

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 KTPG chair David Moty on September 11th, 2013 at 6:30pm in the Franklin Elementary Auditorium (4481 Copeland Ave., San Diego, CA, 92116). The minutes were recorded by KTPG Secretary John M. Garrison. Garrison arrived approximately 5 minutes after the start of the meeting.

Members present at the start of the meeting: Frank Doft, Guy Hanford, Sean Harrison, Fred Lindahl, Ken Horsley, Daniele Laman, David Moty, Ann Pease, Keith Roudebush, Don Taylor, Kelly Waggonner

Members absent at the start of the meeting: Bob Coffin, John M. Garrison, Sean Harrison, Daniele Laman. [All 4 arrived by 6:35pm]

Also present: Ralph Dimaracut 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 asked if there were any amendments to the agenda, hearing none, the agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING(S)

David Moty asked if anyone had any changes regarding the July 10, 2013 minutes. Hearing none, the minutes were approved by unanimous consent with the changes previously sent to the Secretary.

David Moty asked if anyone had any changes to the July 24, 2013 minutes. Hearing none, the minutes were approved by unanimous consent with the changes previously sent to the Secretary.

TREASURER’S REPORT – REPORT FROM PRIOR MONTH

Fred Lindahl, the KTPG Treasurer gave a report on KTPG finances. The current balance is \$326.19.

COMMUNITY FORUM / NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT



Allard Jansen – construction has started on Kensington Terrace. There will be no parking on Adams Avenue as well as Marlborough and Edgeware fronting this one-block parking, possibly for 12 months during construction.

Sean Harrison – said he was concerned about the disruption to pedestrians and bicyclists during this time.

A local business owner in the audience asked how Allard would compensate businesses affected by the lack of parking.

Audience member – asked about parking requirements. Jansen replied there are 65 parking spots. 1 is reserved for each residential unit.

Daniele Laman – Mentioned 3 upcoming events

Talmadge block party is Saturday, September 21st from 2-6pm. www.talmadgeblockparty.com

Saturday Sept 21 – Coastal Cleanup Day – www.cleanupday.org

Saturday Sept 28 - Canyonlands hike – www.sdcanyonlands.org

Don Taylor – the City has agreed to 5 separate MADs for street lighting.

NON-SUBCOMMITTEE ITEMS

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS (CIP)

ACTION ITEM: APPROVE/DISAPPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE’S RECOMMENDATION BY A 5-0 VOTE, THE FOLLOWING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT PRIORITIES IN THE KENSINGTON AND TALMADGE NEIGHBORHOODS:

1) Priority left turn at El Cajon Boulevard and Euclid Avenue, 2) street lighting along Marlborough Avenue/Drive between El Cajon Boulevard and Alder Drive, 3) develop undergrounding plan for Kensington which installs utility fixtures underground, 4) address hillside erosion along the east side of Fairmount Avenue north of Meade Avenue, 5) pedestrian improvements at the intersection of Euclid and Monroe Avenues, 6) street lighting along Kensington Drive between El Cajon Boulevard and Alder Drive.

Ron Anderson – the Fairmont item is a Fairmont Slope Restoration Project –

Darlene Love – I would like to speak on the Talmadge Loop – I think this should be a priority.

Sherry Hopwood – I am concerned that Edgeware doesn’t have enough lighting. David Moty replied I was told by the City that they wanted a list of 5 things, however North Park submitted a list of 10 projects to the City. That was one of several things which occurred after the subcommittee voted which could alter how we prioritize this list



Don Taylor – I want to start by saying there is nothing on this list that is not a priority. But after the last subcommittee meeting I got information that even though something like the Talmadge Loop may be funded, that we might want to keep it on our list because funding does go away. Everyone on this board knows that it is difficult to get the City’s attention, let alone funding.

Ken Horsley – can we change the name of the Fairmont project to be the Fairmont Slope Restoration project.

David Moty – I think it is more accurate as written but I don’t have that strong a preference.

Ann Pease – the left turn at El Cajon Boulevard and Euclid Avenue was discussed here, and I heard a definite “no” that they wouldn’t consider it. David Moty – I heard hesitance; I did not hear an outright no.

Sean Harrison – I agree with Darlene that Edgeware loop is very dark and scary to navigate.

Daniele Laman – can you tell us if any of the projects out of the top 6 have been funded, other than the top items?
David Moty – I think one has been funded.

John M. Garrison – spoke in favor of undergrounding being a priority, since no other issue has generated as much attention at KTPG meetings over such a long time as undergrounding has. If it makes the list as a capital improvement project, the money could either be directly spent on improving the underground solution, or the money could be used to fund the City’s Undergrounding Task Force, if it ever gets created.

5 residents – spoke in favor of the Fairmont erosion project and what an important project it is from a standpoint of safety.

Kelly Waggoner – another issue to discuss is that the City will be on the hook for litigation if something goes wrong with the slope on Fairmont. Whether the City takes the money from CIP or elsewhere, the City needs to come up with money to fix a problem that they probably caused.

A vote was called on the motion as approved by the subcommittee:

In favor: John M. Garrison, Ann Pease, Keith Roudebush, Ken Horsley

Opposed: Frank Doft, Guy Hanford, Sean Harrison, Sherry Hopwood, Richard Lesser, Fred Lindahl, Daniele Laman, Kelly Waggoner, Bob Coffin, David Moty.

The motion failed 4-9

Noting that time had expired in the agenda, Garrison made a motion (seconded by Harrison) to extend meeting by 15 minutes.

In favor: John M. Garrison, Ann Pease, Keith Roudebush, Ken Horsley, Guy Hanford, Sean Harrison, Fred Lindahl, Daniele Laman, Kelly Waggoner, Bob Coffin, Sherry Hopwood, David Moty.

Opposed: Frank Doft

Abstained: Richard Lesser, Don Taylor

Motion passed – 12 – 1- 2



Sean Harrison - made a motion to vote on the top 5 priorities as: 1) Priority left turn at El Cajon Boulevard and Euclid Avenue, 2) Talmadge Loop lighting 3) Fairmont Slope Restoration 4) Marlborough Street Lighting, Euclid Avenue Pedestrian Enhancements. Daniele Laman seconded the motion

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

Opposed – John M. Garrison, Frank Doft

Motion passed 13 – 2.

Don Taylor – proposed the second set of 5 priorities to be: Kensington Underground, Edgeware street lighting, Highland Monroe Storm Drain, 4481 Van Dyke Storm Drain, Ken Park Rubber Mat Upgrade. The motion was seconded by Daniel Laman

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

Opposed – John M. Garrison, Frank Doft

The motion passed 13-2.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMUNICATIONS

Subcommittee chair John M. Garrison made a mention of the KTPG website and of the Google Group [<https://groups.google.com/forum/?hl=en&fromgroups=#!forum/ktpg-news>] which is an added way people can stay informed about KTPG events.

UNDERGROUNDING

The Undergrounding subcommittee chair, Bob Coffin said that progress seems to be at a dead stop.

David Moty – I had a phone conversation with Tom Hebrank. I learned that October 7th there will be a presentation of the undergrounding audit, which is a financial audit and does not deal with the performance issues with which we have been concerned. There will be a second half of the audit coming out later which will speak more to performance issues.

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

PROJECT REVIEW



ACTION ITEM - APPROVE/DISAPPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION BY A 5-0 VOTE TO APPROVE A PERMIT FOR AN EXISTING WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY AT 4864 LILA DRIVE

The recommendation from the subcommittee is for existing antennas remain at the rear of the property, however, they will be relocated to a point furthest from the adjoining lot lines, co-located on one tower with screening trees placed on either side.

AT&T antennas would be on the top of the monopole, T-Mobiles would be below that on the same pole.

David Moty – proposed an amendment to substitute the plans the AT&T and the property owner brought to the meeting for the motion from the subcommittee. Sean Harrison seconded the amendment.

A lot of discussion occurred concerning whether the monopole could move closer to the center line of the property so as to be less impactful on the neighbor to the East.

David Moty asked for a vote to continue discussion an additional 15 minutes.

In favor: Sherry Hopwood, Sean Harrison, Keith Roudebush, Guy Hanford, Daniele Laman, John M. Garrison, David Moty, Fred Lindahl

Opposed: Richard Lesser, Don Taylor, Bob Coffin, Kelly Waggoner, Ken Horsley, Ann Pease, Frank Doft

The motion to continue discussing an additional 15 minutes passed 8-7.

John M. Garrison – asked if the adjacent neighbors were notified of this meeting. Ann Pease and David Moty both replied that they did not specifically invite them to the KTPG meeting. Garrison said it would be important to specifically invite them, given that the plans have changed since they were last seen by the neighbors.

A vote was called on David Moty’s amendment to substitute the plans AT&T and the property owner brought to the meeting for the motion from the subcommittee:

In favor: Sherry Hopwood, Richard Lesser, Don Taylor, Keith Roudebush, Guy Hanford, John M. Garrison, David Moty, Fred Doft, Sean Harrison

Opposed: Kelly Waggoner, Ken Horsley, Ann Pease, Daniele Laman

Abstained: Bob Coffin – Abstained because he said he was against the entire concept

The motion to substitute the plans Passed 10-4-1.

John M. Garrison – commended the applicant on the progress, but said that he wasn’t sure the improvements go far enough. He would like to hear from the adjacent neighbors to see what they think.

Ann Pease – the tree moved a little towards the East. Because of that, I think we should hold off on voting on this until we are sure the neighbors have been notified and they are aware of this.

Kelly Waggoner – I agree, if they were under the impression that the tree would move further to the west.



Daniel Laman – how high is the lowest branch? Answer: 8’ feet.

Don Taylor – I think just because the tennis court is perhaps not used doesn’t mean it should be destroyed. But I am concerned about the neighbors not being here tonight.

Ken Horsley – motion to continue, Don seconded.

In favor of continuance: Frank Doft, Guy Hanford, Sean Harrison, Fred Lindahl, Ken Horsley, Daniele Laman, Ann Pease, Keith Roudebush, Kelly Waggoner, Bob Coffin, John M. Garrison, Daniele Laman.

Against continuance: Richard Lesser, Sherry Hopwood, David Moty

The motion to continue the issue passed 12-3.

TRANSPORTATION AND NEIGHBORHOOD FACILITIES

Sean Harrison made some comments about bike paths and parking in the community.

Ralph Dimaracut - mentioned reverse-diagonal parking on part of Euclid.

LIAISON REPORTS

Liaison reports were not presented.

ADJOURNMENT

David Moty adjourned the meeting at 8:45 pm.