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Regular Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2022

PARLIAMENTARY ITEMS

Via a virtual meeting held via the Zoom software application, the meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman David Moty.

Board members present: David Moty, Brian Helmich, Ari Isaak, Carolyn Satter, Ralph Teyssier, Lisa Sinclair, Fred Lindahl, Daniele Laman

Board members not present: Roger Utt, Janessa Goldbeck, Paul Krueger, Ken Horsley, Melanie Irwin, Deborah Sharpe, Kelly Waggoner

Audience members signed in included: Vito Spano, Geoff Heuter, Steven Davis, Terrence Frey, Gustav Swanson, William Bamberger, Howard Greenstein, Don Stanziano, Priscilla Berge, Sean Harrison, Toni Duran (representing California State Senator Toni Atkins), Abby Reuter (representing County Supervisor Nathan Fletcher)

Approval of Agenda: Item IV-A (KMAD Subcommittee) was withdrawn from the agenda by David Moty. The agenda as modified was approved without objection.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes for the December 8, 2021, meeting were approved without objection.

Treasurer's Report: Lisa Sinclair reported that the bank account balance is \$237.61.

COMMUNITY FORUM AND NON-AGENDA COMMENT

Toni Duran from California State Senator Toni Atkins' staff and Abby Reuter from County Supervisor Nathan Fletcher's staff presented updates. Brett Weise and Julio Garcia from Council member Elo-Rivera's office submitted a written update, attached hereto as *Attachment A*, which was verbally summarized by Moty.

Toni Duran described two state programs now open for enrollment, subject to conditions: the \$1B California mortgage relief program, and the “California Dream for All” first-time home buyer assistance program. Responding to questions, it was not known to Duran what type of entities are participating as “collaborative co-buyers” under the “California Dream for All” program; an answer from the Senator’s staff will be forthcoming. Applying the State of California’s current large surplus to adequately fund historically underfunded commitments will be suggested to Senator Atkins to consider in negotiating and deciding the State’s next budget.

Abby Reuter is a newly reassigned representative in Supervisor Fletcher’s office and warned of scam Covid-19 testing sites within the County. Reuter noted that the County of San Diego operates six official testing locations, and that none ask for social security number or address information. On request all will provide license documentation and details of which laboratories process collected samples.

Daniele Laman expressed gratitude to City Transportation and Storm Water staff, who recently cleared a long-obstructed storm drain inlet moving water beneath Aldine Drive. Gustav Swanson inquired about City progress in approving the jointly requested realignment of the Kensington-Talmadge and College planning area boundary.

NON-SUBCOMMITTEE ITEMS

David Moty noted recent surges in Covid-19 transmission may necessarily delay KTPG’s planned return to conducting meetings in person at the Normal Heights Community Center. The Governor’s executive order suspending certain provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act concerning public access to meetings remains in effect, affording KTPG the option to continue meeting virtually via the Zoom software application. Brian Helmich made a motion, seconded by Daniele Laman, for KTPG to extend its period of meeting virtually via the Zoom software application for an additional three months, starting with the January 2022 meeting. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Steve Davis made a presentation on behalf of TreesKenTal, an organization recently established to stimulate community awareness, discussion, and action related to trees and environmental issues in the Kensington-Talmadge area. TreesKenTal will be holding a neighborhood Earth Day at Kensington Park event planned for Saturday, April 23. The event will include a youth engagement activity presented in cooperation with ArtFORM San Diego. TreesKenTal is actively seeking partners to better engage with area residents and plant more trees in Kensington and Talmadge.

David Moty updated the committee on potential changes to CP 600-24 including reimbursements, bank accounts, website, indemnification, board composition, and attendance requirements for voting and candidacy,

SUBCOMMITTEE ITEMS

Brian Helmich provided the Elections Report attached hereto and incorporated herein as *Attachment B*. The Elections Subcommittee will be meeting January 24.

KTPG LIAISON/COMMITTEE REPORT

A review of the previous month's recommendations to the Historic Resources Division noted a comment was made on the potential historic character of 4374 Adams Avenue.

Two other properties were not deemed historic:

4741-43 Winona Ave

4868 Vista Street

Deborah Sharpe was absent and there was no CPC report.

Caroline Satter reported budget recommendations have been approved for Kensington Heights, Kensington Manor, Kensington Park North, and Talmadge Park South MADs. Budget recommendation for the Talmadge Park North MAD will be considered at its January 24 meeting. Circuit 2 upgrade drawings have been received and return comment has been provided to the City.

Brian Helmich reported that there is no update from the TMAD board, which did not meet since our last board meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:07 p.m.

[Attachment A follows]

ATTACHMENT A

San Diego City Council District 9 Staff Report for January 12, 2022

Homes For All of Us

Mayor Gloria is bringing forward a policy proposal to the Land Use & Housing Committee on Thursday this week titled, “Homes for All of Us”. Included in this package of policies are changes that would

- (1) implement SB9, which requires cities to approve 2 homes on a single family lot and/or lot splits,
- (2) update requirements for ADUs proposed by Councilmember Elo-Rivera, including minimum setbacks on multi-story ADUs and additional development fees for ADU density bonus units,
- (3) update live/work home regulations, and additional changes. The Land Use & Housing Committee discussion will begin at 1:00pm Thursday, January 13th. The agenda and the meeting link to provide public comment can be found online at <https://onbase.sandiego.gov/OnBaseAgendaOnline/Meetings/ViewMeeting?id=4751&doctype=1>

Independent Budget Analyst

The City of San Diego’s Independent Budget Analyst (IBA), a crucial position that provides non-partisan and independent review of the City’s fiscal and budgetary policies & decisions, is now vacant after the departure of Andrea Tevlin, who was the first and only person to hold that position when it was created more than a decade ago. The City is in the process of searching for a new IBA, and Councilmember Elo-Rivera, as Council President, has created an ad-hoc committee among Councilmembers and retained a professional consultant to provide a transparent vetting process for candidates for this position. The City Council is working towards filling the position by Spring 2022.

Budget

The San Diego City Council District 9 office has now solicited more than 530 responses to our community budget survey, which will help inform our office of recommendations to make to the Mayor’s office on how next year’s budget should be shaped.

Key priorities for Kensington & Talmadge will include investments in street light repairs and grid improvements, brush management services, additional outreach & services for people experiencing homelessness, and funding to clean street debris & trash, among many others. Our budget priorities memo will be sent later this week, and can be provided publicly once the Independent Budget Analyst has compiled memos from all 9 Councilmembers.

Homelessness

Recent reports of homelessness, particularly on the SR-15 corridor, and especially near the Adams Avenue and Meade Avenue bridges, have prompted our office to coordinate with our street-based homeless outreach team to heighten our focus on these areas. Encampments have also been observed near park areas and on highly-trafficked corridors in Rolando, and we will be working with staff to provide shelter, services, and provide an appropriate and humane space for individuals to shelter that is not a street, sidewalk, alley, or park.

District Walk-Thru with Congresswomen Sara Jacobs

Last week CP Elo-Rivera and staff gave Congresswomen Sara Jacobs a tour of some of the Mid-City communities in District 9. We showed her around the College area, Talmadge and Kensington. The visit was meant to kick off a collaborative approach between both offices to funnel Federal funds to improve some of the infrastructure in those neighborhoods. Most importantly, we walked and drove the congresswomen through Euclid and Monroe, Aldine Drive and gave her a briefing on the stormwater and fire risk hazards along that corridor and adjacent canyons. Her office agreed to work with us on using some of the federal funds beyond street repairs and see if we can also focus some of those funds for fire risk mitigation and improving the stormwater drains along Aldine.

[End of *Attachment A*]
[*Attachment B* follows]

ATTACHMENT B

KTPG ELECTIONS REPORT – JANUARY 12, 2022

Pursuant to the Kensington-Talmadge Planning Group Bylaws, as approved by the San Diego City Council and City Attorney, and consistent with City of San Diego Council Policy 600-24:

General elections of Kensington-Talmadge Planning Group members shall be held annually during the month of March in accordance with the adopted Kensington-Talmadge Planning Group's election procedures.

Members of the Kensington-Talmadge Planning Group shall be elected to serve for fixed terms of two years with expiration dates during alternate years to provide continuity.

- Seven of KTPG's fifteen elected seats are expiring in March, 2022

The Kensington-Talmadge Planning Group holds its election at the March regular meeting location as noticed in the regular March meeting agenda. Voting shall be the first action item on the regular March meeting, which is typically scheduled for the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 P.M. Polls will be closed by 8:00 PM.

- In the event KTPG is unable to hold its regular March meeting in person, adopting an alternative plan for 2022 voting time(s) and/or location(s) may become necessary.

ELECTION SUBCOMMITTEE

The planning group's Election Subcommittee shall be established no later than January and shall begin soliciting eligible community members to become candidates.

- KTPG's 2022 Election Subcommittee was established at KTPG's December, 2021 regular meeting.

By the regular January monthly meeting, the Kensington-Talmadge Planning Group Chairperson shall appoint a minimum of three eligible members to the Election Subcommittee; at least two shall be current elected members, who will not be running for election; appoint one of these elected members as the Election Subcommittee Chairperson; and appoint a minimum of one eligible member, who will not run for election. There must be a majority of elected members on the subcommittee. These appointments are subject to a majority vote confirmation by the elected members by the regular January meeting.

- At KTPG's December, 2021 regular meeting, the following appointments were made and received majority vote confirmation:
 - Brian Helmich, elected member not running for election: appointed Chairperson
 - Ari Isaak, elected member not running for election
 - Vito Spano, eligible member not running for election

The Election Subcommittee shall report the names of the eligible members who have agreed to be candidates at the regular February meeting.

CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY

In accordance with Council Policy 600-24 “planning group members shall be elected by and from eligible members of the community,” and must be at least eighteen years of age, and affiliated with the community as a:

- a. property owner, who is an individual identified as the sole or partial owner of record, or their designee, of real property (either developed or undeveloped), within the community planning area, or
- b. resident, who is an individual whose primary address or residence is an address in the community planning area, or
- c. local business person, who is a local business or not-for-profit owner, operator, or designee at a non-residential real property address in the community planning area.”

In addition, to the above Council Policy 600-24 requirements, the Kensington-Talmadge Planning Group Bylaws require that an individual may become an eligible member of the community and demonstrate eligibility to vote by:

- a. documenting attendance to at least two meetings of the Kensington-Talmadge Planning Group from February 1 of the prior year to January 31 of the current year, inclusive, through attendance records held by the Kensington-Talmadge Planning Group Secretary and confirmed by the Election Subcommittee by the end of the February meeting prior to the March election; and
- b. submitting a Kensington-Talmadge Planning Group Registration Form to the Secretary, as shown in Exhibit B in the Kensington-Talmadge Planning Group Bylaws, herein; and
- c. providing one’s personal documentation, to be verified by the Election Subcommittee at every election.”

The deadline to qualify for candidacy in the March general election shall be prior to the February noticed regular or special meeting of the full planning group membership preceding the election.

At this time, the following twenty-three individuals who are not already serving non-expiring terms as KTPG elected members have been identified as meeting the two-meeting attendance requirement; **additional names may be added if attendance tonight results in meeting the attendance requirement:**

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| 1. Dawn Anderson | 12. Ken Horsley |
| 2. Ron Anderson | 13. Paul Jamason |
| 3. Jan Bart | 14. Daniele Laman |
| 4. William Bamberger | 15. Fred Lindahl |
| 5. Priscilla Berge | 16. David Moty |
| 6. Angeli Calinog | 17. Don Rosencrantz |
| 7. Norma Clark | 18. Lisa Sinclair |
| 8. Steven Davis | 19. Vito Spano |
| 9. Sean Elo-Rivera | 20. Gustav Swanson |
| 10. Daniel Heller | 21. Ralph Teyssier |
| 11. Geoff Heuter | 22. Kelly Waggonner |

The candidates must be present at the time of the election and state their willingness to serve. If not present, they must submit to the Kensington-Talmadge Planning Group Chairperson a statement in writing stating their willingness to serve and justifying their absence at the time of the election.

No person may serve on the planning group for more than eight consecutive years, without a break in service, unless and only if not enough new members are found to fill all vacant seats. If not enough new members are found to fill all vacant seats the planning group may retain some members who have already served for eight consecutive years to continue on the planning group without a break in service. If there are any candidates who have served eight or more consecutive years, the ballot will clearly indicate that those candidates must receive a two-thirds majority of the vote due to service beyond eight consecutive years of service.

- Currently elected members Ken Horsley and Kelly Waggonner will be completing eight consecutive years of service each upon conclusion of KTPG's March, 2022 regular meeting.

The Kensington-Talmadge Planning Group's policy related to write-in candidates is that write-in candidates are allowed if they are present at the time of the election and state their willingness to serve. If not present, they must submit to the Kensington-Talmadge Planning Group Chairperson a statement in writing stating their willingness to serve and justifying their absence at the time of the election. If it is later determined that the write-in candidate is ineligible, any vote cast for an ineligible write-in candidate is an invalid vote and will not be counted.

Development and promotion of "slates" of candidates is contrary to the intent of Council Policy 600-24 and is expressly prohibited by the Kensington-Talmadge Planning Group Bylaws, as approved by the San Diego City Council and City Attorney.