

# KenTal Planning Group Minutes 2009-04-08

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## Introduction of new board members

### Changes to Agenda:

Tom Hebrank – split Communications and By-Laws

David Moty – move to approve

Sherry Hopwood – seconded

Motion passed unanimously.

## No minutes from the March meeting.

## Treasurers report

Starting balance = 782.77

Donations from first Land Use Workshop + 17.00 March  
donations = 36.00

Wrote check to Pam Hubbell for communications related to  
land use workshop - 66.46  
New balance = 769.31

### **Public comment**

Pam Hubbell – last month during public comment, I made a comment about the library expansion and the tree designation. I have been asked to point out publically that my husband is the architect for that project so my family does have an interest in the project.

### **City, State, Federal Representatives**

Dion Akers – Todd Gloria's office

Had lunch with Tom Hebrank a couple of weeks ago. I will try to remain very accessible. Monday Todd Gloria and some other city council members sat down with the project manager for the City Undergrounding Project. There has been some discussion about utility boxes overhanging into sidewalks, which could pose a hazard. The staff seemed very receptive to looking out for those problems. However, the project is so large that there are a lot of sub-contractors involved. They recommended that I let the community know that they can call the community hotline 619-533-3841 if they notice any problems.

### **Water:**

If your house is using less than 4,500 gallons per month your house will not be asked to conserve any more.

### **Hoover High:**

There has been controversy about the plan to add stadium lights at Hoover High. The school district is proposing to make some concessions including to limit to know more than 50 events per year. Todd Gloria's office has asked for something in writing describing the concessions.

This Saturday 12:30 – 2p – coffee with Todd at Kensington Cafe

Undergrounding:  
Bob Coffin – we have had a lot of this work done in Talmadge already and it has not gone very well. Can we have something like a community forum to discuss this?  
Dion Akers – I can mention that to them, but

David Moty – the boxes are simply too big for our old-style standard-size sidewalks. Can they make them smaller?  
Reiterated that the boxes pose a trip and fall hazard, and it will be a problem for the entire 3<sup>rd</sup> District. The neighborhoods will need the weight of the city behind them if they are to have any impact on SDG&E.

Priscilla Berge – Please mention to them that the color of the concrete can be tinted to match our existing historic concrete. There is no reason for the cuts and new concrete to stand out so conspicuously.

Roger Utt – It is possible to use underground transformers.

Dion Akers – It is my understanding that the underground transformers are not allowed in this city because of the risk. This is why they are raised on a platform, to avoid water seepage.

Roger Utt – that is wrong.

Dion Akers – I'm not an expert but that is what staff tells me.

David Pfeifer – In hindsight, the most restricted portion is the electrical, then the telephone pedestals and Cox cable pedestals, then there will be some concrete covers with handholds, flush into the ground. Don't be afraid to ask them to move the telephone and cable boxes. These can be moved. They have less flexibility with the electrical.

Daniele Laman – Most of the street lights in Talmadge are out.

**Election of officers:**

In the report from the Election subcommittee (presented before the meeting by e-mail from Jonathan Tibbits to the KTPG elected members, and read aloud by Tom Hebrank) the members interested in running for office are:

- Chair: Tom Hebrank
- Vice-Chair: David Moty
- Secretary: Shauna Pribyl
- Treasurer (in alphabetical order): Bob Coffin and Sherry Hopwood

Bob Coffin elected to withdraw from consideration as Treasurer.

**Bob Coffin offered a motion to elect:**

- Chair: Tom Hebrank
- Vice-Chair: David Moty
- Secretary: Shauna Pribyl
- Treasurer: Sherry Hopwood

**Seconded by John Garrison  
Approved unanimously**

**Subcommittees:**

**By-Laws – 90 day ad hoc**

**Some things that might need to be changed:**

- Election subcommittee previously had the role of nominating officers, but per the by-laws they are disbanded 24 hours after the election.
- The Treasurer has no ability to pay bills.

**Up to 6 board members on each subcommittee. Members of the public must be one less than the number of the board members.**

**Subcommittee chairs will need to solicit board members first in order to see how many people we have, then get public members**

**Project Review – Tom Adam**

**Trans / Safety – Bob Coffin**

**Neighborhood Facilities & Historical Resources – Tom Hoyt**

**Bob Coffin – Moved to approve Tom Hebrank motion of subcommittee chairs**

**David Moty – Seconded**

**Project Review**  
Tom Adam - Chair  
Daniele Laman  
Fred Lindahl  
David Moty  
John Garrison  
Sherry Hopwood  
Dick Bart  
Maggie McCann  
Roger Utt  
Celia Conover  
Room for 1 more

**Transportation and Safety**

Bob Coffin – believes that the subcommittee will become more active in the Undergrounding project. Also possibly unified fire safety.

Bob Coffin – Chair

Guy Hanford

Kevin Kelly

Tom Hoyt

Gail Greer

John Tilman

Roger Utt

Wayne Murphy

**Communications**

John Garrison - Chair

Frank Doft

Bob Coffin

Gail Greer  
Jeanie Camp  
Pam Hubbell

**Neighborhood Facilities and Historical Resources**

Tom Hoyt – Chair

Sherry Hopwood

Jeri Dilno

Fred Lindahl

Daniele Laman

Guy Hanford

Deborah Sharpe

Roger Utt

Gretchen Pattengill

Celia Conover

Maggie McCann

**By-laws**

David Moty

**Would like to keep it small. Would like to meet more often than monthly due to temporary nature.**

Shauna Pribyl

Jeri Dilno

John Garrison

Bob Coffin – motion to approve

Jeri Dilno– second

Approved unanimously

Bob Coffin – nominated Tom Hebrank as liaison (with Guy Hanford as backup) to Kensington 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

Bob Coffin – Update on Aldine Drive Project will not begin construction until 2010 and will take about 6 months. Forward progress has been tied up in design and redesign; multiple agencies involved: city, county, federal. Plan to close Aldine, I believe, for the entire time of construction (6-8 months). Traffic will be redirected onto Van Dyke.

Bob Coffin received a letter (which is posted on the website) and also spoke personally with Michael Handal – Project Manager, Right of Way Design Division, City of San Diego (619-533-7588) says that the daily trips redirected to Van Dyke will be more like 1,000 compared to the 5,000 the community expects. Also, the buses may end up taking a different route rather than Van Dyke. Also a question about who will be responsible for maintaining the vegetation on the slope / wall. He is talking about possibly forming a maintenance assessment district. I invited him to a meeting and he says he would like to come in May or June.

Daniele Laman – where did they get the 5,000 or 1,000 number? Bob Coffin - Michael Handal said he was picking up the 5,000 number from the people calling him from Van Dyke. He is getting 1,000 from the city estimates.

Daniele Laman – what was the actual traffic count 3-4 years ago when there was a detour for sewer line going down the



middle of Aldine. They did do traffic counts during that detour.

David Pfeifer – I don't think they will necessarily have to close all of Aldine Drive. I think they may be able to make it 1-way. Maybe 1-way out in the morning and in during the evening.

Bob Coffin – he didn't say for sure it would have to be closed for the entire time, but he did say it would have to be closed during the laying of the footing at least. He emphasized they only have 39 feet to work with. He really seemed to say not to count on it being open.

John Garrison – gave a report on the Land Use Workshop series. The next one will be April 23<sup>rd</sup> (Thursday) here are the church. We will see if we can get consensus on any issues or if there are other action items to take.

Daniele Laman – Report on Hoover High School lights  
15<sup>th</sup> April – Hoover High Library – 6:00pm.  
29<sup>th</sup> April – another meeting

Fred Lindahl- Talmadge Maintenance Assessment District report.

Tom Hebrank – CPC – approved chapters in the community plan preparation manual.

Fred Lindahl – City Heights Redevelopment. –

- Mid-city tower 4757 University (at Reno Drive) – April 20<sup>th</sup> 10:00pm – ceremony to dedicate the work.
- PAC – working on their 4<sup>th</sup> implementation plan, not necessarily making a priority of any given area, but have different areas like neighborhood character and park improvements. This sort of makes a basic guideline for the future. (E.g. housing foreclosure program, neighborhood enhancement projects to a park or making a gateway, installing bus seating areas that are shading, sidewalk cleaning, etc.). It is recognized as one of the best in the City of San Diego. Will meet on Monday and will go over the draft one last time before forwarding to the city.

Subcommittees will meet 2 weeks from today.

Tom Adam – Project Review does not need to meet, due to Land Use Workshop the next day.

Tom Hebrank – actually there is a project that has been requested; a project on Canterbury.

Roger Utt – do we have the assessment letter? If not, no point to meet on it.

Tom Hebrank – the city says we do have everything, I haven't read through the packet yet.

Tom Hebrank – one year ago we did do Charters for committees, so I recommend the committees look that over and see if there are any changes.

David Moty – would like to move to have a discussion of subcommittee meeting times.

Daniele Laman – second

Tom Hebrank – Let's just make that part of the agenda item we already have for tonight.

David Moty – then I withdraw my motion.

Sherry Hopwood – would like to suggest the Historical Resources group meet 30 minutes earlier – 5:30 pm start time.

Project Review – 6:30 pm

Transportation and Safety – 7:00 pm

Membership & Communications – 7:30 pm

Tom Hebrank – basically agendas need to come to me by the off-week, including telling us that there will be no meeting.

**May Agenda items:**

- Garage project on Canterbury – coming from Project Review
- Sherry Hopwood – I have had a lot of people asking me about the Kensington sign and what can be done about it.
  - o Tom Hebrank – let's add it to the agenda for next month as a Information item

David Moty – if you have a Bylaws issue to address, please e-mail it to me for consideration by the subcommittee.

COW – Community Orientation Workshop – Sat May 2<sup>nd</sup> at  
8:15am. 9192 Topaz Way.

**Adjournment**

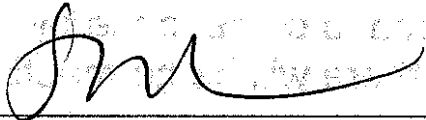
Sherry Hopwood – motion to adjourn

Bob Coffin – seconded

Approved unanimously.

Minutes Submitted by, John Garrison, on May 13, 2009.

I, Shauna Pribyl, am the Secretary of the Kensington Talmadge Planning Group and I hereby certify that that these minutes were approved by the Kensington Talmadge Planning Group on 6-2, 2009.



Shauna Pribyl, Secretary

6-2-09  
Date