

Kensington- Talmadge Planning Group
October 12, 2022 Meeting Minutes

I **Parliamentary Items**

VIA ZOOM: meeting called to order at 6:40 pm by David Moty

Board members present: Moty, Helmich, Heuter, Baer, Lindahl, Isaak, Sinclair, Utt, Irwin, Laman, Spano, Sharpe, Kreuger, Satter, Teyssier

Audience present: Chuck Kaminski, Karen Pennix, Paul Loogan, Paul Jamason, Julie Hamilton, Gerard Schoelen, Peter Knappe, Priscilla Berge, Lucero Maganda, Don Rosenkrantz, Lucas Camberos, Naveed Harris, Priscilla Berge.

Approval of Minutes – Minutes from June meeting approved unanimously; Minutes from September meeting approved by all except Baer abstain (absent in September).

Treasurer's Report – \$237.61

II **Community Forum/Non-Agenda Public Comment**

Community Forum

Mayor's rep Lucero Maganda discussed: Coordinated outreach for homeless; minimum wage increase; updated planning group websites; Talmadge storm water study; short term rental request format; Zoom meetings expire after Dec 31, 2022; synchronization of El Cajon Blvd traffic lights; condition of El Cajon Blvd roadway; Transitional housing & health center updates; overall City traffic light synchronization to reduce emissions.

Supv. Fletcher's rep Lucas Camberos presented: Joint Summit Housing (County – City) to create 10,000 housing units by 2030; rental subsidy for elderly, paid to landlords – \$500 per month up to 18 months; Funds for workforce Behavioral Health; Budget Surplus – questions directed to Abbey Reuter. (Abby.Reuter@SDCounty.Ca.gov 619-531-4936.

D9 rep Naveed Haris (HarisN@SanDiego.gov) discussed: No Fault Eviction Moratorium expired Sep 30; City Budget: 650 submissions from residents requesting allocations for neighborhood projects; Multi-disciplined outreach team for homeless w/ most severe cases to be addressed first, depending on the individual in need; Community Planning Group new requirements

Non-Agenda Public Comment

Norma Dr. cell phone antennae: A suggestion was made for neighbors with concerns regarding the antennae's EMF signals to request Planning Commission and City Staff include an annual EMF check be built into the contract.

City ADU updates

In-person meetings slated to commence in Jan 2023

Request to remove dead trees & brush in Aldine Canyon wildfire site

Request to prune palms / remove palms in neighborhood canyons

Drag racing on Meade / Van Dyke after 10 pm: request to have City P.D. aware

Monroe / Aldine: request to have City street sweeping clear away debris / gravel collecting in the intersection

Get It Done reports needed for SDPD follow up

Concern re:tenant rents being raised now that COVID-era No Fault Eviction Moratorium expired

III **Non-subcommittee Items**

Mars Hotel Project in Normal Heights by Julie Hamilton, representing the 35th & Adams Subcommittee of the Normal Heights Community Development Committee. Presentation followed by Q&A. Comments included: project in wrong location for its size & design & not appropriate for Normal Heights when considering the adjacent properties; very small units with

little or no closets or parking; projects of this scale need to be on transit lines such as El Cajon Blvd; the project encroaches onto the sidewalks & public right of way; question from member of the public re: why this is on KenTal agenda; (NOTE: many more Kensington residents travel into Normal Heights daily than they travel into Talmadge); project will congest the neighborhood streets with cars since there is not adequate off-street parking & the reality is few, if any residents, will not have a vehicle in lieu of using mass transit exclusively; person favored it because project is similar to density of North Park; a member of the public favored it as student housing for SDSU. This presentation was informational only. Residents are encouraged to voice their opinions to City Planning. Since project is outside the Ken Tal Planning Group, no action was taken.

Action Item: Approve nominations of Karen Pennix to the Talmadge Park South MAD (KMAD) subcommittee; and Don Rosencrantz to the CIP & Policy, Project Review, Utility Undergrounding, and Kensington Heights MAD (KMAD) subcommittees. Motion by Moty, second by Helmich. Approved unanimously. (Note: Baer changed his ‘no’ votes to ‘yes’ votes).

Action Item: Approved reimbursement of \$14.00 to the Talmadge Community Association for copying a PO Box key for the use of the KTPG. Motion by Moty, second by Helmich, approved unanimously.

Information Item: KTPG may have to expend funds to change how our agenda is displayed at the Normal Heights Community Center. The Center says there are several groups that post documents and there is too much posted it is messy and confusing.

V **KTPG Liaison/Committee Reports**

a. Historic Resources Division 45 year review liaison – D. Moty

4636 East Talmadge Dr. recommended for Historic Report to the Historic Resources Division. 4522-26 52nd St, 4726 Kensington Dr., 4126 Palisades Rd. 4850 East Alder Rd., & 4727 Edgeware Rd: none of these homes are historic

b. Community Planners Committee – D. Sharpe

Meetings are the fourth (4th) Tuesday of each month, times and locations vary.

c. Talmadge Maintenance Assessment District – B. Helmich presented. Meets the fourth (4th) Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm (check talmadge.org for location; currently online via Zoom).

d. KMAD: Satter reported Kensington Heights #2 Series Circuit Upgrade will remove 56 existing streetlights that are original to the neighborhood. A total of 57 new decorative lights will be installed. Baer questioned why KMAD did not present to the neighborhood & was instead sent notice via mail by the City; requested a public meeting for all KMAD residents. Priscilla Berge shared the concern that all the lights in Kensington, which most residents consider historic and a link to the historical nature of Kensington, will eventually be removed & destroyed by the City under the guise of the lead-based paint removal on the poles & luminaires. The question is ‘what can be salvaged/saved’. Also: ‘what is the cost analysis to restore v. replace’; ‘what will this cost KMAD residents?’ and ‘where can we view a sample of the proposed replacement lights?’

VI **Next KTPG Meeting(s)** November 9, 2022

VII **Adjournment** – 8:11 p.m.