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## **Meeting Minutes June 17, 2024**

### **I. PARLIAMENTARY ITEMS**

- David Moty, KTPG chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.
  
- Board members present: Dawn Anderson, Cindy Collins, Marlyn Gonzalez, Brian Helmich, Cameron Lindsay-Hewett, Ari Isaak, David Moty, David Roth, Deborah Sharpe, Lisa Sinclair, Stella Stehly, Lisa Stone, Paul Tourkin and Roger Utt
  
- Board members not present: Ken Baer
  
- Approval of Agenda: The Agenda was approved, without objection.
  
- Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the April 15, 2024 meeting were approved, without objection.
  
- Treasurer Lisa Sinclair reported a bank balance of \$939.00 as of June 17, 2024. A request has been sent to the City detailing \$857.67 of expenses, for which the KTPG will receive the maximum \$500 reimbursement

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

- **Michaela Castagnola, representing Congresswoman Sara Jacobs:**
  - Michaela reported on legislation the Congresswoman is currently supporting with regard to student loans and disaster recovery. Also report on Memorial Day events in San Diego at which the Congresswoman was in attendance.
  
- **Sara Al-Agha, representing San Diego City Council President Sean Elo-Rivera:**
  - Sara distributed a flyer about the District 9 electronic newsletter and encouraged Board members to subscribe.
  - Sara also reported that re-painting of crosswalk markings will take place once slurry-sealing of streets is complete.
    - Brian Helmich informed Sara about an inoperative crossing signal at the corner of Altadena Avenue and El Cajon Boulevard. The lack of a working signal is creating a dangerous situation for pedestrians.
    - There were comments from the Board and the audience regarding the timing (and lack of) street improvements in the area, with particular emphasis on Aldine Drive. Sara distributed a fact sheet to the Board regarding City streets and alleys.
    - Brian Helmich pointed out that the City’s schedule for street improvements can be viewed at [streets.sandiego.gov](https://streets.sandiego.gov).
  
- In non-agenda public comment, audience member Mary Harmer spoke about a recent information session she attended, hosted by the California Legislative Black Caucus.

## III. SUBCOMMITTEE AND NON- SUBCOMMITTEE ITEMS

- **ACTION ITEM** –Following discussion, Brian Helmich moved, and Paul Tourkin seconded, to approve installation of one to two parking meters at 4820 and 4828 El Cajon Boulevard.

**The motion passed on a vote of 8 to 6.**

**YES (8)** - Collins, Gonzalez, Helmich, Isaak, Moty, Roth, Stone, Tourkin

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

## SUBCOMMITTEE AND NON- SUBCOMMITTEE ITEMS (continued)

- **ACTION ITEM** – David Moty moved, and Deborah Sharpe seconded, to amend certain sections of the KTPG Bylaws to permit future teleconferencing of meetings, to wit:

**Article V, Section 5, (2) Voting Location(s):**

*“Shall always include at least one in-person location, and shall . . .”* [remainder of section remains the same]

**Article VI, Section 2, (a) Meeting Procedures:**

*“The agenda shall also provide notice of the date, time, and location of the meeting, which may be conducted via teleconference, as provided by Sections 54953(b)(1) and (2) of the Brown Act. . . .”* [remainder of section remains the same]

**Community Participation Plan, change to Item #3:**

*“To increase and diversify participation in our regular CPG meetings, the KTPG may hold some meetings via teleconference and others in-person. When deciding to hold in-person meetings, hybrid meetings or fully teleconferenced meetings, the KTPG will carefully consider the unique needs of the Kensington-Talmadge community and the planning group’s capacity for reliable and robust technology. The KTPG will have online events...”* [remainder of section remains the same]

**The motion passed on a vote of 14 to 0. (Unanimous)**

**YES (14)** - Anderson, Collins, Gonzalez, Helmich, Isaak, Lindsay-Hewett, Moty, Roth, Sharpe, Sinclair, Stehly, Stone, Tourkin, Utt

- **ACTION ITEM** – Paul Tourkin moved, and Lisa Stone seconded, to approve annual expenditure of amounts not to exceed \$200 to facilitate teleconferencing of meetings.

**The motion passed on a vote of 14 to 0. (Unanimous)**

**YES (14)** - Anderson, Collins, Gonzalez, Helmich, Isaak, Lindsay-Hewett, Moty, Roth, Sharpe, Sinclair, Stehly, Stone, Tourkin, Utt

- **INFORMATION ITEM** – David Moty spoke about the recently published draft of the City’s *Existing Conditions Report*. During discussion, members pointed out certain errors in the published information. Lisa Stone will be attending a meeting of the Mid-City Communities Plan Working Group on June 26<sup>th</sup>, where further discussion will take place.

- **FUTURE AGENDA ITEM** – City Planner, Alex Stone, to make a full, in-person, presentation of the proposed Mid-City Communities Plan Update in August or September.

#### IV. KTPG LIAISON REPORTS

- **Community Planners Committee (CPC)** – David Moty
  - The CPC has submitted a request to the Grand Jury to investigate what appear to be inconsistencies in interpretation and application of regulations, contrary to published law. Examples include not enforcing short-term rental laws, interpreting City code in a way contrary to how a reasonable person would interpret it and ‘inventing’ regulations not authorized by existing law.
  - Two census tracts in southern Kensington/Talmadge have been identified as communities falling under the City’s new Environmental Justice element. If properly applied, they should score higher under Council Policy 800-14 for CIP prioritization.

- **Historic Resources 45-year review** – David Roth

Since the last report in mid-February, 21 properties have been reviewed. These include:

- Three Mills Act contracts (4609 Norma, 4126 Hilldale & 4321 Alder)
- Six garage conversions to ADU’s, including one adding a 2<sup>nd</sup> story (4855 Winona). (4859 Lucille, 4365 Argos, 4620 Biona Dr, 4686 Biona Dr, 4365 Argos)
- Demolition of a 1940s-era home in Talmadge, due to deterioration of its foundation. (4865 Lorraine) “The building design will match the previously proposed renovation”.
- An unspecified remodel/addition to a single-family residence in Talmadge, resubmitted and now pending. (5023 Collier)

- **TMAD** – Brian Helmich

- At a meeting on May 28<sup>th</sup>, ten (10) lamp posts were identified as candidates for refinishing, due to deterioration of the finish (fading black to grey).
- There was discussion about placing signage in the area to recognize the recent designation of Talmadge Park Estates as a National Historic District.
- Discussion about placement of solar lights in alleys south of Monroe in Talmadge.
- Damage to the historic gates by large trucks at the Euclid/Monroe intersection on the west side, south of Monroe. Mitigation to prevent future damage is being considered.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM**