

# Kensington-Talmadge Planning Group



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## Regular Meeting Minutes – DRAFT

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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 May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 6:31pm in the Franklin Elementary Auditorium (4481 Copeland Ave., San Diego, CA, 92116). The minutes were recorded by KTPG Secretary John M. Garrison.

**Members present at the start of the meeting:** Frank Doft, John M. Garrison, Guy Hanford, Kelly Waggoner, Sean Harrison, Fred Lindahl, Ken Horsley, Daniele Laman, Richard Lesser, David Moty, Keith Roudebush, Don Taylor, Ann Pease, Bob Coffin, Sherry Hopwood

**Members absent at the start of the meeting:** None

**Also present:** Chris Pearson from City Council Member Marti Emerald’s staff, and Daniel Hazard from Representative Susan Davis’ office, and approximately 30 members of the public.

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

David Moty mentioned that applicant for the agenda item on the “MAP WAIVER TO PROCEED WITH A CONDOMINIUM CONVERSION AT 4704 WINONA AVENUE” would not be present so he said requested that the item be changed from an Action item to an Information item. He asked if there were any other modifications to the agenda. Hearing none, the agenda was approved with the change requested by David Moty.

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

David Moty asked if anyone had any questions to the March, 2013 minutes. After some discussion the minutes were approved with the changes sent to the secretary previously. The one substantive change was to correct the vote count on the Plaza De Panama issue to be reflected as 12-1 with the additions of Bob Coffin and Fred Lindahl as yes votes.



## TREASURER'S REPORT – REPORT FROM PRIOR MONTH

Fred Lindahl, the KTPG Treasurer gave a report:

**Starting Balance:** \$395.94 – April 1, 2013

**Ending Balance:** \$ 426.19 – April 31, 2013

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An expense for approximately \$60 is outstanding for signs promoting the election. Richard Lesser printed those signs and will be submitting the receipt for reimbursement. The expense was approved at the February 2013 meeting. Franklin PTO had not cashed their \$100 donation check yet.

## COMMUNITY FORUM / NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

Daniel Hazard – Congresswoman Davis' office –

Chris Pearson – from Councilmember Marti Emerald's office – mentioned the importance of reporting suspicious events. "If you see something, say something" – the number to call in San Diego is - 858-565-1265 – San Diego Joint Terrorism Task Force

Allard Jansen – Gave an update on the Kensington Terrace project. Gas station was taken down today. Next week the tanks will come out. Then they will see what they have and be able to start construction. The date for construction to start is unknown, depending on what they find in removing the tanks. They should have more information in about 30 days.

Bob Coffin – commented to Chris Pearson about the meeting he had with Councilmember Marti Emerald and the letter she sent to SDG&E detailing a list of questions for that utility. [Secretary's Note: More information on Undergrounding is at <http://www.ktpg.org/projects/undergrounding/index.htm> ]

## NON-SUBCOMMITTEE ITEMS

### ACTION ITEM: APPROVE/DISAPPROVE PAYMENT OF \$10 FEE TO SDUSD FOR ADDING SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS TO MONDAYS

David Moty – This will allow us to add a subcommittee meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> subcommittee of the month. This will allow CIP and Communications to be held on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Frank Doft seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously, 15-0

## SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

### COMMUNICATIONS



Subcommittee chair John M. Garrison – we will have our first meeting of the new Communications Subcommittee on Monday May 20<sup>th</sup>. The public is welcome to come and share your ideas for more outreach to the community. David Moty expressed a desire for the Communications Subcommittee to look for ways to ease the work burden on the Secretary given his expanded travel schedule.

## UNDERGROUNDING

Bob Coffin – gave an update on Undergrounding - we now have a letter ([INSERT LINK](#)) from Councilmember Marti Emerald supporting getting the utility boxes truly underground. We also have a spokesperson on the council now in Todd Gloria pressing to move this to a task force. The mayor seems to be on our side also. He said during the election that he would bring the utilities to the table.

John M. Garrison – I'd just like to state that getting a task force would be a great step, but it is just a step. If the task force is filled with the wrong people, or if they don't hear the right information, or if they ultimately make the wrong decisions, then we still haven't won.

Don Rosencrantz - the rules committee is thinking about realigning the roles of all the subcommittees. They are thinking about putting Undergrounding into Natural Resources, which I think would be foolish. I think it should go into the Infrastructure.

David Moty – I agree that the Infrastructure committee is the most logical place, but I will take the fastest path, if that is Land Use and Housing that is fine.

Don Rosencrantz - my point being they are thinking of taking it out of Land Use and Housing and putting it into Natural Resources.

Daniele Laman – has anyone spoken to the mayor recently? We need to keep up our three-prong approach of CPC, Council, and the Mayor.

David Moty – I think the task force is moving.

Bob Coffin – I think the councilmember closest to the mayor is Marti Emerald.

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

## PROJECT REVIEW

### INFORMATION ITEM: TENTATIVE MAP WAIVER TO PROCEED WITH A CONDOMINIUM CONVERSION AT 4704 WINONA AVENUE

Approval/Disapproval of subcommittee recommendation by a 6-0 vote to approve a tentative map waiver to proceed with a condominium conversion at 4704 Winona Avenue. Applicants are seeking approval to convert two existing housing units on one lot into a condominium. Current zoning is RS-1-7.

Ann Pease – I have been by there and it seems they have built into the setbacks. But I am not entirely sure if this property has to abide by the codes for single-family dwellings.



David Moty – we were asked to vote on a tentative map waiver. We were not asked to review a project plan. What Ann is describing here is not something we needed to take into account for a tentative map waiver, but it is something we can take issue with as members of the community with regard to ensuring the City is enforcing code compliance. We received the following email today from the applicant’s representative:

Hi David,

We will not be attending tonight’s meeting. As an update for the group – we are being required by the City to process a Neighborhood Development Permit along with the Tentative Map for condo purposes in order to continue the remodel of the units. The plans (TM/NDP and building plans) were resubmitted to the City today, and we hope to have all issues (if any) cleared with the City before presenting to your group. I am hopeful that we’ll be able to present at your next month’s meeting and wrap things up. Sorry for the late notice! Call me to discuss if needed.

Thanks,

Beth Reiter, Civil Project Manager

## TRANSPORTATION AND NEIGHBORHOOD FACILITIES

### ACTION ITEM: CHANGES TO THE INTERSECTION OF ALDINE AND MONROE

Approve/Disapprove proposal by the City of San Diego to remove the All Way Stop at the intersection of Aldine and Monroe and replace the stop signs with two speed cushions which run across both lanes of travel. The City may also reconfigure the west side of the intersection coming from behind Hoover High School

Gary Pence (City of San Diego Traffic and Safety) - The road lumps (aka speed cushions) would extend over both lanes of traffic. These are like road humps, like we have on Van Dyke, except they have cutouts in the middle of them that allow emergency vehicles to go through them in the center of the road without going over the hump. If approved today work may start by the end of the month.

Sean Harrison – Asked about flood issues. (Response from Gary Pence: Flooding shouldn’t be a problem)

Ken Horsley – Asked about the durability of the thermoplastic markings (Answer: the durability should be good)

Kelly Waggoner – on the divot machine that the state uses, do we have the ability to put something like that in the center of the road. (Response from Gary Pence: No)

Sherry Hopwood – from your experience, will this have the same amount of calming effect as stop signs. (Response from Gary Pence: I like the stop signs, except in peak hours. This will have less calming effects than stop signs, but the traffic flow should be better.)

Bob Coffin – what are your criteria for declaring victory? (Response from Gary Pence: I don’t know. I guess feedback from the public and community)



Fred Lindahl – to go back to the 47<sup>th</sup> and Monroe and the right-turn only, is there a way to go back to the painted view that is supposed to direct people to the right, is it possible to add bot dots or something as they are rolling up? (Response from Gary Pence: We can look at that. I think the whole thing still needs to be resurfaced. )

Guy Hanford – I was going to make a comment about the little highlighted bumps. They are on a section of Marlborough and they make a horrendous amount of noise. (Response from Gary Pence: I don't think people will hit them as much on this street as they do on Marlborough. We can take them out on Marlborough if they are too noisy there.)

John M. Garrison – asked if he could get copies of the plans and maps for the ktpg.org website. (Response from Gary Pence: Yes)

Elvia Sandoval – I had a question about enforcement after the 30 day grace period. Motorists disobey the law and it would be helpful to have a lot of enforcement early on.

Audience member - have you thought about putting the speed bump where the bump-ahead is, to create the slow-down in that area, as a precursor to the curve? (Response from Gary Pence: This is a classified street, which means it is designed to take more traffic than a residential street. We really aren't supposed to put speed lumps on those usually, and we aren't supposed to put them on slopes or curves. I can't move it without it being on the slope and/or curve.) [Secretary's Note: A classified street is a collector street or larger.]

Carl Sundstrom – I think this is a darn-good solution.

Audience member – 30 years ago they put up pylons there to keep people from making the wrong turns. My understanding is that the West Talmadge residents don't really care about using that route because there are better alternates. I know we are concerned about speed. But emergency access into Talmadge is a huge issue. If we make it impossible to \_\_\_ that is shutting down a major thoroughfare. Some people will make the illegal left turn. I think we should have a complete closure of Monroe into Aldine. (Response from Gary Pence: closing Monroe would be a time consuming process to work through. It would take a lot of vetting through the community. And the fire department would weigh in also. They don't like being slowed down but they really don't like closing a street. And it would ultimately take a City ordinance to get it done.)

Audience member – for the process of introducing the speed lump, how will you introduce that for people who are used to stop signs? (Response from Gary Pence: I think they will get used to it. We don't have a way of warning them ahead of time. The road will be closed the day we make the change.)

Elvia Sandoval – One more question on the lumps – you were saying they would go right up to the curb, but there is no curb there. (Response from Gary Pence: They actually will stop short of the curb for drainage reasons.)

Ken Horsley – the advisory speed limit is now going to be what, 15 mph? Will that be the setting on the electronic speed sign? (Response from Gary Pence: It will show the vehicle's actual speed. Usually below that is a sign that shows the legal speed limit. I'd like to get a new one that can be programmed to flash "slow down" if the speed is too high.)

Guy Hanford – I'd like to thank the Talmadge residents for all the time they have put into this.



John M. Garrison – I would like to clarify about the flashing sign. If you are able to get one, would you make it flash at the legal speed limit, the advisory speed limit, 10% over the legal speed limit.... (Response from Gary Pence: I was going to put it at 15, which is the advisory speed limit they are coming up to. But maybe that is too low for it to ever display anyone's speed. Maybe I should make it 20mph).

John M. Garrison – Yes, I think if you put it at 15mph it would never display anyone's actual speed, it would only flash "slow down" all the time. I second Guy's thoughts about Gary's hard work and the work of the community. Given a difficult situation at this intersection, I think this looks like a good balance between safety and keeping traffic moving and I intend to vote yes.

Sherry Hopwood – I drive the same strip 4 times a day, but never during rush hour. When they put in the stop signs I stayed there and watched the traffic and it was appalling to me how many people disobeyed the stop signs or otherwise drove badly.

Sean Harrison – as the transportation chair, I fully expect we will have an issue coming regarding the closure of Monroe.

David Moty – this issue has been studied for quite a long time. I have been supportive of many efforts over time to try to fix this. In 2006 while on the TMAD board, I supported a No Left Turn at 47<sup>th</sup> & Monroe. In 2008, the board included an enhanced left turn signal at Euclid & ECB in our PFFP. In 2009, when Price Charities purchased the Pearson site, many of us immediately began advocating for a right turn lane at ECB & Fairmount. However, in 2011, I strenuously opposed the installation of a stop sign and that discretionary stop was not supported at that time. In 2012 there was some accident data and it was clear we had to do something. We preferred road humps but the fire department wouldn't allow them at that time. Now that we have their agreement, I think this is a much better solution and I intend to vote for it.

David Moty – the motion comes from the subcommittee so it does not need a second. Having no further questions/comments, I will call for the vote.

In favor: Frank Doft, John M. Garrison, Guy Hanford, Kelly Waggoner, Sean Harrison, Fred Lindahl, Ken Horsley, Daniele Laman, Richard Lesser, David Moty, Keith Roudebush, Don Taylor, Ann Pease, Bob Coffin

Opposed: Sherry Hopwood

**Motion approved: 14-1**

**ACTION ITEM: APPROVE/DISAPPROVE COMMENTS TO BICYCLE MASTER PLAN EIR AS PRESENTED BY THE TRANSPORTATION CHAIR.**

Approve/Disapprove comments to Bicycle Master Plan EIR as presented by the transportation chair. The Transportation Subcommittee authorized the chair to compile and edit comments from individual members for review by the board.

[Secretary's note: **INSERT** – request motion wording from Sean Harrison and add David Moty's verbiage about traffic being diverted onto our residential streets]



David Moty –they really should consider how this will divert traffic into other areas, so I think it is really important we get our comments in.

**Motion approved unanimously.**

**ACTION ITEM: APPROVE/DISAPPROVE COMMENTS ON THE FOCUSED EIR FOR TRAFFIC AND PARKING AROUND HOOVER HIGH SCHOOL.**

Approve/Disapprove authorizing the KTPG chair in conjunction with the Transportation Chair and with the approval of the Transportation Subcommittee to submit comments on the Focused EIR for Traffic and Parking around Hoover High School. The Focused EIR arose out of the lawsuit “Taxpayers for Accountable School Bond Spending v. San Diego Unified School District”. The deadline for submitting comments on the EIR is May 29th, before the next scheduled KTPG meeting.

Ron Anderson - I just came from the EIR scoping meeting, which is an opportunity for the community to provide input to the EIR. The district was going forward with a “focused EIR” which is unprecedented for this type of project. After a lot of people made that point, the person in charge of the environmental report says they probably will have to do an EIR. They may have to reissue a notification on that. I don’t know. And I don’t know if that means the timetable will have to change, so we should assume we are still on the same deadline.

Ron Anderson – They probably have 4,500 or so people for a game. The way the City calculates it, for every 3 people you have to have a parking spot, and they only have about 200 spots.

Daniele Laman – I think we should put in our comments that we want them to look at noise and light as well as parking and traffic.

Sean Harrison- I know that if they actually have to do the EIR that will all be included. But for the purposes of this we will mention everything to make sure that we have it in there. We will detail it in our statement.

Ron Anderson – I can forward to David Moty my public comment that goes into detail on several of these.

David Moty – I think we should operate as if the May 29<sup>th</sup> deadline is still operative. If it really gets extended, we can discuss it further in subcommittee and bring it back to the KTPG.

David Moty – I move that we delegate to David Moty (KTPG chair) and Sean Harrison (Transportation chair) the ability to comment on behalf of KTPG, unless the deadline does get extended, in which case we will bring the comments back to subcommittee and/or the full KTPG as the time permits. Daniele Laman seconded the motion.

**Motion approved unanimously.**

**LIAISON REPORTS**



Capital Improvements Program (CIP) – David Moty - Our first CIP meeting will be May 20<sup>th</sup>. I have been involved with CPC to update the City's CIP Prioritization policy. The existing ones were concentrated on water and sewer and a little towards streets. They basically had a bias towards fixing whatever existing infrastructure was in the worst shape. It didn't focus on building anything new. As a result of that bias, parts of the City with Facility Benefit Assessments got new infrastructure, and then had a claim on the City's General fund for staffing and repairs, and the older areas of the City continued to lack infrastructure and have no ability to be upgraded to current City standards. There is also a bias that police and fire always go to the top of the list. Those are important, but the city does not run on that alone. The new policy will have a specific component rating the existing Level and Quality of Service. Over the long term, this will be very important towards directing more resources to underserved areas.

Community Planners Committee (CPC) – David Moty gave a brief update.

Talmadge Maintenance Assessment District - Fred Lindahl - We elected some subcommittee members to our sidewalk replacement program to help our board members understand that program and roll it out really well to the community. April 26<sup>th</sup> – Talmadge Historic Gates and Lighting subcommittee met and talked about what needs to happen to restore gates and restore/rehab grey lights.

Daniel Laman – when I was putting the A-frame sign out today at the traffic circle, I see there are a lot of nice new plants and it looks like spring has sprung.

Historic Resources Liaison – Ann Pease – I have listed all the properties that came by me as properties that were to be remodeled where the properties were more than 45 years old. There were 7. 4 of them were in Talmadge, 3 in Kensington. Of those 7, there were 2 properties that Ann Pease felt were potentially significant: 4886 Hart Drive, Kensington; 4604 Vista Street, Kensington. The new way to inform of us of addresses is simply to say they are going to remodel. They don't tell us if the footprint might change, if it might affect the front façade, etc. We have asked them to do more study on those 2 before allowing the owners to remodel.

John M. Garrison – So they give you no plans, no idea if it affects the footprint, no idea if it affects the front façade, and in some case no picture of current conditions? So you are left with only the option of driving by and looking at it in person?

Ann Pease – That is correct.

David Moty – I think the Historical Resources Division is discussing bringing back some sort of description. But that isn't done yet.

John M. Garrison – raised the question of whether we should try to list these addresses on the ktpg.com website. He said he could see a possible benefit to getting the information out there, but that it could be more confusing than useful given that we wouldn't have much information about many of the properties. The short deadline the City allows for comment also limits the usefulness of this.

[After some discussion it was decided that Ann Pease would send the list she gets to the KTPG board. She reminded the board she only gets a few days to respond to the list, so if people want to make comments they will have to do so quickly.]

John M. Garrison – suggested perhaps we should proactively start making a “watch list” of houses we think might be historic so that if any of them appear we know that we need to flag them.



David Moty – mentioned neighborhood code compliance is going to re-establish their volunteer program. He asked the board to think about whether or not they wanted to be involved with this, and if so, maybe we should start thinking about what items we really care about trying to enforce.

Ann Pease – Morrison Cell Phone Tower – they are studying their EIRs. They seem on the verge of approving one of the towers.

John M. Garrison – Asked if there was an update to the Plaza de Panama item. Daniele Laman – Answered that it is in the Mayor’s budget page 155 – Park and Rec. - \$300K – It follows closely the already adopted Precise Plan. [Secretary’s note: [INSERT link](#)]

## ADJOURNMENT

David Moty adjourned the meeting at 8:37 pm.

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