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## **Meeting Minutes**

### **April 15, 2024**

#### **I. PARLIAMENTARY ITEMS**

- With the 2024-2025 Board seated, the April 15, 2024 general meeting of the Kensington-Talmadge Planning Group was called to order by senior Board member, Brian Helmich, at 4:30 PM. (pursuant to KTPG bylaws, Article VII, Section 1)
  
- Board members present – Dawn Anderson, Ken Baer, Brian Helmich, Cameron Lindsay-Hewett, David Moty, Deborah Sharpe, Lisa Sinclair, Stella Stehly, Paul Tourkin and Roger Utt
  
- Board members not present: Cindy Collins, Ari Isaak, David Roth and Lisa Stone.
  
- Approval of Agenda: The Agenda was approved, without objection.
  
- Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the February 19, 2024 meeting were approved, without objection.
  
- Treasurer Lisa Sinclair reported a bank balance of \$1199.27 as of April 15, 2024.

## II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

**Chair** – David Moty volunteered to run for chair. With no other nominations from the floor, the vote to approve was unanimous. Brian Helmich relinquished the chair for the meeting and was replaced by David Moty.

**YES (10)** - Anderson, Baer, Helmich, Lindsay-Hewett, Moty, Sharpe, Sinclair, Stehly, Tourkin, Utt

**Vice-Chair** – Brian Helmich volunteered to run for vice-chair. With no other nominations from the floor, the vote to approve was unanimous.

**YES (10)** - Anderson, Baer, Helmich, Lindsay-Hewett, Moty, Sharpe, Sinclair, Stehly, Tourkin, Utt (**Unanimous**)

**Secretary** – David Roth (not present) had notified the Chair of his willingness to run for secretary. With no other nominations from the floor, the vote to approve was unanimous.

**YES (10)** - Anderson, Baer, Helmich, Lindsay-Hewett, Moty, Sharpe, Sinclair, Stehly, Tourkin, Utt (**Unanimous**)

**Treasurer** – Lisa Sinclair volunteered to run for treasurer. With no other nominations from the floor, the vote to approve was unanimous.

**YES (10)** - Anderson, Baer, Helmich, Lindsay-Hewett, Moty, Sharpe, Sinclair, Stehly, Tourkin, Utt (**Unanimous**)

## III. COMMUNITY FORUM & NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

- **Michaela Castagnola, representing Congresswoman Sara Jacobs:**
  - Announced that the Congresswoman has secured funding for \$13.5 million in projects to government entities and non-profits within District 51. She also spoke about other items of interest to the community.
- **Sara Al-Agha, representing San Diego City Council President Sean Elo-Rivera:**
  - Discussed various focus items for the Councilman such as crime, homelessness and conditions of local streets – with Biona Drive, Euclid/Monroe and Aldine Drive mentioned specifically.
  - In non-agenda public comment, community member Judy Harrington spoke about an upcoming fire safety workshop with the San Diego Fire Department, scheduled for June 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at Kensington Community Church.

## COMMUNITY FORUM & NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT (continued)

- In non-agenda public comment, community member Marlyn Gonzalez spoke about a community cleanup project, in conjunction with Hoover High School students, which will take place April 18<sup>th</sup> from 8 AM to 10 AM. She also said a ‘Coffee with the Cops’ meeting will be held at 10:00 on May 16<sup>th</sup>. Both activities will take place at Gem Coffee SD, 4412 Euclid Avenue.

## IV. 2024-2025 SUBCOMMITTEE FORMATION AND APPROVALS

*Note: Prior to the agenda items which follow, Marlyn Gonzalez was appointed to fill the vacancy on the Board created by the resignation of Paul Krueger. (Please refer to the first action item under Section V, below. Item 5A on the agenda.)*

### ○ ACTION ITEM – FORMATION OF AD-HOC SUBCOMMITTEES, CHAIRS AND MEMBERSHIP FOR 2024-2025

- David Moty submitted the following nominations of Board members to serve as subcommittee chairpersons and liaisons:

SUBCOMMITTEE	CHAIRPERSON
❖ CIP & Planning	David Moty
❖ Communications	Lisa Stone
❖ Historic Review	David Roth
❖ KMAD’s	David Roth
❖ Project Review	Roger Utt
❖ Transportation	Brian Helmich

**2024-2025 SUBCOMMITTEE FORMATION AND APPROVALS (continued)**

- David Moty submitted the following nominations of Board and community members to serve on subcommittees (in addition to the chairpersons listed above):

	<u><b>Board Members</b></u>	<u><b>Public Members</b></u>
▪ <b>CIP &amp; Planning</b>	Deborah Sharpe Roger Utt	Anar Salayev
▪ <b>Communications</b>	Brian Helmich	Jeanie Camp
▪ <b>Historic Resources</b>	Ken Baer Cameron Lindsay-Hewitt	Priscilla Berge Fred Lindahl
▪ <b>Project Review</b>	Dawn Anderson Cindy Collins Paul Tourkin	Ron Anderson Ari Isaak
▪ <b>Transportation</b>	Dawn Anderson Marlyn Gonzalez Stella Stehly	Ann Burnett-Troisi Anar Salayev Paul Tourkin

**Public Members**

▪ <b>KMAD - Kensington Heights</b>	Bill Adair Ken Baer Carolyn Satter	Deborah Sharpe Don Taylor Mike Tristani
▪ <b>KMAD - Kensington Manor</b>	Priscilla Berge	Lisa Stone
▪ <b>KMAD - Kensington Park North</b>	Gail Barnes	Gary Rosoff
▪ <b>KMAD - Talmadge Park North</b>	Bill Bamberger Judy Harrington	Terry Frey
▪ <b>KMAD - Talmadge Park South</b>	John Hileman	

**YES (11) - Anderson, Baer, Gonzalez, Helmich, Lindsay-Hewett, Moty, Sharpe, Sinclair, Stehly, Tourkin, Utt (Unanimous)**

## 2024-2025 SUBCOMMITTEE FORMATION AND APPROVALS (continued)

- **ACTION ITEM** – David Moty moved, and Brian Helmich seconded, to approve the Annual Report of the Kensington Talmadge Planning Group.

**YES (11)** - Anderson, Baer, Gonzalez, Helmich, Lindsay-Hewett, Moty, Sharpe, Sinclair, Stehly, Tourkin, Utt (**Unanimous**)

- **ACTION ITEM** – David Moty moved, and Paul Tourkin seconded, to approve Marlyn Gonzalez as an alternate to the Community Planners Committee.

**YES (11)** - Anderson, Baer, Gonzalez, Helmich, Lindsay-Hewett, Moty, Sharpe, Sinclair, Stehly, Tourkin, Utt (**Unanimous**)

- **ACTION ITEM** – David Moty moved, and Brian Helmich seconded, to name David Roth as the planning group’s liaison with the City’s Historic Resources Division for the 45 year review process.

**YES (11)** - Anderson, Baer, Gonzalez, Helmich, Lindsay-Hewett, Moty, Sharpe, Sinclair, Stehly, Tourkin, Utt (**Unanimous**)

- **ACTION ITEM** – David Moty moved, and Brian Helmich seconded, to approve David Moty as the Kensington Talmadge Planning Group’s representative to the Mid-City Communities Plan Update working group.

**YES (11)** - Anderson, Baer, Gonzalez, Helmich, Lindsay-Hewett, Moty, Sharpe, Sinclair, Stehly, Tourkin, Utt (**Unanimous**)

- Ken Baer volunteered to check KTPG’s PO Box, located at the Grantville post office.

## V. SUBCOMMITTEE AND NON- SUBCOMMITTEE ITEMS

- **ACTION ITEM** –David Moty nominated Marlyn Gonzalez to fill the unexpired term vacated by the recent resignation of Board member Paul Krueger. The term will end in April 2025. (Please refer to the note at the beginning of Section IV.)

**YES (11)** - Anderson, Baer, Gonzalez, Helmich, Lindsay-Hewett, Moty, Sharpe, Sinclair, Stehly, Tourkin, Utt (**Unanimous**)

## **SUBCOMMITTEE AND NON- SUBCOMMITTEE ITEMS (continued)**

- **ACTION ITEM** – David Moty moved, and Brian Helmich seconded, to approve the Kensington MAD Chair’s Report, which records the committee meeting of February 19, 2024.

**YES (11)** - Anderson, Baer, Gonzalez, Helmich, Lindsay-Hewett, Moty, Sharpe, Sinclair, Stehly, Tourkin, Utt (**Unanimous**)

- **ACTION ITEM** – Deborah Sharpe moved, and David Moty seconded, to authorize the KTPG treasurer to pay room rental fees for meeting space at Kensington Community Church on an ongoing basis over the course of the coming year, through March 31, 2025.

**YES (11)** - Anderson, Baer, Gonzalez, Helmich, Lindsay-Hewett, Moty, Sharpe, Sinclair, Stehly, Tourkin, Utt (**Unanimous**)

- **ACTION ITEM** – The Transportation subcommittee made a recommendation to support converting parking on the south end (the primarily commercial portion) of the 4400 block of Euclid Avenue to metered parking, with a two-hour limit, from 8 AM – 6 PM, Monday through Saturday.

- Following discussion, Deborah Sharpe moved, and Brian Helmich seconded, to amend the subcommittee’s motion to include a recommendation that the City reduce the number of proposed metered spaces and increase the number of green-zoned parking spaces. The motion to amend the subcommittee’s recommendation failed with a vote of 2–9.

**YES (2)** - Helmich, Sharpe

**NO (9)** - Anderson, Baer, Gonzalez, Lindsay-Hewett, Moty, Sinclair, Stehly, Tourkin, Utt

The Board then voted to approve the original, unamended recommendation of the Transportation subcommittee. The vote to approve the subcommittee’s recommendation failed with a vote of 5-6.

**YES (5)** – Baer, Gonzalez, Helmich, Moty, Tourkin

**NO (6)** – Anderson, Lindsay-Hewett, Sharpe, Sinclair, Stehly, Utt

- **ACTION ITEM** – The Transportation Committee made a recommendation to support language in the Council District 9 budget memo concerning El Cajon Boulevard bus-only lanes, to wit:

“The El Cajon Boulevard Rapid Bus Lane has been successful in decreasing commute times for MTS riders, slowing vehicles on a historically deadly corridor, and has not significantly impacted traffic flow. This project should be made permanent with red paint and extended to San Diego State University.”

## **SUBCOMMITTEE AND NON- SUBCOMMITTEE ITEMS (continued)**

Brian Helmich moved, and Ken Baer seconded, to amend the committee’s motion as follows:

“The El Cajon Boulevard Rapid Bus Lane has been successful in decreasing commute times for MTS riders, slowing vehicles on a historically deadly corridor, and has not significantly impacted traffic flow. This project should be made permanent with red paint.”

The motion to amend the subcommittee’s recommendation passed with a vote of 11-0.

**YES (11)** - Anderson, Baer, Gonzalez, Helmich, Lindsay-Hewett, Moty, Sharpe, Sinclair, Stehly, Tourkin, Utt

The Transportation Committee’s motion, as amended, passed with a vote of 11-0.

**YES (11)** - Anderson, Baer, Gonzalez, Helmich, Lindsay-Hewett, Moty, Sharpe, Sinclair, Stehly, Tourkin, Utt

- **INFORMATION ITEM** – City Planner Alex Frost provided an update on the Mid-City Communities Plan Update. He provided details on upcoming meetings and expectations of when data would be available. The first meeting of the working group selected by the City and their consultants will be April 24, 2024. A community workshop will be held May 18<sup>th</sup> at Hoover High School (pending approval) and the Existing Conditions report will be available in mid-May. Further engagement would occur in late summer, and the planning group can expect to see Mr. Frost approximately every four months. Mr. Frost mentioned the City’s intent to change the MHPA boundary to account for existing structures which the voter adopted MHPA boundary of 1992 didn’t account for.

There were questions about the quality of public engagement at previous “pop-up” events.

## **VI. KTPG LIAISON REPORTS**

- **CPC** – David Moty
  - David Moty reported that the City is considering amending Council Policy 600-24 to increase planning group’s ability to conduct online meetings.
- **Historic Resources** – David Moty
  - David Roth reported that 46 historical reviews were done in the past year and three were referred to Historic Resources Division for review.

## **KTPG LIAISON REPORTS**

- **TMAD** – Brian Helmich
  - No Report

**Meeting adjourned at 6:29 PM**