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General Meeting Minutes January 8, 2020

I. PARLIAMENTARY ITEMS

- The January 8, 2020 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, Brian Helmich, Ken Horsley, Ari Isaak, Fred Lindahl, Darlene Love, Deborah Sharpe, Lisa Sinclair, Don Taylor, Ralph Teyssier, Julian Villegas and Kelly Waggoner.
- **Board members not present:** Daniel Heller
- Six (6) audience members signed in.
- **Agenda Modifications:** Audience member David Moty asked why draft comments for the Mayor's Complete Community proposal were not included in this agenda. Chairman Don Taylor advised that the current agenda had already been posted prior to the MCC submission request.
- **Approval of Agenda:** **Approved unanimously.**
- **Approval of Minutes:** **The November 2019 minutes were approved unanimously.**
- **Treasurer's Report**
 - Account balance as of January 1, 2020 was \$287.61.
 - A disbursement of \$154.00 for post office box rental reimbursement is still pending refund.

II. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT & COMMUNITY FORUM

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

▪ The following five (5) items were distributed:

- ‘The Boulevard Busway’
- ‘Commission for Arts and Culture’ – Open Call for Commission Advisory Panel Nominees
- ‘2020 State of the District’ – Wednesday January 29 at 6 P.M. RSVP required
- ‘Talmadge Community Cleanup’ – Saturday January 11 8-12 P.M.
- ‘Complete Communities’

For information on any of the above, please contact Sanna at SLoando@sandiego.gov

▪ Other Updates:

- Fairmount Avenue paving is scheduled to begin by the end of January.
 - Completion of the Rochester Road storm drain replacement is scheduled for the end of January. Re-vegetation will take place following completion of the work.
 - Removal of poles and power lines in Talmadge (3HH project) is scheduled for January.
 - Land Use and Housing may be considering the Sherman proposed changes for community planning groups at the January 23rd meeting. It has not been docketed for Council at this time. Planning groups will review proposals before they are scheduled to go to Council.
 - On January 23rd, the 12th Land Use and Housing (3rd phase) will consider issues regarding cannabis business locations and signage along paths of travel.
 - Brush management in canyon areas has been completed in the Fairmount and Aldine area. For any debris or encampments, please report on Get It Done.
 - Fire Marshal inspections of residential and public property will begin in February. Code violations will be reported.
 - Sanna was made aware of a fallen tree laying on a guardrail on southbound the Fairmount Avenue off-ramp to Aldine.
- David Moty noted that, although the Mayor’s ‘Complete Communities’ proposed updates do not change zoning, they do redefine zoning. RM-11 zones, which currently allow for three units, could be redefined to allow up to sixty units. Fee proposals were also discussed. Are they a replacement for DIF or are they included in DIF? Disbursement of assessments to “neighborhoods of concern” was also questioned. Sanna referred David to Nathan Causman in the Planning Department for clarification.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT & COMMUNITY FORUM (continued)

- An audience member presented a self-authored document to the Board, entitled ‘Tree Culture – Area Resources Management’. The focus of the document is wildfire hazard reduction and wildlife habitat conservation. More information available at www.TreeCultureSanDiego.com.
- Don Taylor noted that, with the implementation of new bus/bike lanes on El Cajon Boulevard, there has been a significant increase in traffic on Adams Avenue. This has resulted in back-ups onto tributary roads, especially during morning commute hours. Back-ups have been noted as far east as Vista Street and could impact Talmadge as well. Don suggested to Sanna that this impact be monitored and recorded to fully evaluate the effect of removal of vehicle traffic lanes on El Cajon Boulevard.
- City Planner for Kensington/Talmadge, Nathan Causman, requested that concerns about City planning issues be directed to him. NCausman@saniego.gov

III. NON-SUBCOMMITTEE ITEMS

- Mayoral candidate Rich Riel introduced himself and spoke about his candidacy. He can be reached at Riel2020@gmail.com
- Don Taylor announced that Elvia Sandoval has notified the KTPG Secretary of her intention to resign her seat and her resignation has been accepted.
 - Don introduced Carolyn Satter as his selection to fill Elvia Sandoval’s vacant seat. Carolyn has past Board experience, has assisted with KTPG elections as a subcommittee member and also serves as a KMAD subcommittee member. Carolyn recently retired as Director of Production for the San Diego Civic Theatre and is president of the Friends of the Kensington Library. She has been a Kensington resident since 1955.
 - A discussion of the bylaws Article III, Section 2 followed, specifically with regard to the geographic distribution of Board seats. KTPG bylaws Article IV, Section 2, Paragraph 2 provide for appointment of vacancies at the KTPG Chairperson’s discretion, subject to majority vote confirmation by the voting members of the Planning Group Board.
 - Don Taylor moved that Carolyn Satter’s appointment to the Board be approved. **The motion passed, with 9 voting to approve and 4 opposed.** (Clark, Helmich, Teyssier and Waggonner opposing)
 - Carolyn assumed her seat on the Board. Her term will extend until the 2021 election.

NON-SUBCOMMITTEE ITEMS (continued)

- From Don Taylor, as chairman of the Elections subcommittee:
 - The 2020 KTPG election will be held at the March 11, 2020 general meeting. Seven (7) members of the Board will be elected.
 - To serve on the KTPG Board a candidate must be a Kensington or Talmadge resident, property owner or business owner and must have attended at least two full meetings of the Kensington Talmadge Planning Group between February 1, 2019 and January 31, 2020. Attendance at subcommittee meetings does not qualify.
 - Board members are expected to attend all regular KTPG meetings and serve on at least one subcommittee.
 - Interested parties may contact Don Taylor for more information or answers for any questions about serving on the Board. His email is taysr@cox.net. The Elections subcommittee will send out notices in January to qualified individuals, based on KTPG meeting attendance records.
 - The Elections subcommittee will meet later in January to finalize election procedures.
 - All Kensington and Talmadge residents, property owners and business owners are eligible to vote for candidates. Voters who have not registered during previous elections must provide documentation to establish proof of residency, property ownership or business ownership in Kensington/Talmadge before a ballot can be issued. Acceptable forms of documentation include a driver's license, property tax statement or utility bill clearly displaying the voter's name and their Kensington or Talmadge address.

IV. SUBCOMMITTEE ITEMS

- **Transportation** – Chair: Ken Horsley
 - No update
- **Monroe Avenue Transportation Corridor** – Chair: Brian Helmich
 - Meeting still pending with Lara Gates and Bill Harris. Meeting was cancelled in September 2019. Morning reduction of queueing on Monroe Avenue to be discussed.

SUBCOMMITTEE ITEMS (cont'd)

- **Project Review** – Chair: Lisa Sinclair
 - Lisa noted a utility pole 4/5G (Verizon) equipment box installation was attached to a utility pole recently in South Kensington. The installation was through a third party, contracted by SDG&E, which allows for overriding local government rules. Lisa questions the legality of this situation and will follow up.

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

- **Communications** – Chair: Brian Helmich
 - The subcommittee is discussing ways to increase resident participation.
 - Reaching out in multiple languages is under consideration.

- **Historic Review** – Chair: Bill Adair
 - Bill noted that DSD Historic website is down until Monday, January 13th, due to movement of facilities to a new location.

- **Utility Undergrounding** – Chair: Don Taylor
 - No meeting

- **Kensington MADS** – Chair: Don Taylor
 - Don moved to approve the September and November 2019 KMAD subcommittee meeting reports (2020-2021 budgets). Seconded by Bill Adair. **The vote to approve was 14/1, with Ralph Teyssier abstaining.**
 - Don also stated that a questionnaire regarding formation of a South Kensington MAD has been mailed out.

- **Bylaws** – Chair: Don Taylor
 - No meeting

V. KTPG LIAISON REPORTS

- **Community Planners Committee (CPC) –Deborah Sharpe**
 - Significant issues discussed and action taken on remainder of changes proposed for Community Planning Groups, based on recommendations from the City Auditor’s Report, Reform Task Force, Grand Jury and Circulate San Diego. Of the total recommendations (33/35) - of which CPC supported 11 without modification, 14 with minor modification, 3 with major modification and 7 not supported. City Attorney’s Office prepared a Preliminary Legal Analysis for City Council Land Use & Housing Committee, which outlined several options for reorganizing the Community Planning Groups. LU&H took action on the group’s recommendations on December 5, 2019 and did not recognize or accept any of CPC’s proposed modifications. Individuals can address concerns to City Council representatives prior to consideration of the recommendations at a Public Hearing (to be scheduled).
 - Anyone who would like to see a spreadsheet put together by a representative from Councilmember Scott Sherman’s office can contact scottsherman@sandiego.gov for an electronic copy. The spreadsheet identifies which entities made which of the 30 recommendations.

Special Meeting of December 10, 2019:

- City staff recommended proposed language regarding allowable distance between marijuana dispensaries and sensitive receptors (e.g., schools and churches) as part of the 12th Land Development Code Update. CPC approved City staff’s proposals, with the recommendation of a “600 linear feet distance” requirement.
 - City staff presented the Housing Element Update, which consists of 6 goals and 19 objectives. CPC approved most of the goals as recommended by City staff - 3 goals were approved with amended objectives. Document is available for review on the City Planning Department’s website at planning@sandiego.gov
 - The EIR for the Housing Update will be sent to each Community Planning Group. Public hearings will occur January – March, 2020.
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- **Talmadge Maintenance Assessment District – Fred Lindahl**
 - No Update

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.