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Regular Meeting Minutes
March 9, 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, Ken Horsley, Ken Baer, Paul Krueger

Board members absent: Deborah Sharpe, Melanie Irwin, Roger Utt

Audience members signed in included: Councilmember Sean Elo-Rivera, Don Stanziano, Geoff Heuter, Mario Ingrassi, Gregory Stone, Don Rosencrantz, Kelly Verheyden, Brett Weise (representing Councilmember Sean Elo-Rivera), Francisco Peralta (representing Councilmember Sean Elo-Rivera)

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved without objection.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes for the February 9, 2022 meeting were approved without objection.

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

EXPANDED COMMUNITY FORUM:

Councilmember Sean Elo-Rivera offered comments and took questions from board members. The Councilmember stressed that his priority is making sure city government provides basic services, including fixing potholes and funding libraries. He said city residents must learn to "trust each other," and explained the city council's upcoming process for choosing a new Independent Budget Analyst. The Councilmember said homelessness and housing and the need to increase shelter beds are a "huge crisis" and one of his top priorities. He said compromises have been made on revisions to the city's Accessory Dwelling Unit ordinance, and that he's working with Assemblymember Chris Ward to "limit speculation" on single-family properties that are converted to multi-unit ADUs. He explained that the long delay in replacing broken street lights is due primarily

to a shortage of city electricians, a problem he said is caused by non-competitive city salaries.

Board members made numerous comments and asked several questions, including: concerns about the lack of complete descriptions on city council agenda items; affordability of ADUs; the need to remove palm trees from canyon areas before the start of fire season; concerns that “de-facto” upzoning of residential areas has made residential property less affordable; the lack of adequate public transit in the city’s Transit Priority Areas; the importance of a return to in-person meetings at city hall; concerns about fire hazards in canyons caused by homeless encampments; and the “sophomoric” form and content of the city’s recent infrastructure survey.

COMMUNITY FORUM:

Abbey Reuter from County Supervisor Nathan Fletcher’s staff submitted a written update on the Supervisor’s recent activities (attached). Brett Weise from the District 9 Council Office introduced the office’s new Talmadge area staffer, Francisco Peralta (Francisco.peralta@sandiego.gov). Geoff Hueter commented on the importance of jobs and economic development in District 9; Brett Weise agreed.

NON-AGENDA COMMENT: Daniele Laman noted that the House of Ukraine in Balboa Park is taking donations for that country.

SUBCOMMITTEE ITEMS:

A: Transportation

Action Item: The board approved by unanimous vote the recommendation of the Transportation subcommittee to support the City’s proposed removal of approximately eight parking spaces along the north side of El Cajon Blvd between Fairmount Ave and 43rd Street. That change, along with the newly-constructed right turn lane east of Fairmount Ave as a shared right turn lane and bus thruway, would provide improved access to the 43rd Street bus stop.

Information Item: The city has red-striped the curb in a portion of the west side of the 4400 block of Euclid Avenue, from Gems Coffee Shop south to the intersection of El Cajon Blvd.

B: Project Review:

The board heard basic information about the possible redevelopment of the corner lot at 4285 El Cajon Blvd., at 43rd Street. The owner told the Project Review committee about his plan for a swap meet/Farmer’s Market, as an interim use while he develops a long-term plan for the property.

KTPG LIAISON/COMMITTEE REPORT

Historic Resources Division 45 years review:

A review of the previous month's recommendations to the Historic Resources Division noted that three addresses were reviewed, none of which were determined to be individually historically significant.

Those addresses are:

4541-4547 Altadena Drive

4563 51st Street

4441 Menlo Drive

Community Planner Committee: A proposed change in the duties and make-up of Community Planning Groups was scheduled to be heard as an information item (600-84) on the city council's Land Use Committee agenda of March 10, 2022

Talmadge Maintenance Assessment District: Fred Lindahl reported that neighbors can see the work being done on the traffic calming project at 51st Street, Madison Ave., and Contour Blvd.

NON-SUBCOMMITTEE ITEMS:

Action Item: On a motion by David Moty, with a second by Daniele Laman, the board agreed to send a letter of support for the City's application to SANDAG for a Smarth Growth Incentive Program grant to fund a study to begin the update of the Mid-City Communities Plan. Fred Lindahl opposed the motion and David Moty abstained. Our letter of support will include a request that the City assure a central role for community planning groups in this process, recognition of the city's infrastructure deficit, the need to update the urban design aspect of the community plan, and acknowledgement of the need for locally-focused economic development in our community.

REPORT ON THE RESULTS OF THE ANNUAL KTPG BOARD ELECTION:

Brian Helmich, chair of the 2022 Elections Subcommittee, reported that 77 ballots were cast on March 5th and 9th.

The following seven candidates were elected to a two-year term, starting April 13, 2022:

Geoff Hueter: 61 votes

Daniele Laman: 53 votes

Fred Lindahl: 64 votes

David Moty: 69 votes

Lisa Sinclair: 65 votes

Vito Spano: 61 votes

Ralph Teyssier: 58 votes

Three other eligible residents received write-in votes:

Daniel Heller: 2 votes

Gustav Swanson: 2 votes

Ken Horsley: 1 vote

POSSIBLE AGENDA FOR THE NEXT OR FUTURE KTPG MEETING(S):

David Moty noted that our next or future meeting(s) might be held at the Normal Heights Rec Center, depending on COVID conditions.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:31 p.m.

Attachment:

From: Abbey Reuter, Office of County Supervisor Nathan Fletcher

To: KTPG Board

Re: Update from Supervisor Fletcher's Office

Chair Fletcher and other representatives recently held a press conference to announce 9 surplus land sites between the County and MTS that are available for affordable housing. The Board declared the land as surplus and available for housing during the March 1st Board of Supervisors meeting. They are encouraging affordable housing developers to reach out to them about these properties. The Board anticipates more County land will be declared surplus and be earmarked for affordable housing in the coming months.

Last year, the County began a new program staffed with 16 Mobile Crisis Response Teams (MCRT) to provide specialized care to those in need, instead of sending them to jail or an emergency room. Our MCRTs are available countywide and have helped hundreds of San Diegans. If you or a loved one are in need of help call for an MCRT at 888-724-7240.

On February 8th, the Board appropriated \$3,875,000 in state funding for a Microbusiness Grant program. The County will be able to administer 1550 grants to microbusinesses across the County. Applications are open until the end of March. For more information, go to this link: <https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/microbusinessgrant.html>

Please feel free to reach out to me at Abbey.Reuter@sdcounty.ca.gov or 619-531-4936.

