

Kensington Talmadge Planning Group  
January 11, 2023 Meeting Minutes

I **Parliamentary Items**

Via Zoom: meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Chair David Moty.

Board members present: Moty, Hueter, Baer, Lindahl, Sinclair, Spano, Satter, Irwin, Laman, Helmich, Utt, Sharpe, Teysier.

Board members absent: Krueger, Isaak

Members of the community & public present: Lisa Stone, Priscilla Berge, Louise Guarnotta, Bill Adair, David Roth, Don Stanziano, Bill Bamberger, Gail & Neil Wilson, Christopher Gris, Denise Padilla, Cheryl Sueing-Jones.

Adoption of the agenda & approval of December, 2022 meeting minutes approved without objection.

Treasurer's Report: \$142.98.

Meeting Format – Approval of Zoom meeting format due to public health emergency through Feb 28, 2023 motion Moty, 2<sup>nd</sup> Helmich, unanimously approved by Board.

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

**Community Forum –**

Mayor's office & Council District 9 office both absent from meeting.

Assemblyman Chris Ward representative Christopher Gris said Ward was appointed in December 2022 as Speaker Pro Tempore of the CA Assembly. New office locale on Adams (formerly Susan Davis's office). Ward is also Vice Chair of LGBTQ Legislative Caucus. New district for 78<sup>th</sup> Assembly still includes Kensington & Talmadge.

**Non-Agenda Public Comment**

Roger Utt and Lisa Sinclair noted that long-time Kensington resident Don Rosencrantz passed away. Don regularly attended KTPG meetings and participated as a committee member in several KTPG subcommittees over the years.

III **Subcommittee Items**

Elections. KTPG Election Subcommittee recommended that the 2023 KTPG Elections be held in accordance with the 2022 election rules, with the adoption of written candidate statements up to 200 words, to be posted on the website & available at polling places, and the possible addition of a 3<sup>rd</sup> polling place. Incidental expenses to be reimbursed upon KTPG Board approval.

Subcommittee motion was approved unanimously.

A total of 8 positions will be up for election. These terms expire out: Helmich, Baer, Irwin, Isaak, Krueger, Satter, Sharpe, Utt. It was noted that Sharpe is termed out and requires a 1-yr pause before qualifying to run again (2 years under the new council policy). Same day registration to vote will be allowed. To run, candidates must have attended two full board meetings of the KTPG 02/01/22 – 01/31/23; be 18 yrs or older; a resident, property owner or business / non-profit owner or operator within the KTPG boundaries.

**Action Item:** KMAD Chair’s report for December 30, 2022 which records the activity & actions of the 12/30/22 Kensington Heights MAD subcommittee meeting. Approved unanimously.

Action Item: the Kensington Heights MAD’s motion for the KTPG to request the following:

- That the work to replace/upgrade streetlight circuitry for Kensington Heights Circuit #2 proceed without delay, with new wiring to be terminated at or near the base of each existing streetlight. Streetlights can then be re-connected as poles and/or luminaires are restored or replaced.
- That the City amend the current Kensington Heights Circuit #2 Series Upgrade project, documenting compliance with CEQA’s call for “repair rather than replacement,” as stated in the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards. This is to comply with the Standard’s directive that “if deterioration requires replacement” any such replacements “shall match the old in design”. In the case of the Kensington Heights Circuit #2 Series Upgrade this would mean eight-sided luminaires incorporating new LED fixtures (but NOT new six-sided “similar” or “decorative” lanterns).
- That an inspection of existing Empire style street light poles and Lantern luminaires be conducted by Streetlight Restoration Specialists to determine the feasibility and cost of restoration of existing poles and/or luminaires, wherever possible. Where repair/restoration of original metal poles is found to be infeasible, the original historic luminaires should be retained and refurbished or restored – and re-mounted on new (historically accurate) poles.
- That recently installed Empire style poles and luminaires installed by the City, like the ones located at either 4126 Middlesex or 4322 Middlesex Drive with fixtures from South Coast Lighting should be retained and only updated to accommodate 2200 Kelvin LED where they do not already do so.
- That any streetlights documented as requiring replacement due to deterioration are replaced with fixtures consistent with those as referenced above which already closely match historic poles and luminaires.

*Board approved unanimously*

Presentation of this motion

Satter: The City confirmed the Kensington Heights #2 circuit upgrade is a \$1,488,850 capital improvement project for public safety. KMAD Kensington Heights will be charged \$91,685. For this project, 3 special benefit lights and 9 general benefit lights and 1 new install are covered by the KMAD. The existing street lights will be removed and demolished.

Discussion of this motion

Lisa Stone, Priscilla Berge, David Roth, Vito Spano, Ralph Tessier, Ken Baer, Brian Helmich, Deborah Sharpe, Geoff Hueter, Fred Lindahl, Lisa Sinclair, Don Stanziano, Dave Moty all contributed comments to this motion.

IV **KTPG Liaison/Committee Reports**

a. Historic Resources Division 45 year review liaison – D. Moty  
Review of previous month’s recommendations to the Historic Resources Division. The following houses were reviewed for historical significance:

4770 Norma Dr.

No comment as this is internal work only.

b. Community Planners Committee – no report (dark in December)

c. Talmadge Maintenance Assessment District – no report (dark in December)

d. Board Member updates regarding other groups/organizations relevant to the KTPG area.

Chair Moty: The Mid-City Planning Groups plan to form an update committee of the Chairs of the four Committees in April. Lynne Edwards is the new Eastern Area Chair.

V **Possible Agenda for the next or future KTPG Meeting Feb 8, 2023**

VI **Adjournment** – 8:20 pm