

KENSINGTON TALMADGE PLANNING GROUP
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 9, 2008

A regular meeting of Kensington Talmadge Planning Group (KTPG) was called to order by Chair Tom Hebrank on July 9, 2008 at 6:40pm in the Normal Heights Community Center located at 4649 Hawley Blvd., San Diego, CA 92116.

Members present: Robert Coffin, Gail Greer, Tom Hebrank, Sherry Hopwood, David Moty, Guy Hanford, Jeri Dilno, Shauna Pribyl, Deborah Sharpe, and Jonathan Tibbitts.

Members absent: Clinton Kisner, John Garrison, Carl Davis, and Dave Pfeifer.

Also present: Nicholaus Norvell, April Chesebro, Fred Lindhal, Allard Jansen, and numerous members of the public.

MODIFICATIONS TO AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded to amend the current agenda to include approval of the June 2008 minutes in lieu of the April 2008 minutes.

MINUTES

After a motion made by J. Tibbitts and seconded by S. Hopwood, the May 14, 2008 minutes were approved by a vote of 8-0-2.

After a motion made by J. Tibbitts and seconded by D. Moty, the June 11, 2008 minutes were approved with changes by a vote of 9-0-1.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer, S. Hopwood, presented the June 2008 Treasurer's Report. There is \$581.48 in the KTPG account. During the month of June 2008, receipts consisted of \$20.00 donations and disbursements consisted of \$29.97 paid to Cox Communications.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Various members of the public were present and conveyed the following:

- I. T. Adam – Inquired about the status of the Kensington sign. A. Chesebro responded stating that Community Association is refunding monies to those who ask for the refund.
- II. D. Rosencrantz – Requests that KTPG list the names of board members on the agenda. Asked who maintains the 411 Kensington website as it is difficult to read. Noted that the city's website is also incorrect. He was delighted that the board has begun to use name cards on the table.
- III. R. Riebli – Mentioned that he hasn't received a call from the police regarding vagrants in the trash. A recommendation is made to put information on the annual magnets provided by the City of San Diego.
- IV. C. Kaminski – Recommends that meeting minutes be posted at library and on website.
- V. W. Murphy – Requests that the City of San Diego surface Monroe St. he has sent a number of emails to A Chesebro and remains displeased with the results. Copies of the emails were provided to the board.
- VI. N. Casady – She is the general manager of People's Food in Ocean Beach. People's Food wants to put a second location in mid-city. N. Casady was sent by People's Food to determine if the community wants a 2nd store in the area. The company is looking at this area because the Ocean Beach store has a large number of existing members who reside in this area. People's Food does not permit night-time deliveries; however, deliveries start at 6am. The company is a green business. People's Organic Foods Market is located at 4765 Voltaire Street in San Diego 92107. N. Casady can be reached at 619/224-1387 or at www.obpeoplesfood.com.
- VII. R. Utt – Wants to reserve the time for general issues.
- VIII. B. Coffin – Anyone from the biking community?
- IX. S. Pribyl – Explains changes at the sign-in table.
- X. D. Moty – Explains an incident with Talmadge patrol. At about 1:15am the Talmadge Patrol noticed two youths breaking into a car. SDPD found the two youths and noticed a number of items stolen from both Kensington and Talmadge. Residents of Kensington and Talmadge who have recently been subject to theft should contact the police at 619/453-8268 to recover personal effects.

CITY/GOVERNMENT INFORMATION ITEMS

- I. **Susan Davis, US Congressional District 53** – On behalf of Congressperson Davis, N. Norvell made the following comments:
 - a. There are several S. Davis hosted events during August congressional recess.
 - i. Water forum on 8/11/08 at 5:30p at USD Peace & Justice
 - ii. Grants workshop on 8/12/08 at noon at the Pacific Beach Library Taylor Branch
 - iii. Small business workshop on 8/12/08 at 1pm at the Mission Valley Branch Library
 - iv. Housing clinic on 8/12/08 at 5:30pm at City Heights Center. Call the district at 619/280-5353 to RSVP to this event.
 - b. Took questions from the community
 - i. A question arose regarding the water district cutbacks and a recommendation was made that the water district not penalize people who have already cut back. A request was made to mention the recommendation at the water forum.
- II. **Toni Atkins, City Councilmember District 3** – On behalf of Councilmember Atkins, A. Chesebro distributed *The Toni Times*, June 2008. In addition, A. Chesebro made the following comments:
 - c. Mayor vetoed sections of the recent budget but not the ones that T. Atkins supports.
 - d. There is a story in the current newsletter regarding Talmadge gates.
 - e. A recommendation was made to read the flyer insert regarding electronic recycling.
 - f. The pride event in Hillcrest will be held on July 19th and 20th.
 - g. After no questions were made by the public A. Chesebro closed her presentation.
- III. **City Planning Office** – On behalf of the City Planning Office, M. Pangilinan was not present.

NON-COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS

- I. **Filing Board Vacancies** – C. Bilmeyer resigned from the Board in June 2008. The chair, T. Hebrank did not offer any nominations to complete the balance of C. Bilmeyer's position.
- II. **Subcommittee assignments.** After a motion made by T. Hebrank and seconded by J. Tibbits the motion unanimously passes to appoint G. Hanford to the Transportation & Safety Subcommittee. It is noted that two openings for public participation exist in the Neighborhood Facilities & Historical Resources Subcommittee. Nobody from the public volunteers for the open positions.

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- III. Future meetings.** Chair T. Hebrank explains that the board is typically dark one month every year. The chair explains that in the past the board has been dark in August. The current board must decide a) if it would like to be dark one month of the year and b) if the board would like to be dark, then what month will be dark. The board opens the topic for discussion. A discussion ensued and it is determined that the August meeting will be held and the board will table going dark in December 2008.
- IV. Website.** It is explained that Kensington Talmadge Business Association (KTBA) controls the 411 Kensington website. G. Hanford is Vice President of the KTBA and he will talk to KTBA about teaching him how to post. The communications committee is working on acquiring funds for creation of a KTPG website. It is mentioned that San Diego Backyard has free websites and a website must be advertised to be effective.

NON- SUBCOMMITTEE INFORMATION ITEMS

- I. Aldine Drive Slope Stabilization.** The presentation has been tabled and it will be held in August.

SUBCOMMITTEE AGENDAS

- I. Neighborhood Facilities & Historical Resources Subcommittee (NFHRS) –**
- a. Non-Agenda Public Items:
 - i. A person at Starbucks ran into the Subcommittee Chair, S. Hopwood to complain about ½ block where the City of San Diego is repairing a sidewalk with asphalt on Monroe between Marlborough and Edgeware.
 - ii. The public requested an update on pillar research and their historical significance. The committee is continuing to research the pillars.
 - iii. The Friends of the Library came to two subcommittee meetings in June 2008 requesting time to present their library expansion. Hopwood will discuss a joint meeting between NFHRS and PRS with D. Pfiefer so the Friends of the Library may make one presentation.
 - b. Action Items: None.
 - c. Information Items:
 - i. The subcommittee would like the board to allow Ron May to come and speak for ½ hour at September KTPG meeting. A discussion ensues. There is a concern about providing a captive audience to a Ron May since he makes his living with archeology and historic preservation consulting. It is recommended that a member of the City of SD Historical Resource Board co-present to mitigate the

potential for a conflict of interest. The board decides to tentatively add a presentation from Ron May to the September 2008 agenda at 8pm. The NFHRS will research whether or not it's a violation of any federal and state laws or city policies to invite a for-profit entity to present for a city planning committee.

ii. The next NFHRS meeting will be held on July 23, 2008 at 6pm.

II. Project Review Subcommittee (PRS) –

a. Non-Agenda Public Items:

- i. The Friends of the Library came to the June 2008 meeting requesting time to present their library expansion on July 23, 2008.
- ii. It was announced that The Canterbury Easement (PTS #102063) as shown on the PRS Project Tracking Sheet was heard and approved City Council on 11/20/07 and recorded on 12/07/07. No further action is required of the KTPG.
- iii. The next meeting of the KTPG Project Review Subcommittee will be held on June 23, 2008 at 6:30pm.

b. Action Items: None.

c. Information Items:

- i. Aldine Drive Slope Restoration Project: Tabled for further discussion at the July 23, 2008 meeting.
- ii. T-Mobile – Johnson Residence: Tabled for further discussion and information to be presented at the July 23, 2008 meeting.

IV. Transportation & Safety Subcommittee (TSS) –

a. Non-Agenda Public Items:

- i. The subcommittee is looking for the maps from the December 2007 traffic workshop.
- ii. The bike coalition has been working on the inclusion of a bicycle lane on Aldine Drive and will put someone in contact with B. Coffin.
- iii. It is noted that funds for the creation of a bike lane on Aldine Drive is included in the mid-city financing plan.
- iv. A member of the public states his belief that city staff is requesting a bike lane and a side walk with the Aldine Slope Stabilization project. On a different topic, it is requested that the TSS look into elimination of the carpool lane at the I-15 north entrance from Adams Avenue.
- v. It is requested that the intersection of 47th and Monroe be addressed by the KTPG and added to the July 23, 2008 TSS agenda.

b. Action Items:

- i. Incorporating a bike lane as part of the Aldine Drive slope stabilization project. Upon a motion made by B. Coffin and seconded by J. Tibbits it is requested that the City of San Diego

provide the KTPG TSS with feasibility study regarding the construction of and inclusion of a class 2 in a bike lane into the Aldine Drive Slope Restoration project given the three alternative retaining walls being reviewed. The TSS wants to reassure themselves that the city has adequately reviewed the topic before ruling out a bike lane. D. Moty amends the main motion to also include a request that the applicant tell KTPG what it would cost to design and build the bike lane later and if it would even be feasible building it later as opposed to building it at the time of construction of the Aldine slope stabilization wall. The motion passes with a vote of 10-0-0.

- c. Information Items:
 - i. The committee is requesting the traffic flow impairment from Edgeware to I-15 be added as an action item to the next agenda.
 - ii. It was noted that the crosswalks at the intersection of Marlborough and Adams need to be restriped. A. Jansen presents the board with pictures of the current condition of the road. On behalf of TSS, A. Jansen is working with A. Chesebro to begin communications with the City of San Diego regarding the restriping.
 - iii. It is noted that the walk lights at the intersection of Marlborough and Adams need adjustment. The pedestrian signal does not currently provide pedestrians enough time to cross the street. The committee is requesting the pedestrian signal be added as an action item to the next agenda.

V. Membership, By-Laws & Communications Subcommittee (MBCS) –

- a. Non-Agenda Public Items: None.
- b. Action Items: None.
- c. Information Items:
 - i. Communication Strategies: The subcommittee is in the fact-finding stage of trying to implement the following means to communicate:
 - 1. Kiosks, e-blasts, a KTPG website, a-frame signs for the night of the monthly meeting, etc.
 - 2. Researching applying for a grant from County Supervisor Ron Roberts. Finding that an existing grant has been given to Kensington the County is hesitant to provide the community with another grant.
 - ii. The subcommittee has appointed a four person task force to review and comment on the 2008 Administrative Guidelines for the KTPG Community Planning Chairs (CPC) members.

I. KTPG Liaison Committee Reports

- a. Talmadge Maintenance Assessment District (TMAD) is presented by F. Lindhal:

- i. The TMAD is revamping their master plan to operate as non-profit. It is sending out petitions to make this alteration.
 - ii. Work is being done on the traffic calming circle.
 - iii. Tree trimming is occurring within the community.
 - iv. A newsletter is to be distributed in August.
 - v. A request is made to have the TMAD provide feedback about placing a Kiosk in the traffic circle. Is it feasible since the circle is a historical site? If it is feasible, then where in the circle can it go?
 - vi. The TMAD meets on the 4th Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm.
- b. Community Planners Committee (CPC) presented by T. Hebrank:
 - i. The CPC discussed the City's indemnification ordinance. CPC wants members to be indemnified through conviction and the city attorney does not. MADs and citizens who are members of the planning group subcommittees are not covered by the indemnification ordinance.
 - ii. The land code was addressed and the Kensington Sign came up during the conversation. The City is reviewing what constitutes a process 1 application.
 - iii. Ocean Beach Planning Committee announced that it voted against a condo conversion because the project did not positively alter the community.
- c. City Heights Redevelopment PAC (CHRPAC) presented by F. Lindhal:
 - i. The recent meeting had an Aquatic Adventure presentation. The group is asking for money to do an educational program to go into a canyon and rehabilitate.
 - ii. As outlined in the Toni Times, the City Heights Farmers' Market has been successful. The City Heights Farmers' Market is one of the 1st farmers' markets that accept EBT cards.
 - iii. Price Charities wants to put a mixed use project on the old Albertsons site between 43rd, Fairmont, and University Ave.
 - iv. The CHRPAC received a presentation from a group that try's to help low-income persons purchase homes. The group is currently trying to figure out how to help people who are being foreclosed to protect their home.
- d. SR15 Bus Route presented by F. Lindhal:
 - i. The committee is reviewing four drawings that detail how a bus route can be included on the SR15. The next meeting is 8/12/08 at 6:30pm at 3910 University Avenue. The projected schedule for creating the bus route is 2010.
- e. City of San Diego Underground Conversion Project: No presentation.

ADJOURNMENT

- I. **Agenda for the next KTPG meeting.**
- a. Board member G. Greer requests that the board review the City of San Diego's current 300 foot noticing policy and whether or not that policy is consistent with the "city of villages" concept and relevant in Kensington.
 - b. A public request is made for the board to research and locate the Eastern boundary of the KTPG.
 - c. A member of the public requests that City Staff come to an upcoming meeting and explain zoning designation for various lots within the community.
 - d. A member of the public requests that the committee review the height restrictions in Uptown and why there was not a representative of the KTPG at the city council meeting.
- II. **The meeting of the KTPG adjourns at 9:04pm. The next meeting will be held at 6:30pm on August 13, 2008 at the Normal Heights Community Center.**

Submitted by, Shauna Pribyl, KTPG Secretary on August 13, 2008.

I, Shauna Pribyl, am the Secretary of the Kensington Talmadge Planning Group and hereby certify that that these minutes were approved by the Kensington Talmadge Planning Group on August 13, 2008.



Shauna Pribyl, Secretary

9-28-08

Date