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Regular Meeting Minutes May 8, 2019

I. PARLIAMENTARY ITEMS

- The May 8, 2019 general meeting of the Kensington-Talmadge Planning Group was called to order by chairman Don Taylor at 6:30 PM.
- **Board members present:** Bill Adair, Norma Clark, Daniel Heller, Brian Helmich, Ken Horsley, Ari Isaak, Fred Lindahl, George Palermo, Elvia Sandoval, Don Taylor, Ralph Teyssier, Julian Villegas and Kelly Waggoner.
- **Board members not present:** Darlene Love and Deborah Sharpe
- Thirteen (13) audience members signed in. Two (2) comment forms were submitted.
- **Approval of Agenda:** **Approved unanimously**, without objection.
- **Approval of Minutes:** Don Taylor moved for approval of the April 10, 2019 meeting minutes. **The vote to approve was unanimous.**
- **Treasurer's Report** – Don Taylor reported a bank balance of \$386.61 as of May 1, 2019.

II. COMMUNITY FORUM & NON-AGENDA COMMENT

○ **Sanna Loando, representing District 9 Council member Georgette Gomez:**

- Sanna advised a minimal red curb extension has recently been installed adjacent to the MTS bus stop on the north side of Adams Avenue where it intersects with Biona Drive. This was done to better accommodate MTS bus access and address safety concerns.
- A meeting has taken place with residents and community planners to discuss issues with the Adams Avenue/49th Street traffic splitter.
- City engineers have met with community planners to revise traffic circle designs.
- A Planning Commission hearing is scheduled for May 9th to discuss updates to cell tower ordinances. A public comment period is scheduled. Sanna advised the current status is that Crown Castle (the equipment/tower installers) are still “on hold”.
- The audible traffic signal, which was installed at the intersection of Adams Avenue and Marlborough Drive, has recently had its volume level adjusted (lowered for the late evening hours.)
- Sanna reported that regulations for dockless scooters have recently passed, which include permit fees required of service providers for each unit placed in service. Scooter corrals will be installed throughout the City for scooter parking. New regulations will be reviewed in six months.
- An eleven-member committee will be formed as an advisory group for recommendations made by community planning groups. This group will review recommendations submitted for City Council consideration.
- Don Taylor thanked council member Gomez for her part in bringing the City and community representatives together and “making the community a partner”.

○ **Javier Gomez, representing California Assembly Member Todd Gloria**

- Javier advised that AB262, which deals with the State’s response to communicable diseases, such as Hepatitis C, has passed the Senate. This will result in implementation of better policies and quicker response when outbreaks occur. Sharing of County and City data will be implemented to better monitor response measures and effectiveness.
- An audience member asked about Assembly Member Gloria’s stand on SB50 (Planning, Housing and Zoning) - specifically a concern about the issue being “one size fits all”. Javier responded that no position will be announced until the proposed legislation is finalized.

III. SUBCOMMITTEE ITEMS

○ **Transportation** - Chair: Ken Horsley

- Ken distributed a photograph (draft), showing the intersection of 44th Street and Monroe Avenue, to illustrate the planning group's recommendations to better accommodate traffic flow control and provide safe and appropriate mobility.

Comments from the audience:

- Concerns about placement of pedestrian access cutouts
- Distance between east-to-west handicapped access cutouts exceeds 100 feet.
- Flood water flow where Monroe Avenue intersects 44th Street
- Proximity of boulevard stop signs to resident's driveways.

Following discussion, Ken Horsley moved that the KTPG Board:

“Approve, in concept, the draft plan for the intersection of 44th Street and Monroe Avenue provided by the City on May 7, 2019 and modified by the City on May 8, 2019. The plan provides for construction of pedestrian ramps, a new speed lump on Monroe Avenue (approximately 80 feet west of the existing westbound speed lump), construction of a new speed lump along the south leg of 44th Street in front of 4494 44th Street, removal of the yield sign on northbound 44th Street and extension of the yellow centerline to connect at each end to guide motorists through the intersection. The Planning Group recommends that the City work directly with adjacent residents to establish locations of pedestrian ramp, and to consider drainage and potential flooding issues which may result from installation of the ramps.”

(Speed Lump, per CA DOT: A two-wheel cut-out designed to allow large vehicles, such as emergency vehicles and buses, to pass with minimal slowing.)

The motion was seconded by Don Taylor. **The motion passed with a vote of 9 to 4. Voting to oppose were Fred Lindahl, Elvia Sandoval, Javier Villegas and Kelly Waggonner.**

○ **Utility Undergrounding** - Chair: Don Taylor

- No Meeting

○ **Project Review** - Chair: George Palermo

- No Meeting

○ **Communications** - Chair: Brian Helmich

- No Meeting

SUBCOMMITTEE ITEMS (continued)

- **CIP & Planning** - Chair: Deborah Sharpe

(Subcommittee member David Moty presented tonight in Deborah's absence)

- David distributed a handout to the Board entitled 'CIP Projects Worksheet May 8, 2019'. A list of 32 projects and their status was discussed. Among these projects, ten (10) were related to lighting, five (5) were related to sidewalks and four (4) concerned storm water. David will return next month with a 'Top 5' list for further consideration.
- In the coming year, the 'Housing the Next 1 Million Coalition' will be offering help to planning groups to address community issues, with a goal of removing impediments to new housing.

- **Historic Review** – Chair: Bill Adair

- 4434-36 & 4440 Highland Avenue 92115 No HRB criterion met
- 5000 Westminster Terrace 92116 HRB final historic designation 4/25/2019

- **Kensington MAD's** – Chair Don Taylor

- No Meeting

- **Bylaws** – Chair: Don Taylor

- No Meeting

IV. KTPG LIAISON REPORTS

- **Talmadge Maintenance Assessment District** – Fred Lindahl

- No Report

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM.