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Regular Meeting Minutes January 11, 2017

I. PARLIAMENTARY ITEMS

- The January 11, 2017 meeting of the Kensington-Talmadge Planning Group was called to order by Chairman Don Taylor at 6:30 PM.
- Board members present: Bill Adair, Ron Anderson, Sean Harrison, Ken Horsley, Daniele Laman, Fred Lindahl, Darlene Love, David Moty, Ann Pease, Marilyn Sanderson, Deborah Sharpe, Don Taylor and Kelly Waggoner.
- Board members not in attendance – Elvia Sandoval
- There were 17 audience members who signed in.
- Approval of Agenda: Don Taylor asked if there were any modifications to the current agenda. None were noted.
- Approval of Minutes: **Approval of the November 9, 2016 minutes was unanimous.**
- Treasurer's Report:
 - Darlene Love reported a bank balance of \$161.17 as of January 11, 2017.

II. COMMUNITY FORUM & NON-AGENDA COMMENT:

- Don Taylor introduced our new Ninth District City Councilmember Georgette Gomez who, in turn, introduced her chief of staff, Dominika (Nika) Bukalova. Ms. Gomez acknowledged the problems with the street lighting issues in our neighborhoods and specifically the current Kensington Heights problems. SDG&E representatives were also present to discuss the repairs which are currently in progress. The Board was advised that streetlights will be back in full operation soon, possibly by the coming weekend. Other issues brought to Councilmember Gomez' attention by members of the Board were:
 1. Gutter repairs on Aldine Drive and a possible pending sink hole situation.
 2. Utilities pulled from Talmadge alleyways during the undergrounding process, which now eliminates the possibility for installation of lighting necessary for safety and crime prevention.
 3. Granny flat construction policies (to be discussed at the February KTPG meeting).
 4. Homeless encroaching on Caltrans properties in the downtown areas of San Diego as they relate to safety issues.
 5. Need for increase in police patrols in areas where street lighting is non-operational.
 6. Undergrounding safety issues.
 7. Tagging of utility boxes, which may be related to their positioning/location.
- Ms. Gomez spoke about the 'Get It Done' app for reporting problems to the City sent to the appropriate departments for prioritizing and scheduling for work. She also said a Community Representative will be named sometime soon.
- Nika Bukalova also introduced herself to the Board and audience. She informed the Board that a website for Georgette Gomez is under development, as well as a contact interface. Development and location of a field office is also underway.
- California State Assemblyman Todd Gloria's representative, Anna Vacchi, introduced herself and provided contact information for their district office:
 - Email: assemblymembertgloria@caassembly.gov
 - District Office phone (619) 645-3090
 - Assembly Scheduler phone (916) 319-2078.
- Architectural historian Kiley Wallace presented information on a neighborhood-specific project which he has been working on, a Kensington book for 'Images of America'. His work will highlight the historical development of Kensington and the residents and merchants who have inhabited the area through the years. Kiley is nearing completion of the project and requested that anyone who has - or knows of anyone who has - information or old photographs related to Kensington's historical development please contact him at Legacy 106. Phone number is (760)704-7373 or at kileywallace@yahoo.com. He is also interested in interviewing anyone who has generational/family history with the Kensington area.
- Historic resource specialist Amie Hayes, representing SOHO, introduced herself and gave a brief overview of SOHO's work in the community.

III. NON-SUBCOMMITTEE ITEMS

- Talmadge Park South KMAD subcommittee member Bonnie New was introduced by Don Taylor. Don nominated Bonnie to fill the vacant position on the KTPG board. **The vote by the Board was unanimously in favor.** Welcome, Bonnie!

- SDG&E Representative Claudia Valenzuela presented an overview of the current lighting problems in the Kensington Heights area and described repairs currently under way. She said that a new 'RO' was having to be built and installed. Claudia said that the damage initially was the result of a third party working in the area. The Board agreed that accountability for damage can be problematic, leaving the City responsible for damaged property and systems.
 - There was a question from the audience about defunct easements, where no equipment or poles are still in existence. What can be done to reclaim the easement? Debora Ritch from SDG&E said that a 'quit claim deed' can be applied for. There are associated fees for recording and processing. She said that a property's title report would disclose if such easements are in place for an address.

 - Ken Horsley asked a question about refunds for the periods when street lighting is inoperable. An SDG&E representative said that neighborhoods are subject to flat-rate billing and that the City would have to submit a request for refund to SDG&E for the period of non-operational street lights.

- Don Taylor will be sending out information on granny flats to all Board members. Please review and be prepared to discuss at the next KTPG meeting on February 8th.

IV. SUBCOMMITTEE AGENDA(S)

- **Elections** – Chair: Darlene Love
 - Elections for 8 board member positions will be held on March 8th.
 - Darlene reminded everyone that minimum qualifications for eligibility include attendance at 2 full KTPG meetings – verifiable by sign-in sheet – between February 1, 2016 and January 31, 2017. Candidates must also be a resident, property owner, or business owner in Kensington/Talmadge.
 - Interested potential candidates can contact Darlene at lovewine@cox.net for application forms and further information regarding responsibilities of a Board member.
 - Voters must be a resident, a property owner or a business owner in Kensington/Talmadge. Proof of residency must be presented when registering to vote - this can be provided by either a valid California Driver's License OR a current utility bill with a Kensington/Talmadge address, accompanied by a valid photo ID. Voters whose names do not already appear on the 2017 sign-in sheet must complete a voter registration form in order to vote and be added to the roster.

- **Transportation** – Chair: Sean Harrison
 - No Meeting.
 - I-15 Bike Path tour coming - date still to be determined. Contact Sean for information.
 - Sean has been advised of dead trees needing replacement on the embankment. Stump count was estimated by an audience member at around 40.

- **CIP & Planning** – Chair: Deborah Sharpe
 - Deborah recommended Board approval for support of a College Area Planning Committee request to prepare a specific plan instead of a Focused Community Plan Update, as scheduled by the City within the next 18 months. KTPG's support is contingent on the understanding that a mutually beneficial change in our shared boundary would be considered a part of the update. **Support by the Board for this recommendation was unanimous.**

- **Project Review** – Chair: Ann Pease
 - Ann advised that City Staff does not support the Vietnamese Community Flag & Signage Project at the El Cajon Boulevard & Fairmount Avenue location. The community group can appeal to the City Council.
 - Radio antennae off of Terrace Court & I-15 will not be reviewed by the KTPG. The requirement for a CEQA report is met.

- **Communications** – Chair: David Moty
 - No Meeting

SUBCOMMITTEE AGENDA(S) (continued)

- **Kensington MADs** – Chair: Don Taylor
 - Approval of KMAD Subcommittee Meeting November Report
 - Approved by majority vote, with Fred Lindahl abstaining.
 - Approval of KMAD 2017 budgets
 - Approved by majority vote, with Fred Lindahl abstaining.

- **Utility Undergrounding** – Chair: Sean Harrison
 - No Meeting
 - The draft Undergrounding master plan has been posted on the City website. David Moty and Sean Harrison will review with Don Taylor.
 - There will probably be a new Master Plan by the end of 2017.

V. KTPG LIAISON/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Historic Resources** – F. Lindahl

4725 Adams Avenue	meets criterion C
4752 Constance Drive	meets criterion C
4476 Estrella Avenue	does not meet C
4252 Alder Drive	meets criterion C
4850 Sussex Drive	meets criterion C
4153-4135 ½ Adams Avenue	uncertain evaluation (old pet shop)
4625-4627 50 th Street	4625 meets criterion C (4627 is granny flat – no C)
4021 South Hempstead Circle	meets criterion C

* Criterion C- embodies distinctive characteristics of style, type, period or method of construction or is a valuable example of the use of indigenous materials or craftsmanship.

- **Community Planners Committee** – David Moty
 - CPC is moving permanently from MOCII to the Silver Room at Community Concourse.
 - ECB Business Improvement Association Economic Development Committee
 - CMT & TAC – Talmadge resident and former KTPG board member David Pfeiffer is current Vice-Chair of TAC.
 - At the TAC meeting John Ziebarth proposed either elimination of the requirement for streetscape improvements or raising the \$50K threshold at which improvements can be sought. (KPTG objected to the elimination of the requirement in December 2015.)
 - CIP Prioritization by planning groups
 - Will start up again Spring/Summer 2017, with an October 1st deadline.
 - Gap from 2014 to 2016 as City Council considered city bond or SANDAG bond.

KTPG LIAISON/COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued)

- **Talmadge Maintenance Assessment District** – Kelly Waggoner
 - The reproduced gate replacements have been reinstalled at 49th & Adams Avenue. Historical Review will be inspecting.
 - Work on the restored gates is in the completion stages and these gates should be reinstalled in cycles by the end of January.
 - David Moty advised that the issue of missed trash collections in Talmadge has been referred to Environmental Services.

VI. OTHER BOARD COMMENT

- The KTPG Board would like to acknowledge two Talmadge area residents for their contributions to holiday decorating at the traffic circle at 49th & Adams Avenue. Thank you to **Tom Barb**, chairman of the Talmadge Community Council, and also to Talmadge resident **Jana McCloed**. Your efforts are greatly appreciated and were enjoyed by many. Thank you from all of the KTPG board members and your community!

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM