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General Meeting Minutes February 12, 2020

I. PARLIAMENTARY ITEMS

- The February 12, 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, Daniel Heller, Ken Horsley, Ari Isaak, Fred Lindahl, Darlene Love, Carolyn Satter, Deborah Sharpe, Lisa Sinclair, Don Taylor, Ralph Teyssier and Kelly Waggoner.
- **Board members not present:** Brian Helmich and Julian Villegas
- Fifteen (15) audience members signed in.
- **Agenda Modifications:** The KMAD report for Kensington Manor added. Potential candidate presentations added to Community Forum. Discussion of the YMCA/Price Charities 'Hold Harmless' agreement.
- **Approval of Agenda:** Approved unanimously.
- **Approval of Minutes:** The January 8, 2020 minutes were approved unanimously.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Account balance as of February 1, 2020 was \$441.61. PO Box reimbursement of \$154.00 has been received.

II. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT & COMMUNITY FORUM

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

■ Seven (7) handouts were distributed:

- Special Issue Newsletter – 2019 Accomplishments and Highlights
- January 10, 2020 Budget Priorities for Fiscal Year 2021
- The Peoples Business www.sandiego.gov/citycouncil/the-peoples-business
- MTS Elevate SD 2020 www.ElevateSD2020.com/webinar
- Free Smoke Alarms for Seniors www.smokealarm@burninstitute.org
- SD Franchise Fee Workshop www.sandiego.gov>event>fee-workshop-understanding
- Fair Housing Protections for Consumers www.sandiego.gov/fairhousing

For more information Sanna may be contacted at SLoando@sandiego.gov

■ Other District 9 Updates:

- The Rochester Road storm drain project has been completed. Re-landscaping is currently under way.
- Funding for the Aldine Drive storm water study has been requested.
- El Cajon Boulevard – ‘The Complete Boulevard’ traffic safety improvements have been requested for inclusion in the FY 2021 budget.
- Funding for the Kensington Heights circuit upgrade has also been requested.
- Talmadge traffic circle exclusion of pedestrians, and how it will be monitored and communicated via Public Works to the Maintenance Assessment District, is being determined.
- Fairmount Avenue roadwork is still scheduled to be done. Estimated time frame for the project is two to four months.
- Removal of burned trees in Talmadge canyon has begun.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT & COMMUNITY FORUM (continued)

- The following candidates made brief presentations:

Ross Naismith	City Council District 9	www.vote4Ross.com
Andrew Gade	City Council District 9	www.andrewgade.com
Johnny Lee Dang	City Council District 9	www.johnnyleedang.com
Sarah Davis	78 th Assembly District	www.sarahdavisstateassembly.com

- Concerns about micro-dorms vs. single family residences and ownership by investment groups were raised by an audience member. Kelly Waggoner commented that zoning laws do not restrict property ownership by investment groups. Don Taylor referred the audience member to Lisa Sinclair/Project Review for further discussion.

III. NON-SUBCOMMITTEE ITEMS

- From Don Taylor, as chair of the Elections subcommittee:
 - The 2020 KTPG election will be held at the March 11, 2020 general meeting.
 - Seven board positions 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.
 - Don called for any additions to the candidate list. Added were Ken Horsley and David Moty. Any candidate who is termed out must obtain a 2/3 vote and not be subject to opposition. (per KTPG bylaws page10, paragraph II and City Council Policy 600-24, Article III)
 - All Kensington and Talmadge residents (including renters), property owners and business owners are eligible to vote. Individuals 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.

NON-SUBCOMMITTEE ITEMS (continued)

- The following candidate's names will appear on the 2020 KTPG ballot:

Ken Horsley*
Daniele Laman
Fred Lindahl
David Moty
Lisa Sinclair
Ralph Teyssier
Kelly Waggonner

*Ken Horsley is termed out and will require a 2/3 vote, without opposition, to be elected.

- Any qualified person who wishes to become a candidate after February 12, 2020 will need to run as a write-in candidate.
- Don Taylor advised that YMCA/Price Charities are requiring that a 'hold harmless' agreement be signed by the chairperson of KTPG. Due to concerns about individual liability, Don has indicated he will not sign such an agreement in the absence of clear indemnification of Board members by the City. He noted that, without execution of the hold harmless agreement, KTPG meetings could be forced to relocate beyond the April 2020 meeting date.
- Don Taylor informed the Board that, as of February 12, 2020, Julian Villegas has accrued four non-consecutive absences and has been removed from the KTPG board per bylaws Article IV, Section 1. Julian's absence dates were verified by Bill Adair, Secretary.

IV. SUBCOMMITTEE ITEMS

- **Elections** – Chair: Don Taylor
 - Carolyn Satter was appointed to replace Kelly Waggonner on the Elections subcommittee. (Kelly will appear on the 2020 ballot).
- **Transportation** – Chair: Ken Horsley
 - No update
- **Monroe Avenue Transportation Corridor** – Chair: Brian Helmich
- **Communications** – Chair: Brian Helmich

(Ralph Teyssier reporting in Brian's absence)

Both subcommittees are planned to meet later this month. Each has been awaiting input from the City and the City has now provided that input.

SUBCOMMITTEE ITEMS (cont'd)

○ **Project Review** – Chair: Lisa Sinclair

- Lisa spoke about a micro-dorm/SFR property located near Euclid and Madison Avenues. Lisa described this as a speculative situation. Permits have been issued for a five- bedroom residence as well as a granny flat. The City will need to determine if the residence is in violation through the Code Enforcement process.
- Don stated this issue could be brought before the Project Review subcommittee at some point in the future.
- Kelly Waggoner recommended consulting with the College Area Planning Group.

○ **CIP & Planning** – Chair: Deborah Sharpe

- No meeting

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

- Bill read a proposed motion of support, forwarded to KTPG as written by HR subcommittee member Priscilla Berge. Bill then introduced Kensington resident and historian, Maggie McCann.
 - Ms. McCann presented historical and horticultural information about the approximately 37 pepper trees in the Kensington Park area. These trees are eligible for historic protection (as heritage trees) pursuant to City guidelines in Council Policy 900-19 (Public Tree Protection Policy). She described these pepper trees as a “defining feature of the neighborhood”. These trees are at least 110 years old and were probably stock from the historic horticulturist Kate Session’s nursery.
- Concerns from the Board included whether homeowner approval is needed with the historic concept and tree evaluation taking place prior to historic protection. Lawsuits currently pending prevent City input.
- Don Taylor expressed concerns about diseased trees and resultant liability not being addressed in the motion.
- Don proposed a friendly amendment to the motion to include language about “evaluation of the health of each individual tree”. Wording will be per Council Policy 900-19/Public Tree Protection Measures 8 & 9. The amended motion was seconded by Ken Horsley. **The vote to approve was 12 to 1, with Ari Isaak opposed.**

SUBCOMMITTEE ITEMS (cont'd)

- The final motion was as follows:
 - “That the Kensington Talmadge Planning Group (KTPG) send a letter to the City of San Diego’s Urban Forester, Brian Widener, in support of the Conserve-A-Tree Nomination for the more than 30 remaining California pepper trees located in the parkways of the original 1910 Kensington Park Subdivision for designation as Heritage Trees. This would provide protection to these historically-significant pepper trees, which are connected to the initial development of the Kensington Talmadge Community in the history of San Diego, California. This KTPG support includes using Council Policy 900-19 (Public Tree Protection) Section C (Measures Afforded Tree Protection Categories) subsections 8 and 9, which provides specific guidelines for annual inspection of the trees and how to address any concerns regarding damaged or diseased trees in an effort to preserve them.

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

- **Kensington MADS** – Chair: Don Taylor
 - Don moved for acceptance of the Kensington Manor MAD report. Seconded by Bill Adair. **The vote to approve was unanimous.**

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

V. KTPG LIAISON REPORTS

- **Community Planners Committee (CPC)** –Deborah Sharpe
 - Mara Elliot reported on her legal analysis of recommendations made to Land Use and Housing on recommendations governing planning groups input on projects.
 - Issues and options are expected to go to the City Council within the next couple of months.
 - Comments from individual planning groups need to be forwarded to the Council Representative in the District.
 - SDG&E representatives - renewal of the franchise agreement sunsets in 2021. This includes undergrounding of utilities. The last franchise agreement was for a 50-year term.

KTPG LIAISON REPORTS (cont'd)

Community Planners Committee (CPC) (cont'd)

- An unresolved issues matrix has been passed on to the SDG&E representative for review.

- **Talmadge Maintenance Assessment District – Fred Lindahl**
 - Talmadge traffic circle splitters - contract to be awarded this month and construction should begin in the next couple of months. A recommendation for contractors to do a monitor study of pedestrian activity as it relates to traffic has been made.

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM.