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Regular Meeting Minutes November 8, 2017

I. PARLIAMENTARY ITEMS

- The November 8, 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, Darlene Love, Ann Pease, Marilyn Sanderson, Elvia Sandoval and Don Taylor
- Board Members not present: Travis Fawcett, David Moty, Bonnie New, Deborah Sharpe and Kelly Waggoner
- There were five audience members who signed in.
- Approval of Agenda: This evening's agenda was **unanimously approved**.
- Approval of Minutes: The October minutes were **unanimously approved**.
- Treasurer Darlene Love reported a bank balance of \$179.61 as of November 1, 2017.
 - A debit of \$132 was noted for the USPS box renewal (paid annually in October).

II. COMMUNITY FORUM & NON-AGENDA COMMENT

- **Matt Yagyagan, representing Councilmember Georgette Gomez:**
 - Matt restated Councilmember Gomez' community office hours, every Friday from 10:00 AM to 1:30 PM, and encouraged anyone with questions or concerns to visit during those hours. The office is located in the City Heights Recreation Center at 4380 Landis Street. Matt can also be contacted through email at: georgettegomez@sandiego.gov. Facebook and Twitter ID is ggomezd9 and the telephone number is (619)533-5897. Please note the office will be closed Friday, November 10th, in observance of Veteran's Day. Office hours will resume on Friday, November 17th.
 - Matt provided the following updates to the Board:
 - Outages of five street lights in Kensington Heights street on Hilldale Road, between Marlborough Drive and Hastings Dr.:
 - A waiver for trenching has been approved and will allow necessary underground repairs to be made. A timeline for repairs was not given, but Ms. Gomez' office has been advised work on this project should start next week.
 - Crosswalk and pedestrian beacon at Adams Avenue & Kensington Drive:
 - Sidewalks and concrete work are complete. A request has been submitted by Ms. Gomez' office for a schedule for completion of this project. Matt will update at the January KTPG meeting.
 - Monroe Bikeway project:
 - SANDAG model for traffic on Aldine Drive to 47th Street may be ready to present by next month.
 - Priority Projects Council:
 - A request for funds of \$250,000 will be submitted as a priority for an Aldine Drive engineering study to determine necessary repairs.

COMMUNITY FORUM & NON-AGENDA COMMENT (continued)

○ **Matt Yagyagan, representing Councilmember Georgette Gomez:** (continued)

➤ Rice Drive:

- Councilmember Gomez' is partnering with the SDPD and the San Diego Asian Youth Organization for the 8th annual Rice Drive and is encouraging Kensington and Talmadge residents to give back to the community by participating. 16,000 pounds of rice were donated during the 2016 Rice Drive. Bags of rice - of any size - may be donated, as well as monetary donations. Donations will be accepted until November 16th at 4 PM. The proceeds will be distributed Saturday, November 18th. Your tax-deductible donation may be made at either of the following locations:

City Hall
202 C Street – 10th Floor
San Diego, CA 92101
c/o Matt Yagyagan

Multi-Cultural Community Relations Office
5348 University Avenue – Suite 100
San Diego, CA 92105

Comments from the Board to Matt Yagyagan:

- The area behind Hoover High School needs debris removal to allow storm drains to function properly.
- Ken Horsley noted that collection of trash following volunteer trash pick-up events needs to be consistently done on the Monday immediately following the event. When this is not done trash gets redistributed by trash pickers and has an effect on volunteer motivation and spirit. Matt will check into this issue.
- Daniele Laman mentioned that portable toilets have been installed at a construction site in the Talmadge area. Residents are not sure if these are for workers or the homeless. They appear to be being used by the homeless. Frequency of maintenance and the level of sanitation for these installations are in question - especially with the current Hepatitis A outbreak in San Diego. This is a concern for all residents. Matt will check into this.

○ **Other community non-agenda comment:**

- **Matt Strabone**, candidate for San Diego Assessor/Recorder/County Clerk, introduced himself and made a brief statement about his candidacy.
- **Jan Perry**, Executive Director, America's Finest Charter School, presented an update:
 - Purchase of the property has been finalized and the school is making tenant improvements. Some homeless issues on the property will need to be resolved. The school is licensed for a maximum of 300 students at this location, located at 4481 Estrella Avenue, San Diego 92115.
- **Kathleen Keehan**, Air Quality Specialist, for the County of San Diego spoke about an organization formed to protect the public from harmful effects of air pollution. More information at www.SDAPCD.org

III. NON- SUBCOMMITTEE ITEMS

○ **Action Item:**

- Don Taylor volunteered to chair the 2018 KTPG Election Subcommittee. He then **moved that Sean Harrison be appointed to the subcommittee with Marilyn Sanderson as a back-up in case he decides to run. He also nominated Jan Bart as community representative. The motion was seconded by Daniele Laman. Vote to approve was unanimous.**

○ **Information Items**

- Chris Carterette, Associate Regional Planner from SANDAG, presented information on the Central Avenue Bikeway project. This section of the project would connect Adams Avenue and El Cajon Boulevard along Central Avenue and Terrace Drive. Additional information is available at www.GoByBikeSD.com.
 - Questionnaires about aesthetics will be distributed by SANDAG via the NextDoor platform for the public to provide input. The questionnaires should be available by the end of November.
 - Chris Carterette will return to KTPG in January and the Board will consider its support at that time.
 - Fred Lindahl (member, Project Review subcommittee) asked about lighting and hardscape. Fred suggested use of historic light fixtures where lighting is to be used, as well as incorporating area signage into the existing stone pillars on the path. This would align with the character and style represented within the Kensington neighborhood.

IV. SUBCOMMITTEE ITEMS

○ **Transportation** – Chair: Sean Harrison

- Installations of bulb-outs on Adams Avenue to support pedestrian safety was discussed.
- The Central Bike Pathway was also a topic of discussion.

○ **CIP** - Chair: David Moty

- No Report

○ **Project Review** – Chair: Ann Pease

- No Report

○ **Communications** – Chair: Travis Fawcett

- No Report

SUBCOMMITTEE ITEMS (continued)

- **Kensington MAD's** – Chair: Don Taylor
 - There will be a MAD subcommittee meeting Monday, November 20th to discuss budgets.
- **Utility Undergrounding** – Chair: Sean Harrison
 - No report

V. KTPG LIAISON REPORTS

- **Historic Resources** – Bill Adair
 - 4115 Bedford Drive 92116 Unable to evaluate due to construction fencing
 - 4432 Winona Street 92115 Meets Criterion C
 - 4884 Marlborough 92115 (Update) Did not qualify, per HRB

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
 - Don Taylor read a report provided by David Moty (as CPC Chair): The Parking Advisory Board is investigating 'permit parking', which would allow a permit-holder to legally park across their own driveway/curb-cut. Theoretically, this would open up thousands of parking spaces city-wide. One example of where it would not work would be in front of Huffman-style apartment buildings, where curb-cuts span multiple parking spaces.
 - CPC discussed the Housing Commission's housing affordability report. The most common comment was the City's failure to provide sufficient infrastructure to support its existing population and that infrastructure was not mentioned in the report.
 - David Moty also met with Public Works Director James Nagelvoort to discuss the CIP prioritization process. During the meeting, David mentioned use of the NextDoor platform for community outreach, which achieved 65 community responses during the CIP process. Mr. Nagelvoort was favorably impressed by this response rate.
- **TMAD** – Fred Lindahl
 - A new Board member has been elected.
 - There will be a meeting on November 28th with the City to review the budget.

Chairman Don Taylor spoke briefly before adjournment, reminding all Board members of the importance of attending scheduled meetings. KTPG bylaws Article IV, Section 1 permit a maximum of 3 consecutive absences, or 4 nonconsecutive absences, during each Board year, which runs April through March.

Don also advised there will be no December meeting for the Board or subcommittees. The next regular meeting of the Ken-Tal Planning Group will be Wednesday, January 10th, 2018.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM.