

Kensington-Talmadge Planning Group



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Regular Meeting Minutes – Final (Approved At May Meeting)

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PARLIAMENTARY ITEMS

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

[Secretary’s note: KTPG had new elections in March 2012 and under the bylaws needed to elect new officers at the April meeting. The bylaws specify that the member who has served the longest with no interruption of service should chair the meeting prior to the election of officers. That member was David Moty. The secretary for 2011, John M. Garrison, took the meetings pending election of a new secretary.]

[Secretary’s note: KTPG minutes are not an exact transcript of the meeting. They are meant to capture votes taken as well as a general sense of what discussion occurred on various items.]

A regular meeting of the Kensington Talmadge Planning Group (KTPG) was called to order by acting KTPG chair David Moty on April 11, 2012 at 6:30pm in the Franklin Elementary Auditorium (4481 Copeland Ave., San Diego, CA, 92116). The minutes were recorded by acting KTPG Secretary John M. Garrison.



Members present at the start of the meeting: Frank Doft, Daniele Laman, Fred Lindahl, Guy Hanford, John M. Garrison, Sean Harrison, Sherry Hopwood, Ken Horsley, Richard Lesser, David Moty, Ann Pease, Keith Roudebush, and Elvia Sandoval

Members absent at the start of the meeting: Bob Coffin, Kevin Kelly, (Bob Coffin arrived at 6:35pm. Kevin Kelly arrive at some point before 7:20pm)

Also present: Daniel Hazard (Senior Community Representative for Susan A. Davis, Member of Congress, 53rd District, California), Dion Akers (from the office of City Council Member Todd Gloria) and approximately 15 members of the public

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

David Moty asked if there were any changes to the agenda that was published. Hearing none, the agenda were deemed to be approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING(S)

David Moty asked if anyone had any objections to approval of the March 2012 minutes. Two people said they had not had a chance to review them, so approval of the minutes was deferred.

TREASURER’S REPORT – REPORT FROM PRIOR MONTH

Starting Balance: March 1, 2011 - \$367.27

Income

\$35.00 – donations from March’s meeting

Expenditures:

\$19.33 – check #3105 to Pam Hubbell for signage for the March election

\$20.00 – check #3106 to SDUSD for rent

Ending Balance: \$362.94

COMMUNITY FORUM / NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

The City informed KTPG that we need to post our agendas at our actual meeting location. Posting them at the Kensington branch of the San Diego public library is not suitable. An official at Franklin Elementary has offered to post that for us so someone doesn’t have to make a special trip to the school to post the agenda.

NON-SUBCOMMITTEE ITEMS

DION AKERS – OFFICE OF COUNCILMEMBER TODD GLORIA



Dion Akers (of Council Member Todd Gloria's office) said that their office is still very interested in getting a good solution for us for Undergrounding of utilities. Council Member Gloria understands our concerns have not been addressed yet and Dion acknowledged that it is frustrating.

Bob Coffin – every week I call them to try to get a meeting scheduled and I get no response, no returns to my calls.

Dion Akers – I had a couple of contacts I was able to speak with regularly last year, but in the last couple of months I have had trouble getting a reply.

Bob Coffin – I have been told by a lawyer (Ryan P.) who is involved in this from the City's side. He says he has circulated a memo to City Council members' office that says what we can or cannot do. He says it is covered under attorney-client privilege so he has not been willing to give Bob Coffin a copy.

Dion Akers – I have met with Ryan P. but as far as I know he has not sent a memo. I have never seen anything in print saying what we can or can't do. Council Members are just Council Members. We aren't engineers and we aren't lawyers. If we don't have support from them about what we can do then we are just talking in circles. I am concerned with setting up something that can't address what the community is looking for.

Bob Coffin – would you recommend us coming down to City Council meeting and using the public forum time to bring this to people's attention?

Dion Akers – I would never discourage any one from coming to a public meeting. I have been told we should hear something on this before the Land Use and Housing meeting on 2pm May 9th, 2012 meeting.

Keith Roudebush – Have you seen anything from Land Use and Housing to indicate they are moving on this at all?

Dion Akers – I have heard from the committee chair that they want to address this, but it has not been docketed on a committee agenda yet.

David Moty – Joe Lacava, who is chair of La Jolla's planning group. He suggests that Land Use and Housing should go ahead and docket it and that will cause people to get ready to address this issue.

Daniele Laman – at the last CPC meeting, quite a few neighborhoods mentioned that they have this concern.

Sean Harrison – there is a question about speed humps or speed lumps on Highland. The installation numbers don't seem to add up.

Fred Lindahl – 858-627-3225 – that is the number to call if any City road work or undergrounding work removed any of your property markers.

Dion Akers – We got 3 coats of anti-graffiti paint added to Aldine Wall. We are a couple of weeks away from getting some street lights in Talmadge fixed and turned back on.

ACTION ITEM – ELECTION OF KTPG OFFICERS

David Moty – mentioned that anyone on the board is eligible to put their hat in the ring for election to any office.

David Moty – I would like to put my name forward as chair.



David Moty – would anyone else like to put their name in the hat? Hearing no other names, a vote was called David Moty was elected unanimously.

David Moty – Bob Coffin has put his name forward as a candidate for Vice-Chair. Hearing no other names, a vote was called. Bob Coffin was elected unanimously.

David Moty – John M. Garrison has agreed to put his name forward as Secretary. Hearing no other names, a vote was called. John M. Garrison was elected unanimously.

David Moty – Fred Lindahl has agreed to put his name forward as Treasurer. Hearing no other names, a vote was called. Fred Lindahl was elected unanimously.

ACTION ITEM: FORMATION OF SUBCOMMITTEES

David Moty – last year we had 4 subcommittees:

- Project Review
- Traffic and Safety
- Membership and Communications
- Undergrounding

David Moty – Project Review is our one standing subcommittee that does not need to be created every year. Other subcommittees need to be created if we wish to have them. Per the bylaws, the number of elected members on each subcommittee needs to be no less than 2 and no more than 6. The minimum number of individuals on a committee is 3. The number of public members on a subcommittee must be less than the number of elected members on that subcommittee. Subcommittees with an even number of members are allowed but are probably best avoided because it makes it harder to get a quorum for that subcommittee.

John M. Garrison – I haven't reviewed the bylaws on this point, but I thought we could go up to 7 elected members on a subcommittee because that is the maximum number we can have that does not constitute a quorum on the full board?

David Moty – We set the limit at 6 because that allows for a board member who does not sit on that subcommittee to come and present or discuss an item if it is of special interest to them, without hitting the problem with creating a quorum of the full KTPG.

David Moty – I would like to present a motion to create voting subcommittees for: Communications, Transportation, and Undergrounding. In addition, the KTPG authorizes the creation of an ad-hoc Bylaws subcommittee for the proposing amendments to the planning group bylaws so that if some or all of the proposed Kensington lighting MADs should pass, the planning group will be prepared to act as the advisory body for these MADs. By passing this motion the planning group also indicates its general willingness to act as the advisory body for these Kensington lighting MADs. Furthermore, the Bylaws subcommittee may offer a maximum of 5 other amendments beyond what is necessary to accommodate acting as the advisory committee for the lighting MADs..

Keith Roudebush – do we have a record of subcommittees bringing a lot of things to the board?

David Moty – my concern is that the last time we had a bylaws subcommittee they brought a lot of items forward and it made for a very long couple of meetings.

John M. Garrison – I am concerned with pre-judging the number of changes the subcommittee can make. I think we should give them free rein to bring forward what they feel they need to present. I'd hate to see a useful change not get made because they had to whittle down what improvements they could make.



Keith Roudebush – maybe the general guidance to the subcommittee to bring them over time.

David Moty – Even if we consider the bylaws changes over several meetings, we will want to gather them up to give them to the City all at once.

Daniele Laman – I would like to defer to the subcommittee as to how many changes they can make.

David Moty – OK, I will strike the limit to 5 amendments from the motion.

John M. Garrison – We used to have a Historic Resources / Neighborhood Facilities subcommittee. I don't know if we need to have one or not, and I wouldn't urge creating one unless someone is enthused to be its chairperson, but it does seem like we had some things come up last year that we would have directed to that subcommittee if it existed, such as the little red house on Euclid.

Sean Harrison – we could make the Transportation and Safety subcommittee into the Transportation and Neighborhood Facilities subcommittee.

David Moty – OK, I amend the motion to say “KTPG shall have voting subcommittees for Communications, Traffic and Neighborhood Facilities, and Undergrounding. In addition, the KTPG authorizes the creation of an ad hoc Bylaws subcommittee for the purpose of proposing amendments to the planning group bylaws so that if some or all of the proposed Kensington MADs should pass, the planning group will be prepared to act as the advisory body for these MADs. By passing this motion the planning group also indicates its general willingness to act as the advisory body for these Kensington lighting MADs.

John M. Garrison – seconded the motion as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEM: NOMINATION BY THE CHAIR AND APPROVAL OF SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRS

David Moty – I move we appoint the following subcommittee chairs:

- Communications – John M. Garrison
- Transportation and Neighborhood Facilities– Sean Harrison
- Project Review – Ann Pease
- Undergrounding – Bob Coffin
- By-laws – Frank Doft

John M. Garrison seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEM: NOMINATION BY THE CHAIR AND APPROVAL OF SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS

David Moty asked which elected members were interested in serving on which subcommittees. He then made the motion to appoint the following elected members to the subcommittees:

- Communications – John M. Garrison (chair), Frank Doft, Richard Lesser, and Ann Pease
- Transportation and Neighborhood Facilities – Sean Harrison (chair), Elvia Sandoval, Ken Horsley, and Fred Lindahl
- Undergrounding – Bob Coffin (chair), Sherry Hopwood, Keith Roudebush, Richard Lesser, Guy Hanford, and Frank Doft
- Project Review – Ann Pease (chair), Ken Horsley, John M. Garrison, Danielle Laman, Kevin Kelly, and Fred Lindahl



- By-Laws – Frank Doft (chair), Richard Lesser, John M. Garrison, David Moty, and Guy Hanford

John M. Garrison seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

David Moty asked which public members were interested in serving on which subcommittees. He then made the motion to appoint the following public members to the subcommittees:

- Membership and Communications – Liza Lief, Jeanie Camp, and Gail Greer
- Transportation and Neighborhood Facilities – David Reicks and Joan Fitzsimons
- Undergrounding – Betty Woolley, Jan Bart, and Don Taylor
- Project Review – Joan Fitzsimons, David Swietlik, Kelly Waggoner, and Liza Lief
- By-laws – Don Taylor, Jan Bart

Fred Lindahl – seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

David Moty announced that we would set the standing meeting times for the subcommittees as:

- Membership and Communications – 6:00pm
- Transportation and Neighborhood Facilities – 6:00pm
- Undergrounding – 6:00pm
- Project Review – 7:00pm
- By-laws – 7:00pm

Fred Lindahl seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEM: NOMINATION BY THE CHAIR AND APPROVAL OF KTPG'S LIASON TO THE HISTORIC RESOURCES BOARD

David Moty made a motion to nominate Ann Pease as the KTPG liaison to the Historic Resources Board (HRB).

Fred Lindahl seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

ACTION ITEM: DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF THE PLANNING GROUP ANNUAL REPORT AS REQUIRED BY COUNCIL POLICY 600-24

David Moty explained that the City requires us to make an annual report. In the past, we have either failed to submit a report or submitted a report that did not include the elements the City requested.

David Moty showed his proposed annual report. John M. Garrison asked that it be amended to include web links to those items where we have collected substantial materials on the website. David Moty asked if John would collect up those links and provide them to him and John said he would. Daniele Laman made a motion to approve the report as amended to include the web links. David Moty seconded the motion. The motion to approve the amended report was passed unanimously.

[Secretary's note: Please see Appendix C for the amended annual report.]

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS



MEMBERSHIP AND COMMUNICATION

Subcommittee chair John M. Garrison gave a brief report thanking the prior and upcoming members of the subcommittee. He reminded everyone they can always come to visit subcommittee meetings or if they don't want to do that, they can send a recommendation to him via phone or email.

PROJECT REVIEW

Project Review Subcommittee Chair Ann Pease gave an overview of the two issues that came before the Project Review subcommittee.

The first was dedication of 3 parcels of land as open space. Two of those parcels, the ones in Kensington, were non-controversial and were approved by the subcommittee unanimously. The third, the one in Talmadge, had some members of the community speak in opposition to dedicating the parcel. The subcommittee voted 4-3 in favor of dedicating that parcel.

ACTION ITEM: RECOMMEND THE KTPG ENDORSE DEDICATION OF PARCEL P605RU IN TALMADGE AS OPEN SPACE

Kelly Waggoner – I have received 30 or 40 e-mails about this topic. The issue did come to the subcommittee. The subcommittee heard the concerns of the people who live adjacent to the canyon. I think it is sad that the subcommittee did not side with the neighbors.

Mark Flores (sp?) – I live on Miracle Drive, near that canyon. I know designation is meant to protect things some times, but in this case I feel it could do the opposite. [Secretary's note: The parcels are already designated. This vote is about dedicating them.]

Mike Hughes – I live on Natalie Drive in Talmadge. I am very concerned that it is virtually unanimous that the people near the canyon wanted the parcel not to be dedicated, yet the subcommittee chose to vote for dedication. I believe we intend to fight this every step of the way. I would be really interested to hear why the four people who aren't impacted by this voted to approve [dedication].

Priscilla Berge – I am really thankful for the attachments to the agenda. One of the attachments had a link to a map. I am in favor of protecting canyons. What the protection is varies depending on the MHPA lines, and the zoning. The canyons are not just for me, or just for the people who border them. They are not just for my grandchildren. They are for everyone. We are dealing with dedicating the canyons so that they can be protected because then to do something with them would require a 2/3 vote of the City.

Joan Fitzsimons – I am on the subcommittee. I live on a different canyon. I am very pro-canyon. We were given 2 choices, between designation and dedication. Dedication offers the most protection.

David Moty – I have here a copy of the Administrative Guidelines for Council Policy 600-24. It speaks to our ability to advise the City on the adoption, implementation, and amendment to the General Plan and the Community Plan. I also have here a copy of our Mid-Cities Community Plan, adopted in 1998. One of the concerns I have heard is that dedicating the parcel may lead to trails. But our Community Plan says that the hillsides in the neighborhood are not suitable for trails. (page 47 of the adopted community plan.) So we have a strong document that says



trails won't be built. It also states in the Community Plan that open spaces should be dedicated (page 45 of the community plan). So, I believe it is proper for the land to be dedicated. It leads to the highest level of protection.

Keith Roudebush – I would like to ask a point of clarification, please. This dates back to that presentation given by the gentlemen who came here with the PowerPoint presentation, is that right?

[Someone answered that yes, this related to the presentation from San Diego Canyonlands.]

Keith Roudebush – In that case I don't understand why this is an issue. It seems clear that dedicating the canyon protects it, right?

John M. Garrison – It is a question of terminology and disagreement over what the terms mean and what the result would be. The City says that "dedication" offers more protection than "designation", and that there is no downside to "dedication" with respect to what uses could occur. According to the City, "dedication" makes the land harder to develop and does not leave it open to any uses not already allowed by "designation". Not everyone has the same interpretation.

Ken Horsley – they say "dedicated" is the better term. With respect to something like building condos, that is right; it is better. But it is not just commercial development we are worried about. Canyonlands has back-tracked; they agree this parcel of land could never be developed due to its location and topography. We are also worried about it being developed as a park. There is a renegade trail there already. We've been trying to get rid of it; we can't manage to get rid of it. I look at it right out of my kitchen window. Anyone who thinks they can go to an empty space and not be observed, they go there. An empty canyon is safer for fire protection. The City charter forces it to be parkland. You can have active or you can have passive. Everyone agrees there shouldn't be trails, but we have a trail now. I don't want to see a trail punched out to Fairmont.

Sherry Hopwood – I have a question, who built this trail?

Ken Horsley - The City built it by having a line of people clearing out brush.

Sherry Hopwood – but they didn't put signs on it or advertise it as a trail?

Ken Horsley – that's right.

Sherry Hopwood – I am a conservationist. I am sad to see people misusing a site or causing a trail to exist through improper use. I am sad to see vagrants occupy a canyon or teenagers sneak into a canyon. But changing the terminology isn't going to change those people's habits. Dedicating it offers the best protection against development.

Sean Harrison – In 2010 and 2011, I worked with a group to dedicate over 4,000 acres of Open Space to the BLM. In addition to that I have created 9 parks in communities and worked to create over 60 miles of trails in San Diego and Riverside counties. I know the type of work it would take to turn that type of parcel into a Park space that the City promotes as such with signage and improved trails. I have a college degree and I have my parents to thank for the fact that they were able to exploit the difference between designated and dedicated so that they could build a development in Chula Vista. Dedicating it is the best protection. If there is a trail there that was inadvertently done or done by malcontents, we need to try to keep people from using the trail, but the wording doesn't factor into that.



Ann Pease – I would like to address something said by 3 members of the public. There was an accusation that our subcommittee ignored the voices of people who had the most interest in protecting the park. Our subcommittee only heard from only those people. But our subcommittee knows that they are responsible to the entire community including the people who don't border it who may not feel as much ownership about it. I feel responsible to all of Talmadge.

Ken Horsley – the people who live around that canyon know they don't own it. They are college educated people. They can think for themselves. The dedication protects from development, but development is not an issue for this parcel. We aren't trying to hog this canyon. We don't go in it. We don't want other people to look at it. A parkland dedication may hurt it. This parcel can be dedicated at any time by Council policy as a separate issue.

David Moty – the state law that this would fall under never calls it Parkland. The state term would simply be Dedicated Open Space.

Sean Harrison – the section of the I-5 where we have the wetlands on Via De La Valle – the way that worked out was it was considered undevelopable. But Sempra energy was able to figure out a way to “rehab” it.

Bob Coffin – Is this a time sensitive matter?

David Moty – We have had this at two KTPG meetings, counting this one. We have also heard it at two subcommittee meetings. It isn't a new item. If we don't act on it tonight it will be months before we can consider it because we have busy agendas coming up.

John M. Garrison – the legislation has already been introduced in the state senate. I don't know when they intend to vote on it.

Bob Coffin – I am not comfortable voting on this when there is so much uncertainty.

Daniele Laman – I would like to call the question on the Talmadge parcel.

[Secretary's note – the motion from the subcommittee was “KTPG endorse dedication of parcel P605RU in Talmadge as open space.” the item was passed by subcommittee and therefore it did not require a second]

Ken Horsley – offered an amendment to the motion presented by the subcommittee. I would like to see us add a sentence “KTPG recommends adherence to the Community Plan which recommends against trails or public access to the canyons.”

- John M. Garrison – seconded the amendment.
- In favor: Elvia Sandoval, Richard Lesser, Sherry Hopwood, Keith Roudebush, Sean Harrison, John M. Garrison, David Moty, Ann Pease, Guy Hanford, Kevin Kelly, Frank Doft, Danielle Laman, Fred Lindahl, and Ken Horsley
- Opposed: None.
- Abstained: Bob Coffin
- The amendment passed 14-0-1

On the question of the motion as amended: “KTPG endorse dedication of parcel P605RU in Talmadge as open space. KTPG recommends adherence to the Community Plan which recommends against trails or public access to the canyons.”

- In favor: Elvia Sandoval, Richard Lesser, Sherry Hopwood, Keith Roudebush, Sean Harrison, John M. Garrison, David Moty, Ann Pease, Guy Hanford, and Kevin Kelly



- Opposed: Frank Doft, Danielle Laman, Fred Lindahl, and Ken Horsley
- Abstained: Bob Coffin
- The motion passed 10-4-1

ACTION ITEM: RECOMMEND THE KTPG ENDORSE DEDICATION OF PARCELS P616RU AND Q606RU IN KENSINGTON AS OPEN SPACE

The vote was called on the Kensington parcel [Secretary's note – the motion from the subcommittee was "KTPG endorse dedication of parcels P616RU and Q606RU in Kensington as open space." the item was passed by subcommittee and therefore it did not require a second.]

- In favor: Elvia Sandoval, Richard Lesser, Sherry Hopwood, Keith Roudebush, Sean Harrison, John M. Garrison, David Moty, Ann Pease, Guy Hanford, Kevin Kelly, Danielle Laman, Fred Lindahl, Ken Horsley
- Opposed: Frank Doft
- Abstained: Bob Coffin
- The motion passed 13-1-1

At 8:26 KTPG voted to extend the meeting by 15 minutes.

INFORMATION ITEM: CELL PHONE TOWERS

On the topic of cell phone towers, there was some discussion but no recommendation has been made yet. There is a possibility to ask Karen Lynch-Ashcraft for a hearing. She has said if she gets a lot of requests from the community that there will be a hearing, but she hasn't said how many people would need to request that for it to happen.

TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY

ACTION ITEM: RECOMMEND THE FULL KTPG ENDORSE THE CONCEPT OF A COMPREHENSIVE SOLUTION TO TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ISSUES IN TALMADGE AND APPROVE A LETTER TO BE SENT TO TMAD AND TRAFFIC ENGINEERING.

[Secretary's note: Please see Appendix A for original text of proposed letter.]

[Secretary's note: There was some discussion about what KMAD intended to include in the traffic study and how much emphasis should be placed on the Aldine-Monroe-Euclid corridor.]

Fred Lindahl – I would like to make a motion that we strike the phrase "particularly along the Aldine-Monroe-Euclid corridor".

- Sean Harrison – seconded the motion
- In favor: Frank Doft, Danielle Laman, Fred Lindahl
- Opposed: Bob Coffin, Guy Hanford, Kevin Kelly, Sean Harrison, Sherry Hopwood, Richard Lesser, David Moty, Elvia Sandoval
- Abstained: Ken Horsley, Keith Roudebush, John M. Garrison, Ann Pease
- The amendment failed 3-8-4



A community member asked if KTPG members are required to give an explanation if abstaining on a vote.

John M. Garrison – I believe the bylaws say we have to give an explanation only if we recuse ourselves. I don't mind saying why I abstained except that it takes time out of the meeting to do so. I'm abstaining because we haven't had a presentation at the full KTPG on what TMAD plans to do and we haven't had much discussion on this. We are making a lot of decisions very quickly tonight, including trying to re-word this letter on the fly, and it is not clear to me which wording is better on this point.

[Secretary's note – one or two other members also said they were abstaining because they hadn't had time to consider the implications of changing the wording.]

David Moty – proposed an amendment changing “particularly” to “such as”.

- Sean Harrison – seconded the motion.
- The amendment was approved unanimously.

John Garrison – I am in favor of doing a comprehensive study. However, it seems to me the letter could be read as us approving a solution, where we are actually proposing a study. I don't know what recommendations the study will lead to so I can't vote to approve a solution. I would like to make a motion that we change “solution” to “study”. Sean Harrison seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

KTPG then voted on the letter as amended. The letter was approved unanimously.

[Secretary's note: The approved letter is attached here as Appendix B.]

KTPG LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

KMAD - Fred Lindahl – in Zone 2 you can see the start of the next lighting project. The City is also in discussion on restoring the historic Talmadge gates.

CPC - David Moty – CPC has formed a committee for the purpose revising and eliminating various Council Policies from the 600 series that have been superseded by the 2008 General Plan or the 2000 revisions to the Land Development Code.

AGENDA FOR THE NEXT KTPG MEETING

David Moty – Thanks to everyone for getting through a very full agenda tonight. We have some full agendas coming up for the next couple of meetings as well. Likely items for the next meeting include: Water and Sewer presentations, some lighting MAD votes, and a presentation from Little Saigon.

ADJOURNMENT

Dave Moty adjourned the meeting at 8:45 pm.



APPENDIX A – PROPOSED LETTER REGARDING TRAFFIC STUDY IN TALMADGE – ORIGINAL FROM SUBCOMMITTEE

April 11, 2012

To:

Gary Pence
Senior Traffic Engineer
Transportation Engineering
Engineering & Capital Projects
1010 Second Avenue, Ste 800, MS 609
San Diego, CA 92101

Fred Lindahl
Chair
Talmadge Maintenance Assessment District
4550 Estrella Drive
San Diego, CA 92115

RE: Talmadge Traffic Management Issues

Gentlemen:

The Kensington Talmadge Planning Group wishes to express its support for the comprehensive traffic circulation solution being contemplated by the Talmadge Maintenance Assessment District (TMAD). This solution would seek to rectify the continuing traffic management issues plaguing the Talmadge neighborhood, particularly along the Aldine-Monroe-Euclid corridor. These traffic circulation issues, including excessive speeds, unsafe turns, poor sight-lines, lack of a road shoulder and street side parking, poor drainage, and usage far beyond the road's design capacity, have persisted for many decades, contributed to numerous accidents, and have been a cause of concern for nearby residents and the community at large for an extended period.

The Kensington Talmadge Planning Group believes these concerns can be best resolved through a comprehensive plan, rather than through the incremental application of one small fix or adjustment after another. We also believe that a comprehensive approach will allow for the development of the best engineered plan and will require the least amount of continuing management resources from the City of San Diego. However, we also believe that the complexities of this travel corridor can only be resolved through the concentrated and singular attention of a traffic engineering and design professional who can account for the varying needs of drivers, pedestrians, bicyclists, and nearby and other residents within the neighborhood.

Therefore, if TMAD should pursue the drafting of a traffic engineer's report, paid for either in combination or solely by the City and/or TMAD, this proposal will have our full support. We look forward to reviewing the proposed solutions developed, whether they may be more traditional in scope or radically 'outside the box' of typical traffic engineering. This support is given with the expectation that TMAD will pursue this solution with all deliberate speed. We ask for the full co-



operation of the City's Engineering & Capital Projects, Parks & Recreation, Purchasing and Contracting, and Fire-Rescue Departments in this undertaking.

Sincerely,
David K. Moty
Chair, Kensington-Talmadge Planning Group
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APPENDIX B – PROPOSED LETTER REGARDING TRAFFIC STUDY IN TALMADGE – APPROVED BY KTPG

April 11, 2012

To:

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RE: Talmadge Traffic Management Issues

Gentlemen:

The Kensington Talmadge Planning Group wishes to express its support for the comprehensive traffic circulation study being contemplated by the Talmadge Maintenance Assessment District (TMAD). This solution would seek to rectify the continuing traffic management issues plaguing the Talmadge neighborhood, such as along the Aldine-Monroe-Euclid corridor. These traffic circulation issues, including excessive speeds, unsafe turns, poor sight-lines, lack of a road shoulder and street side parking, poor drainage, and usage far beyond the road's design capacity, have persisted for many decades, contributed to numerous accidents, and have been a cause of concern for nearby residents and the community at large for an extended period.

The Kensington Talmadge Planning Group believes these concerns can be best resolved through a comprehensive plan, rather than through the incremental application of one small fix or adjustment after another. We also believe that a comprehensive approach will allow for the development of the best engineered plan and will require the least amount of continuing management resources from the City of San Diego. However, we also believe that the complexities of this travel corridor can only be resolved through the concentrated and singular attention of a traffic engineering and design professional who can account for the varying needs of drivers, pedestrians, bicyclists, and nearby and other residents within the neighborhood.

Therefore, if TMAD should pursue the drafting of a traffic engineer's report, paid for either in combination or solely by the City and/or TMAD, this proposal will have our full support. We look forward to reviewing the proposed solutions developed, whether they may be more traditional in scope or radically 'outside the box' of typical traffic engineering. This support is given with the expectation that TMAD will pursue this study with all deliberate speed. We ask for the full co-



operation of the City's Engineering & Capital Projects, Parks & Recreation, Purchasing and Contracting, and Fire-Rescue Departments in this undertaking.

Sincerely,
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**Annual Report of the
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Introduction

The following is the Annual Report of the Kensington-Talmadge Planning Group (KTPG). For the [period covered](#), the officers were David Moty, Chair; Robert Coffin, Vice-Chair; John Garrison, Secretary; Fred Lindahl, Treasurer. The planning group maintained a standing subcommittee for [Project Review](#) and the following ad hoc subcommittees: Elections, Membership & Communication, Transportation & Safety, and Undergrounding.

Administrative Issues

[Eleven meetings](#) of the full board were held during the twelve months from April 2011 through March 2012. No meeting of the full board was held in August of 2011. There is no differentiation made in membership between residents, property owners, or business or non-profit owner/operators, nor are there any seats specifically assigned for large institutional entities. There were no changes to the planning group's [by-laws](#) during the period covered by this report.

Community Plan Preparation and Implementation

During the period covered by this report, the Kensington Talmadge Planning Group did not participate in any community plan updates or amendments, land use rezones, or provide input for any public facilities financing plan.

Special Projects

On June 8, 2011 the KTPG voted to recommend to the City the establishment of a citywide task force to review increasing community concerns regarding the City's [utility undergrounding program](#). In parallel with the Community Planners Committee, the planning group sought a hearing at the Land Use & Housing subcommittee to make this request. Furthermore, it was recommended that this task force use Council Policy and City ordinances to address these community concerns. The planning group's vote paralleled an April 2011 CPC recommendation on this same issue.



On November 9, 2011 the KTPG voted to [provide input](#) on the City's proposed Urban Agriculture ordinance. The board voted to oppose the keeping of goats and bees within the City and to limit the keeping of chickens to only three hens.

On November 9, 2011; January 11, 2012; and February 8, 2012; citizens within Kensington made presentations to the board and the community detailing plans for the creation of [five separate MADs](#) in Kensington: Kensington Heights, Kensington Manor, Talmadge Park, Kensington Park North, and Kensington Park South. These MADs would have as their sole purpose the provision and maintenance of existing historic and/or the addition of new decorative street lighting. The Kensington Heights, Kensington Manor, and Talmadge Park MADs would entail the removal of these areas from City Lighting District #1. On January 11, 2012 the KTPG board voted to support the MAD proposed for Kensington Manor. On February 8, the KTPG board voted to support the MADs proposed for Kensington Heights and Talmadge Park.

On March 14th, the KTPG voted to co-sponsor a March 28th, 2012 mayoral debate with the following organizations: San Diego LGBT Community Center, Log Cabin Republicans, San Diego Democrats for Equality, Greater San Diego Business Association, Hillcrest Town Council, North Park Main Street, Neighborhood Historic Preservation Coalition, Hillcrest Historical Guild, North Park Community Association, Mission Hills BID, Mission Hills Heritage. The mayoral debate will not be held in conjunction with a planning group meeting.

Summary of Project Review

[Copley/Price Family YMCA](#): 4400 block of El Cajon Boulevard between 43rd Street and Fairmount Avenue – On April 13, 2011 the board heard an initial presentation from Tim Barry of the Copley YMCA Board. On October 12, 2011 an updated presentation was made to the KTPG. The item was further discussed at the April 27, 2011 and February 22, 2012 Project Review subcommittee meetings. However, a completed cycle issue letter from the city had not yet been issued before any of these meetings were held, so no formal action was taken by the KTPG board, nor was any expected.

Planning Group Objectives

While community plan updates are many years away, the KTPG would like to begin identifying flaws and needed corrections to our current adopted community plan. The goal is that when updates recommence, the planning group will be well prepared by the historical knowledge of previous boards with a list of deficiencies which need remedy. City Planner Michael Prinz attended the July 2011 meeting of the KTPG to begin the process of educating members on the requirements for making changes to the community plan.

If some or all of the MADs proposed for Kensington are successfully voted in by the community, the KTPG may become the officially recognized advisory body for these MADs. By-Laws modifications for this purpose may be implemented in the coming year.



Roster Summary for April 2011 through March 2012

Membership as of April 2011	Current Term End Date	Initial Term Start Date	Membership as of March 2012
David Moty, Chair	APR 2013	APR 2007	David Moty, Chair
Robert Coffin, Vice-Chair	APR 2012	APR 2008	Robert Coffin, Vice-Chair
John Garrison, Secretary	APR 2012	APR 2008	John Garrison, Secretary
Fred Lindahl, Treasurer	APR 2013	APR 2009	Fred Lindahl, Treasurer

Elected Members

Frank Doft	APR 2013	APR 2009	Frank Doft
Gail Greer	APR 2012	APR 2008	Gail Greer
Guy Hanford	APR 2012	APR 2006*	Guy Hanford
Sean Harrison	APR 2012	APR 2010	Sean Harrison
Sherry Hopwood	APR 2012	APR 2008	Sherry Hopwood
Pam Hubbell	APR 2012	APR 2008	Pam Hubbell
Kevin Kelly	APR 2013	APR 2009	Kevin Kelly
Daniele Laman	APR 2013	APR 2009	Daniele Laman
Ann Pease	APR 2013	APR 2011	Ann Pease
Keith Roudebush	APR 2013	APR 2011	Keith Roudebush
Elvia Sandoval	APR 2013	APR 2011	Elvia Sandoval

*Boardmember Guy Hanford had a break in service between April 2008 and June 2008 which was not long enough to re-start the clock for the purposes of term limits.

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Kevin Kelly	APR 2013	APR 2009
Daniele Laman	APR 2013	APR 2009
Richard Lesser	APR 2014	APR 2012



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