

Kensington-Talmadge Planning Group



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Regular Meeting Minutes – APPROVED

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PARLIAMENTARY ITEMS

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

[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 December 12, 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, Guy Hanford, John M. Garrison, Sean Harrison, Sherry Hopwood, Ken Horsley, Kevin Kelly, Richard Lesser David Moty, Ann Pease, Keith Roudebush, Elvia Sandoval

Members absent at the start of the meeting: Bob Coffin, Daniele Laman, Fred Lindahl (Daniele Laman joined later.)

Also present: Daniel Hazard (Senior Community Representative for Susan A. Davis, Member of Congress, 53rd District, California), Tim Taylor from City Council Member Marti Emerald’s staff, and approximately 15 members of the public.

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

David Moty asked if there were any modifications to the agenda. Hearing none, the agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING(S)

David Moty asked some questions about the July 2012 and November 2012 minutes. After some discussion a vote was called to approve the minutes from those two meetings.

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

Against: None



The motion to approve July and November 2012 minutes was approved unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT – REPORT FROM PRIOR MONTH

Fred Lindahl, the KTPG Treasurer was absent. David Moty said he spoke to Fred Lindahl and he said there was no change from the last report:

Ending Balance: \$314.94 – November 2012

COMMUNITY FORUM / NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

Daniel Hazard (Senior Community Representative for Susan A. Davis, Member of Congress, 53rd District, California) gave a report on the representative's activities. The so-called fiscal cliff discussions are currently happening between the President and the Speaker of the House, and the rest of Congress is not very much in the loop.

Frank Vuong –spoke regarding Little Saigon, which includes a six-block stretch along El Cajon in Talmadge. He issued an open invitation on Little Saigon District Revitalization to serve on a committee to help in the revitalization of the area.

[Secretary's note: more information is at <http://www.ktpg.org/projects/saigon/index.htm>]

Tim Taylor – City Council Member Marti Emerald's office – council passed two property ordinances relating to properties that have gone through foreclosure, and the other related to neglected/abandoned properties. Ricardo Flores has been hired as head of staff. Council Member Gloria was elected Council President. He announced today that he intends to form a new standing committee on infrastructure. He proposed to merge the Rules committee and Economic Development committees to create this committee without causing any administrative budget increase.

Sean Harrison – he noticed tonight that three of the pylons on Adams East of SR15 have been knocked down and/or the adhesive that was used to put them in place did not do a good job. He did investigate the status of the corrugated pipe exposed in April 2011 in Talmadge due to a sinkhole; he learned this is phase 1 of 3 but the City did not reply to when phase 2 will begin.

NON-SUBCOMMITTEE ITEMS

ACTION ITEM: FORMATION OF AD-HOC ELECTION COMMITTEE

David Moty – As we do every year, we need to act on formation of ad-hoc election committee. David Moty named Richard Lesser as chair of that committee. Sherry Hopwood and Sean Harrison volunteered to serve as elected KTPG members. Don Taylor and Jan Bart also volunteered from the community.

Daniel Laman– seconded the motion.

The motion was approved unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEM: ALCOHOL LICENSES



Rick Pyles – serves on the North Park Planning Committee and the North Park Action Team – gave a presentation on how North Park authorizes Alcohol Licenses. The protest license application process has shown to be somewhat effective at getting limits on these permits. Transfer of existing licenses to a new owner cannot be protested unless there was someone on record as protesting originally. Very few do, since hardly anyone knew about the protest requirement years ago.

David Moty – since ABC is a state body, are you in the process of trying to get a state law changed?

Rick Pyles – we have been in touch with Toni Atkins – she says she is willing to sponsor something but fears we would not get the support for it. Alcohol is big money and has big lobbyists. She says the only effective thing is to seek some local control.

Ken Horsley – it seems there is a correlation between bars and nightclubs and crime. Would you put them in the same category.

Rick Pyles – the ABC readily admits that they don't have the staff to support the conditions they put on businesses. One of the requirements of one type of permit is that the businesses must have food sales greater than alcohol sales, but they don't have the staff to ever audit that. And there is so much cash business at these places that it might be difficult to track anyway.

David Moty – is there anything you can say about what characteristics are commonly found in places that will have problems, vs. places that do not have problems?

Rick Pyles – large venues tend to be the biggest problem. Those who put up big screens, have dance floors, do drink specials.

Keith Roudebush – is there anything about density in the zoning requirements.

Rick Pyles – if you are up late enough, even 11 or 12 at night, there is a continual party going on along (Secretary's note: I think the speaker was referring to 30th Street?).

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP AND COMMUNICATION

Subcommittee chair John M. Garrison gave a brief report.

UNDERGROUNDING

Chair Bob Coffin was absent and the Undergrounding subcommittee had not met that month.

[More information on Undergrounding is at <http://www.ktpg.org/projects/undergrounding/index.htm>]

PROJECT REVIEW

ACTION ITEM: REQUEST BY THE EL CAJON BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION



Steve Russell – Chair of the El Cajon Business Improvement Association – Seeking our support in a grant application by the City and BIA to SANDAG for money to improve 3 transit stations: Texas Street, 30th Street, and 49th/Euclid. This would be a planning grant, not a capital grant. They would try to bring the plan up to about 30% engineering complete and then seek funding from other sources. The grant would be \$495,000 - \$400,000 from SANDAG, \$50,000 from the City, \$45,000 from BIA maintenance.

John M. Garrison – move we authorize KTPG Chair David Moty, with help from KTPG Secretary John M. Garrison, to draft a letter stating our support for the grant application, and stating our eagerness to be involved in planning improvements of these areas.

Kevin Kelly – seconded the motion

In favor: Frank Doft, Guy Hanford, John M. Garrison, Daniel Laman, Sean Harrison, Sherry Hopwood, Ken Horsley, Kevin Kelly, Richard Lesser, David Moty, Ann Pease, Keith Roudebush, Elvia Sandoval

Against: None

The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEM: SIDEWALK CAFÉ REVISIONS TO THE 8TH UPDATE TO THE LDC

Chair Ann Pease

David Moty gave a brief explanation on the City's plan to revise the LDC with regards to Sidewalk Cafés. He read a summary of the proposed change:

Sidewalk Cafes

Amendments would streamline the permit process by reducing the process level from a Neighborhood Use Permit Process 2 to a process 1 limited use for establishments that meet the criteria, and consolidating construction permits where appropriate. Sidewalk cafes require an Encroachment, Maintenance and Removal Agreement (EMRA) and a Public Right-of-Way permit or Building Permit as applicable to project scope. Amendments would also reduce the minimum width for path of travel from 8 feet to 5 feet consistent with other cities, allow sidewalk cafes to set up a single row of tables and chairs within a 4 foot 6 inch extension of the establishment without the need for a barrier, and clarify what design standards must be met to be exempt from building permit.

Guy Hanford – the Adams Avenue Business District already has the PROW, which is a streamlined process going through the AABA.

David Moty – what they may be trying to do is to make something like the PROW take effect City-wide.

Kevin Kelly – Raised concerns about the fact that the changes reduce local control by changing the type of permit needed, and about the fact that the changes allow for more restricted walkways.

Priscilla Berge – I would be absolutely opposed to it. I think any time you go in favor of a process 1, you are losing control at the local level. We have a new Mayor, we will have a new City Manager. I think we should push to have things more neighborhood friendly.



Kevin Kelly – Made a motion to vote this down.

David Moty – seconded the motion – and wants to add the concept of preserving the PROW to the motion.

Kevin Kelly accepted that as a friendly amendment.

John M. Garrison – proposed a motion that the KTPG Chair and notify City leaders and staff of our decision

Kevin Kelly accepted that as a friendly amendment.

In favor: Frank Doft, Guy Hanford, John M. Garrison, Daniel Laman, Sean Harrison, Sherry Hopwood, Ken Horsley, Kevin Kelly, Richard Lesser, David Moty, Ann Pease, Keith Roudebush, Elvia Sandoval

Against: None

The motion passed unanimously.

TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY

ACTION ITEM: REVERSE ANGLED PARKING ALONG THE 4400 BLOCK OF EUCLID AVENUE

Sean Harrison – we agreed several meetings ago to put in diagonal parking along this section. After we agreed, the City came back and asked us to support reverse-angle parking. I believe it would be on the east side of the road, which would be counter-intuitive to what you would normally see because you would have to back into it or turn into it from the other side of the street. It would move the center stripe and would add bike lanes on both sides.

Kelley Waggoner – I'm familiar with it because they have been doing this in Texas in bike-friendly cities for a long time. My only comment is that there are newly planted trees there and if the parking is to be used for back-in parking they will probably need to put cement blocks there in front of the new trees. The reason for this is that the back-end of cars often project further beyond the tires than the front-end of the vehicle, and also people may not be able to gauge distance while backing in.

Ken Horsley – I propose we make add an amendment that the trees and light posts will be protected, such as with the installation of concrete stops.

The amendment was seconded by David Moty

In favor: Frank Doft, Guy Hanford, John M. Garrison, Daniel Laman, Sean Harrison, Sherry Hopwood, Ken Horsley, Kevin Kelly, Richard Lesser, David Moty, Ann Pease, Keith Roudebush, Elvia Sandoval

Against: None

The amendment passed unanimously.

A vote was called on the motion as amended:

In favor: Frank Doft, Guy Hanford, John M. Garrison, Daniel Laman, Sean Harrison, Sherry Hopwood, Ken Horsley, Kevin Kelly, Richard Lesser, David Moty, Ann Pease, Keith Roudebush, Elvia Sandoval



Against: None

The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEM: RIGHT TURN ONLY SIGNS ON THE NORTH AND SOUTH SIDES OF THE INTERSECTION OF 47TH STREET AND MONROE AVENUES

Sean Harrison presented a brief summary of this item from the subcommittee, and a discussion followed.

In favor: Frank Doft, Guy Hanford, John M. Garrison, Daniel Laman, Sean Harrison, Sherry Hopwood, Ken Horsley, Kevin Kelly, Richard Lesser, David Moty, Ann Pease, Keith Roudebush, Elvia Sandoval

Against: None

The motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEM: DISCUSSION BY ATTENDEES TO THE DSD WORKSHOP ON THE CITY'S PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN

Ken Horsley – it struck me that they didn't seem to really be considering overall pedestrian access, but simply focusing on small-level things, such as broken sidewalks.

BY-LAWS

The By-laws subcommittee will meet Saturday the 22nd at 11:00am in the Kensington Library Park.

ADJOURNMENT

David Moty adjourned the meeting at 8:45 pm.