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Regular Meeting Minutes August 9, 2017

I. PARLIAMENTARY ITEMS

- The August 9, 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, Travis Fawcett, Sean Harrison, Daniele Laman, Darlene Love, David Moty, Bonnie New, Ann Pease, Marilyn Sanderson, Elvia Sandoval, Deborah Sharpe, and Don Taylor.
- Board Members not present: Ken Horsley and Kelly Waggonner.
- There were eighteen (18) audience members who signed in.
- Approval of Agenda: The evening's agenda was **unanimously approved**.
- Approval of Minutes: The July 12th meeting minutes were **unanimously approved**.
- Treasurer's Report:
 - Treasurer Darlene Love reported a bank balance of \$311.61 as of August 1, 2017.
 - Public donations of \$23.00 for the month of July were noted.
 - KTPG has credit balance of approximately \$112.00 at the UPS Store.

II. COMMUNITY FORUM & NON-AGENDA COMMENT

- **Field Representative Toni Duran for California State Senator Toni Atkins:**
 - Copies of the Toni Times were distributed to Board members and made available to the audience.
 - Hillcrest's CityFest will be held on Sunday, August 13th from noon to 8:00 PM.
 - Socks for San Diego Stand Down: 2200 pairs of socks, 200 pairs of underwear and boxes of gently used clothing were distributed to our homeless veterans at this event which took place on July 21 through 23. Senator Atkins sent her heartfelt thanks to everyone in the 39th Senate District that participated in donating.
 - Fourteen of seventeen bills are currently making their way through the legislative process. In July, SB2, SB179, SB230, SB310, SB379, SB437, SB587 and SB625 all had actions in the legislative process. For a complete list of bills visit: <http://sd39.senate.ca.gov/legislation>
 - David Moty requested that Senator Atkins review the Brown Act and consider whether it may need amendment with reference to public issues being discussed on social media by members of official advisory bodies like planning groups. Toni Duran was unsure if blocking discussions on social media is potentially a violation of First Amendment protections.
 - Fred Lindahl, Public Representative of Project Review noted that on July 27th the Talmadge Gateway PACE project, located on Euclid Avenue at El Cajon Boulevard, had officially opened its 59 units for seniors (55 and older) who are disadvantaged and/or homeless individuals requiring medical assistance. Enrollment specialists are available at PACE at (619) 677-3800 to assist with questions about eligibility for this housing community.

III. SUBCOMMITTEE ITEMS

- **Transportation** – Chair: Sean Harrison
 - **Subcommittee recommendation to change the existing green short-term parking zone located on the west side of Marlborough Drive, north of Adams Avenue, to a red ‘No Parking/No Stopping’ zone.**
 - Sean Harrison advised that the Transportation Subcommittee has received a letter, signed by tenants at 4134 Adams Avenue, requesting the City remove the green short-term parking zone on the west side of Marlborough Drive (located south of the building’s driveway) and make it a red ‘No Parking/No Stopping’ zone. Sean stated the reasons for the change request are:
 1. Line of sight concerns at the building’s driveway entrance (located north of the subject parking zone) and also when approaching the Adams Avenue intersection when traveling north on Marlborough Drive.
 - a. It was noted that there is approximately 40 feet of red ‘No Parking’ zone between the subject parking zone and the Adams Avenue intersection.
 2. Space limitations on Marlborough Drive for northbound and southbound vehicles passing simultaneously while adjacent to this parking zone.
 - Also noted as problematic during the Board’s discussion was the frequent use of this parking space by commercial vehicles, including disregard for posted time limits and violations of adjacent red ‘No Parking’ zones.

Ron Anderson proposed an amendment to change the green short-term parking zone to a yellow commercial zone.

Seconded by Sean Harrison.

The proposed amendment failed on a vote of 1 to 12:

Voting in Favor: Ron Anderson

Opposed: Bill Adair, Travis Fawcett, Sean Harrison, Daniele Laman, Darlene Love, David Moty, Bonnie New, Ann Pease, Marilyn Sanderson, Elvia Sandoval, Deborah Sharpe and Don Taylor

SUBCOMMITTEE ITEMS (continued)

A vote was called to support the Subcommittee's recommendation to change the green short-term parking zone to a red 'No Parking/No stopping' zone.

The vote to support the recommendation failed on a vote of 5 to 8:

Voting in Favor: Ron Anderson, Daniele Laman, David Moty, Ann Pease and Marilyn Sanderson

Opposed: Bill Adair, Travis Fawcett, Sean Harrison, Darlene Love, Bonnie New, Elvia Sandoval, Deborah Sharpe and Don Taylor

▪ **Monroe & 44th Street Intersection**

- Sean Harrison read a recommendation from the Transportation Subcommittee to maintain the current stop sign on 44th Street (southbound) at Monroe, maintain the yield sign on 44th Street (northbound) at Monroe, and add a stop sign on Monroe (westbound) at 44th Street. Also to improve striping along that corridor, possibly using reflective materials.
- Several members of the audience spoke about safety issues involving their homes or neighboring properties in the vicinity of this intersection. People spoke of increased traffic and erratic driving observed when drivers approach this intersection and drive through the area. Speed was also cited as an issue and has led to incidents of property damage.

Don Taylor moved to amend the Subcommittee's recommendation and make this intersection a three-way stop, to include the addition of striping and use of reflective materials for increased safety.

The vote to support the amended recommendation passed on a vote of 12 to 1.

Voting in Favor: Bill Adair, Travis Fawcett, Sean Harrison, Daniele Laman, Darlene Love, David Moty, Bonnie New, Ann Pease, Marilyn Sanderson, Elvia Sandoval, Deborah Sharpe and Don Taylor

Opposed: Ron Anderson

SUBCOMMITTEE ITEMS (continued)

- CIP - Chair: David Moty

David prefaced his presentation of Advisory Recommendations with the caveat that “There are far more needs than money. About two times as many”.

- The CIP & Planning Subcommittee recommendations for prioritizing capital improvement projects to the City are (in the following order):
 1. Aldine Roadway reconfiguration (east side) from Fairmount to Monroe to Euclid.
 2. Construct a park in Talmadge
 3. Street light circuit upgrade in Kensington Heights (Hilldale Road and north)
 4. Street light circuit upgrade in Talmadge Park North (Alder Loop)
 5. Lane expansion Montezuma Road westbound to the Fairmount Avenue northbound transition
 6. (6A) Priority Left Turn Signal at Euclid Avenue northbound to El Cajon Boulevard westbound
 7. (6B) Right Turn Lane at El Cajon Boulevard westbound to Fairmount Avenue north
 8. El Cajon Boulevard pedestrian crossing at Hoover High School

Notes regarding the list:

- (1) When the current discussion about Aldine Drive began, traffic count was at 17K per day. It is now 21K due to the Collwood Boulevard diet and in 20 to 30 years Aldine Drive will likely yield traffic flow of 26K-28K per day - possibly more. Aldine Drive is already busier than Broadway in front of Horton Plaza downtown. The Public Works Department has said that its inadequacies need to be discussed both as to the current state as well as how they will be affected by an additional one-third increase in traffic.
- (2) Regarding a Talmadge park, the area around Euclid and Monroe is the center for the neighborhood geographically as well as for population. Estimates call for addition of about 3,000 more inhabitants, which will presumably be apartment dwellers.
- (3 /4) Kensington street light upgrades placed 3rd and 4th because of excessive rust and deferred maintenance.
- (5) Expansion of the transition from Montezuma westbound to Fairmount northbound - If Montezuma became less clogged, Collwood would follow so that traffic could use it again during morning rush hour.
- (6/7) Priority Left Turn Signal at Euclid & El Cajon right-turn lane from ECB to Fairmount - We tried to get these two projects combined, but Public Works said the projects are not sufficiently closely related.
 - Traffic Engineering opposes the Euclid to ECB left turn signal. We may need to seek our City Councilmember’s support.

Community input was solicited using the ‘NextDoor’ platform, reaching over 4,000 email addresses. While the responses received are meaningful, they are not binding. This was a platform for discussion and not an official poll.

SUBCOMMITTEE ITEMS (continued)

A vote was called to support the CIP recommendations.

The vote to support the recommendations passed on a vote of 10 to 3.

Voting in favor: Bill Adair, Sean Harrison, Daniele Laman, Darlene Love, David Moty, Bonnie New, Ann Pease, Marilyn Sanderson, Deborah Sharpe and Don Taylor

Opposed: Ron Anderson, Travis Fawcett and Elvia Sandoval

Don Taylor thanked David Moty for the work of the subcommittee.

- **Project Review** – Chair: Ann Pease
 - Project Review has received a map from Price Charities, depicting 16 lots which they are proposing to combine for redevelopment, with intended use to be residential. There will be a presentation on this matter at the September KTPG meeting.

- **Communications** – Chair: Travis Fawcett
 - No Update

- **Kensington MAD's** – Chair: Don Taylor
 - Don Taylor presented a recommendation from the Kensington Heights MAD to send a letter to Mayor Kevin Faulconer, formally requesting the removal of communications equipment from the historic Cobra street light at the corner of Marlborough Drive and Hilldale Road. The request is that the equipment be moved to one of the nearby wooden utility poles. If the City does not agree to move the equipment, the MAD further request that any lease or other related payments for this installation be directed to the Kensington Heights MAD, as that light post is classified by the City as a 'Special Benefit' light.

A vote was called to support the Kensington Heights MAD's recommendation.

The motion passed on a vote of 12 to 1.

Voting in favor: Bill Adair, Ron Anderson, Travis Fawcett, Sean Harrison, Daniele Laman, Darlene Love, David Moty, Bonnie New, Ann Pease, Marilyn Sanderson, Deborah Sharpe, Don Taylor

Opposed: Elvia Sandoval

SUBCOMMITTEE ITEMS (continued)

- **Utility Undergrounding** – Chair: Sean Harrison
 - No Update

IV. KTPG LIAISON REPORTS

- **Historic Resources** – Bill Adair

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| ▪ 4620 Biona Drive | 92116 | Does not meet Criterion C |
| ▪ 4525 Natalie Drive | 92115 | Does not meet Criterion C |
| ▪ 4624 Marlborough Drive | 92116 | Does not meet 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.

- **CPC** – David Moty

- The Ken-Tal plan update is still about #5 in line, but the City will be doing fewer updates each year. This will probably delay our start to 2022, with a completion date of 2025. David noted that, upon completion, it will have taken 27 years to get a revised community plan in place.
- The 11th update is due in September. Issues of particular concern to Kensington – Talmadge are:
 - Allowing lot consolidation without a site development permit in all RM zones, including RM-1-1 which in Kensington-Talmadge is used as a transition zone between single family and multi-family.
 - Allow schools larger than 300 students by right in residential areas without a community input process.
 - Allow commercial signage in residential areas for commercial uses which are currently allowed.
 - Exempt projects with on-site affordable housing from Community Plan Implementation Overlay Zone regulations.
 - Threshold for improvements in the public right of way. The 9th Update to the LDC allowed previously conforming structures (e.g. Huffman style apartments) to be rebuilt “as is” 49% at a time. During the 9th Update, City staff referenced current code which allowed the city to require streetscape improvements with construction valued at more than \$50,000 to ease community concerns. During the 10th Update a proposal was made to eliminate this requirement, which Kensington Talmadge opposed. It was dropped from the 10th Update. In the 11th Update, the threshold is proposed to be changed from \$50,000 to \$150,000 to adjust for inflation.

SUBCOMMITTEE ITEMS (continued)

- **TMAD** – Fred Lindahl (for Kelly Waggoner)
 - Perry Electric has most of the gates illuminated
 - Red curbing is in process
 - Adams & Madison luminaires have been installed

Don Taylor announced the Board will be reviewing budgets in January, 2018.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 PM