure at the intersection of Kensington and Adams, and I believe the city told us the only thing would work is a stop light. I wonder if Dion’s office would help us get a stop sign as proposed.

John M. Garrison – asked Dion about the Aldine Slope Restoration Project – In February 2010, the KTPG approved the plan for the slope restoration with 11 conditions. We have not received a complete reply telling us if all 11 conditions are going to be followed, or 6 of them, or none of them. Dion asked if John could send him the letter. John said he would do so, and Dion promised to follow up and let us know.

Bob Coffin – with respect to the Aldine and Monroe intersection – what is the authority of KTPG. It sounds like we can vote for a stop sign and if we do that, the City will go along with it, but it doesn’t sound like that applies to any other type of measure. That makes it sound like our options are limited. Dion – I don’t know for sure what your authority is, but I know this is very important to the community and we want to get something done. We will have 2 knowledgeable engineers there. Bob – if we decide that Plan X is what we want to do, and it is not a stop sign, who has the decision-making power? Who do we need to lobby or convince? Dion – the engineers. Bob – the engineers themselves are the decision maker on this? Dion – I believe so. Bob – we haven’t heard from TMAD; do they have a voice or an opinion on this. John Royal – we did have some people speak at a TMAD meeting but opinion was divided.

Pam Hubbell – Mid-City Little League opening ceremony on May 5th 9:00am, at the field on Adams. I think the mayor is throwing out the first pitch, and there will be other pomp and circumstances.

NON-SUBCOMMITTEE ITEMS

SELECT NEW SITE FOR KTPG MEETINGS – DAVID MOTY

ACTION ITEM:



David Moty - asked the public if they were able to find parking – [The audience replied that they could] He also asked about the acoustics of the room. [The audience replied that it was good and that the machinery periodically running in the background did not impair their ability to hear]

Gail Greer – can we open that divider if we need to have a bigger meeting? Tom Hebrank – by prior arrangement , yes.

John M. Garrison – My only concern is whether we can get more than one subcommittee meeting room. Last time here we only had one subcommittee meeting room. It can be a challenge to clear out one subcommittee and get the next one in.

David Moty – the 2 summer months of July and August may be a problem, but we may go dark one of those months. For the other month, we could use the Talmadge Senior Center, which has air conditioning.

David Moty moved that we make this our permanent meeting location, and that we include authorizing our Treasury to spend \$120 for 12 meetings here (\$10 / month). Sean Harrison seconded the motion. The motion passed 13-0. [Secretary’s note – that is likely to take use through more than a calendar year since we don’t meet every single month.]

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY – BOB COFFIN

INFORMATION ITEM – UTILITY UNDERGROUNDING

Bob Coffin - The big item underway on our subcommittee is the effort to look into utility undergrounding. The people working on that have gone out on their own time to look at the different neighborhoods. They found a big disparity between what was done in Mission Hills compared to Talmadge. The Mission Hills project is much better. Much more of it is underground; the placement of the boxes is much better.

Bob Coffin – March 28th we will have a big meeting on utility undergrounding, and we will have representatives from Cox, AT&T, and SDG&E. We are determined that this will be a really useful meeting, and not just a meeting where we sit and let them talk at us and tell us the way it is going to be. We want to have a voice in this and Dion and Todd Gloria are behind us in this.

Sherry Hopwood – is it possible that Talmadge got treated this way because we are “blighted”? Dion – not that I have ever heard of.

Tom Adam – did Mission Hills residents have to pay extra. Bob Coffin – no they did not.

A community member Keith Roudebush asked about the efforts to liaise with other subcommittees.

Bob Coffin – we are still trying to get other communities interesting in coming together and working with us. They have been slow to be interested, possibly because it is not on their doorstep yet.

Bob Coffin asked by a community member if the March 28th meeting was a public meeting replied that is not a public meeting. It will be a selected set of people to sit with the city and negotiate.



PROJECT REVIEW – TOM ADAM

INFORMATION ITEM – MORRIS POLE CELL TOWER

Tom Adam – the only thing that might be coming up in the near future is the Morris Pole cell tower, but it isn't ready for our consideration yet.

MEMBERSHIP AND COMMUNICATIONS – JOHN M. GARRISON

INFORMATION ITEM – SUBCOMMITTEE ACTIVITIES TO PROMOTE THE ELECTION, KTPG

John M. Garrison - We have been active this month including:

- General website updates
- A lot of information posted to the web on utility undergrounding
- Working with Sean Harrison, chair of the election subcommittee, to identify people who are eligible to run for election
- A flyer to encourage people to run for KTPG election
- An HTML e-blast to encourage people to run for KTPG election. Sean Harrison will be sending that out to the ~75 people who meet the criteria to run for election to KTPG.
- We will make a different variant encouraging people to show up and vote, and we will physically post that one as well as e-mailing a reminder.

KMAD – TOM HEBRANK

INFORMATION ITEM – PETITION DRIVE

We are not getting volunteers who are interested in going out to seek petition signatures. We have about 200 of the signatures out of the ~650 needed. We missed the September 2010 deadline. The signatures are good for about a year before they are voided. The new board will have to decide whether this subcommittee is to continue further into 2011 or not.

ELECTIONS – SEAN HARRISON

INFORMATION ITEM – ELECTIONS MARCH 9, 2011

Sean Harrison - Elections are coming up on March 9th. People who are eligible to run for election will get an e-mail blast tomorrow encouraging them to run. We could use a couple more volunteers to help work the election.



Tom Hebrank - We have 8 seats up for election Frank Doft, Fred Lindahl, Danielle Laman, David Moty, and Kevin Kelly are all running for re-election. Tom Hebrank, Tom Adam, Tom Hoyt are not seeking reelection. So that is 5 people on the ballot so far.

Sean Harrison - Volunteers will be here starting at 5:30. Registration begins at 6:00pm. Bring identification.

John M. Garrison - You must have attended 2 meetings from February to January to run for office, but you don't have to have attended a meeting to vote in the election.

John M Garrison – but you are required to fill in a member Registration Form to vote. There is a stack here on the table, or it is also the last page of the KTPG bylaws, which can be downloaded from www.ktpg.org

Tom Hebrank – the deadline to submit your name to run and be included on the ballot is two weeks from today, at the end of the Elections subcommittee meeting. Write-in ballots are allowed.

Sean Harrison can be reached at seanktpg@gmail.com or 619-922-0400.

SPEAKER SLIPS SUBMITTED ON THIS ITEM:

KTPG LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fred Lindahl – TMAD – John Royal asked Dion some of the questions I was going to ask, so I will skip over that. We did have ~20 people attend the TMAD meeting to discuss Aldine and Monroe, and the opinions were pretty much split on that. We are doing some tree planting and some alley cleaning.

Fred Lindahl - City Heights Redevelopment – this Monday February 14, 6pm – Metro Career Center 3910 University Avenue, 3rd Floor – El Cajon Business Improvement District is requesting \$125,000 for a lighting study. The owners of the Silverado ballroom are giving a presentation on possible improvements and rehab to that building. We have representatives coming to address a possible new park, and how sound quality might affect people enjoying the park. They are looking for \$400,000 to do a rubberized roadway where the park is.

David Moty – missed the CPC due to illness. The agenda included the 7th update the land development code, which the KTPG had not commented on. Also Councilmember Sherri Lightner spoke about her plans for the coming year for the Land Use and Housing committee.

AGENDA FOR THE NEXT KTPG MEETING

Next month – Election will start promptly at 6:30pm with the candidates' forum – 2 minutes per candidate. While we are counting the ballots we will have non-agenda public comment, and the Price people will speak on the plans for the Pearson Ford site. We will have a good 90 minutes for the Aldine & Monroe intersection.

ADJOURNMENT

John M. Garrison moved to adjourn and Sherry Hopwood seconded the motion. Tom Hebrank adjourned the meeting at 7:49 by unanimous consent.