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Meeting Minutes November 13, 2023

(Due to a delay in reaching a quorum, the Community Forum was held prior to the Chair convening the meeting of the Board):

I. COMMUNITY FORUM

○ **Congresswoman Sara Jacob's Office – Michaela Castagnola**

- Ms. Castagnola updated us on Ms. Jacob's attendance at various Veteran's Day events in the area.
- Applications for internships with the offices of the 53rd Congressional district are open for both the San Diego and D.C. offices.

○ **District 9 Council Office – Sara Al-Agha**

- Ms. Al-Agha introduced herself as the new community liaison for Kensington
- Brian Helmich noted that Francisco Peralta, District 9 liaison for Talmadge, has not been present at recent meetings. Ms. Al-Agha was asked to update us on his status.

II. PARLIAMENTARY ITEMS

- David Moty, KTPG chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM.
- Board members present – Brian Helmich, Paul Krueger, Fred Lindahl, David Moty, David Roth, Ralph Teyssier, Paul Tourkin and Roger Utt
- Board members not present: Ken Baer, Geoff Hueter, Ari Isaak, Daniele Laman, Lisa Sinclair & Lisa Stone
- David Roth announced the resignation of Vito Spano from the KTPG Board and the Kensington Manor MAD subcommittee, effective November 12, 2023. The position on the Board will remain vacant until the 2024 election.

PARLIAMENTARY ITEMS (continued)

- Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved, without objection.
- Approval of Minutes: The meeting minutes for October 9, 2023 were approved, without objection.
- The Treasurer being absent, there was no treasurer’s report.
 - David Roth announced receipt of an anonymous \$800 donation intended to defray costs for securing a new meeting venue.

III. SUBCOMMITTEE ITEMS

○ BY-LAWS

- As an information item, the full draft of the proposed revision of the KTPG by-laws was read and reviewed with the Board – as well as items 4, 5 & 6 of the planning group recognition packet.

IV. NON-SUBCOMMITTEE ITEMS

○ Power San Diego – Carolina Montejo

- Power San Diego is a not-for-profit utility promoting an initiative to replace SDG&E as service provider in specific areas of San Diego. SDG&E electric rates are 60% higher than any other California utility provider and 200% higher than the national average.

○ Mid-City Community Plan Update – Alex Frost and Suchitra Lukes

- What is a Community Plan? Policies on land use, mobility, urban design, historical and cultural resources, etc. – to “achieve both city-wide and community-level goals”.
- The Mid-City plan was previously updated in 1984 and 1998.
- Mid-City encompasses approximately 10% of the City’s population. It is made up of Normal Heights (20%), City Heights (43%), Eastern Area (26%) and Kensington/Talmadge (11%).
- Timeline:
 - Dec 2023-May 2024 – Community Ideas
 - Jun-Dec 2024 – Community Validation
 - Jan-Jun 2025 – First Draft
 - Jul-Dec 2025 – Second Draft and Environmental Analysis
 - Jan-Jun 2026 – Adoption and Hearing Process
- Board Comments:
 - Please stop referring to apartment complexes as ADU’s.
 - Please stop referring to a “Housing Crisis” in San Diego. The crisis is affordable housing, which is not being addressed by any current initiative.

V. KTPG LIAISON REPORTS

- **CPC** – David Moty
 - CPC approved a letter expressing concern over the Planning Department’s March/April interaction with the Uptown Planning Group. The department did not work cooperatively with the planning group or provide them with an opportunity to express their position on the events in question.

- **Historic Resources** – David Roth
 - No Report

- **TMAD** – Brian Helmich
 - The November 28th TMAD budget meeting will be held at 6:30, probably in the Mid-City Police Station community room.

VI. OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

- California Assemblyman Chris Ward plans to attend the December 11th KTPG meeting.
- Agenda items for December will include formation of the elections subcommittee and a final vote on revision of the KTPG by-laws.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 PM