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Regular Meeting Minutes August 14, 2019

I. PARLIAMENTARY ITEMS

- The August 14, 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, Darlene Love, Lisa Sinclair, Don Taylor, Ralph Teyssier and Julian Villegas.
- **Board members not present:** Ken Horsley, Ari Isaak, Fred Lindahl, Elvia Sandoval, Deborah Sharpe and Kelly Waggoner.
- There were six (6) audience members signed in.
- **Agenda Modifications:** No modifications were proposed.
- **Approval of Agenda:** **Approved unanimously.**
- **Approval of Minutes:** Bill Adair noted that Norma Clark had requested her handout presented at the July meeting specifically reflect that the American Institute of Landscape Architects referenced the NCPC elevation. An update of the July minutes will include this information.
- **Treasurer's Report** – Darlene Love reported a bank balance of \$421.61 as of August 1, 2019. Darlene thanked last month's donors and emphasized the need of contributions to continue the presence of KTPG.

II. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT & COMMUNITY FORUM

○ **Javier Gomez representing 78th District Assembly Member Todd Gloria**

- Javier noted that September 13th will be the last date Senate bills can be approved. Bills moving forward need the Governor's signature no later than October 13th. There are currently 1,169 bills active.
- The importance of the 2020 Census was discussed. Results will affect State funding for the next decade.
- Anyone wishing to submit ideas for future legislation should contact Assembly member Gloria's office after September 13th. Go to www.a78.asmdc.org for further information.
- Norma Clark asked about SB50 and SB592 status. SB592 is currently in the Assembly. SB50 died in the Senate before Todd Gloria could vote on it.
- Don Taylor reiterated the position of 'No Support' taken by KTPG for both SB50 and SB592.
- With regard to the 2020 Census, Don Taylor asked, when there is no response from a household, if in-person contact would be made. Javier's response was "Yes".

○ **Sanna Loando representing 9th District Council member Georgette Gomez**

- Georgette Gomez' August/September 2019 newsletter was distributed to the Board and made available to audience members.
- Sanna noted that some planned sidewalk repairs will be impeded by existing trees, specifically along Madison Avenue, Lucille Drive and Edgeware Road. These will be evaluated by an arborist hired by the City. SOHO has also sent correspondence to City staff regarding a tree on Edgeware Road, specifically with regard to its vital presence. A recommendation has been made for this tree to be laced out (a method of trimming) rather than be removed. Decisions on the trees involved can be appealed through August 19, 2019.
- Sanna spoke on the 12th Update of the Land Development Code and the inclusion of prescribed language and published standards recommended to the City Council (July 23rd meeting). These concern wireless communication facility installations in historically-designated areas and areas identified in a 1993 Historical Resources survey prepared by the City. Any installations in the protected areas must now comply with regulations set by the Secretary of Interior's guidelines and standards for historic properties. These wireless guidelines were also adopted into the Land Development Code Manual. This now makes guidelines more enforceable. Any applications for stand-alone installation of small cells within historic areas will now be subject to Process II, which will come before the planning group and may be appealed to the Planning Commission.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT & COMMUNITY FORUM (continued)

- Sanna thanked Lisa Sinclair, Priscilla Berge and SOHO for their assistance in development of the newly prescribed language and for their contributions in maintaining the historic character of our communities.
 - Sanna also spoke about the further development of the Talmadge Traffic Circle. A sign meeting will take place on Friday, August 16th, with City traffic engineers. The engineers have communicated to the MAD that optional crosswalk signs will not be installed. An evaluation will be made to determine if vehicles yield appropriately at crosswalks. If not, optional signage may be installed at a later date.
 - Weed abatement along Fairmount and Aldine is dependent on several different City departments, which must make evaluations before abatement work can take place. There have been problems with coordination between some of these departments. Large backlogs are also being cited as problematic in addressing abatement issues. Council member Gomez' office is continuing to address these issues. 300 'hot spots' have been identified, but locations have not been provided to Gomez' office.
- **Toni Duran, representing California State Senator Toni Atkins**
- The 'Toni Times' newsletter was distributed to Board members and made available to audience members.
 - DMV updates:
 - Wait times in some larger DMV offices have been reduced by about 58 minutes.
 - Acceptance of credit cards will begin in September in the Davis, California DMV office and will eventually be expanded to other DMV offices.
 - Real ID's are now being issued.
 - Governor Gavin Newsom's San Diego visit:
 - It was announced that Covered California insurance has had the lowest rate increase since the program began in 2014. The rate increase for 2020 will be .8% in California and .2% in San Diego.
 - SSI and SSA recipients are now eligible for Cal Fresh. To check eligibility or to apply, go to www.Calfresh.org for more information.
 - Don Taylor asked about the Governor's and Senator's support for rent control legislation in California. She confirmed that Governor Newsom does support rent control measures. Don stated rent controls may force smaller property owners to raise rents to the maximum allowable each year to protect against increased operating costs. Today such increases are normally only periodically passed on to tenants. He noted this will affect Section 8 renters as well. Don requested the Senator's support for opposing rent control measures. Toni stated she would include this in her report from tonight's meeting.

III. NON-SUBCOMMITTEE ITEMS

- **Information Item: Passage of the 12th Update of the Land Development Code**
 - Lisa Sinclair gave an overview of inclusion of language in the Code which provides some protections for historically-designated and potentially historic areas included in City surveys as ‘theme lighted’ areas.
 - Don Taylor thanked Karen Lynch and her staff, who worked diligently with Don, Lisa Sinclair, Priscilla Berge and Sanna Luando. Don stated that Karen “really took the interest of the community to heart and pushed as far as she could”.

- **Information Item: 4G/5G Cell Tower guideline discussion**
 - Don Taylor stated his preference to not copy or mimic historic streetlight poles in the 4G/5G project. He recommended keeping new installations as “streamlined as possible”. Don opposes the artificial palm tree example, which he believes could detract from the area’s historic character.
 - Don asked Board members to voice a general consensus about design aspects for use in future discussions. Not all Board members agreed. Some members feel they would prefer to see what vendors propose and work from there. A ‘nod’ to historic character seemed to be a common thread in the discussion. Don stated he feels we need to further discuss this ‘nod’ in future meetings, whether it be fluting or other design aspects. Audience members commented about other ‘historic’ installations they had seen as being bulky and having too much mass above-ground.

IV. SUBCOMMITTEE ITEMS

- **Transportation** – Chair: Ken Horsley
 - No Report

- **Monroe Avenue Transportation Corridor** – Chair: Brian Helmich
 - No meeting/No report

- **Project Review** – Interim Chair: Don Taylor
 - No meeting/No report

- **CIP & Planning** – Chair: Deborah Sharpe
 - No meeting/No report

SUBCOMMITTEE ITEMS (continued)

- **Communications** – Chair: Brian Helmich
 - No meeting/No report
- **Historic Review** – Chair: Bill Adair
 - 4574 Marlborough Drive 92116 Recommended under Criterion C and possibly Criterion A for architectural development.)
- **Utility Undergrounding** – Chair: Don Taylor
 - No meeting/No report
- **Kensington MADS** – Chair: Don Taylor
 - No meeting/No report
- **Bylaws** – Chair: Don Taylor
 - No Meeting/No report

V. KTPG LIAISON REPORTS

- **Community Planners Committee (CPC)** – Don Taylor for Deborah Sharpe
 - Community Planner Committee Report – July 23, 2019
 - Item #5 Proposed Amendments to the City’s Inclusionary Housing Regulations
 - ◆ Lara Gates, Chief of Policy for Council District 9, presented proposed amendments to the Municipal Code and Local Coastal Program to adopt on-site inclusionary housing requirements. Alternative compliance measures including an updated in-lieu fee and incentives for on-site construction of inclusionary units.
 - ◆ The proposed amendments were approved by the Planning Commission on July 11th and heard by the City Council on July 30th.
 - ◆ CPC members voiced their belief that the proposed amendments were a step in the right direction, but only a first step toward what is needed to address housing affordability and supply. Only 4500 units were built in 7 years. Concern was also expressed about potential impacts to infrastructure when DIF fees are not required. Affordable housing units and Density Bonus housing are exempt from paying DIF.

KTPG LIAISON REPORTS (continued)

- **Community Planner Committee Report – July 23, 2019 (continued)**
 - CPC moved to approve the proposed amendment, with a recommendation to include farm worker housing in future housing developments. The vote was 24 in favor/2 opposed/1 abstention.
 - CPC Chairs Report: Wally Wulfeck submitted a proposed measure for the March 2020 ballot recommending specific inclusion of community planning groups in the City Charter. This was in response to recommendations made by the City Auditor's Report and lobbying from Circulate San Diego to eliminate or reduce community input on affordable housing issues.
- **Talmadge Maintenance Assessment District – Fred Lindahl**
 - No report

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 PM.