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Regular Meeting Minutes July 12, 2017

I. PARLIAMENTARY ITEMS

- The July 12, 2017 meeting of the Kensington-Talmadge Planning Group was called to order by Chairman Don Taylor at 6:30 PM.
- Board members present - Bill Adair, Ron Anderson, Travis Fawcett, Sean Harrison, Daniele Laman, Darlene Love, David Moty, Bonnie New, Ann Pease, Marilyn Sanderson, Elvia Sandoval, Deborah Sharpe, Don Taylor and Kelly Waggoner.
- Board Members not present: Ken Horsley.
- There were twenty-six (26) audience members who signed in.
- Approval of Agenda: This evening's agenda was **unanimously approved**.
- Approval of Minutes: Two changes to the June 14th minutes were noted by Secretary Bill Adair:
 - Attendance by Ken Horsley at the June 14th meeting had been omitted on the original draft and was subsequently added to list of board member attendees at the meeting.
 - Bottom of page #2, item #1, changed from Affordable Dwelling Unit to Accessory Dwelling Unit.
- Noting these amendments, the minutes of the June 14, 2017 KTPG General Meeting were **unanimously approved**.
- Treasurer's Report:
 - Treasurer Darlene Love reported a bank balance of \$288.61 as of July 1, 2017.
 - KTPG has credit balance of approximately \$112.00 at the UPS Store.

II. COMMUNITY FORUM & NON-AGENDA COMMENT

○ **Matt Yagyagan, representing Councilmember Georgette Gomez:**

- Councilmember Gomez has been working with the City's Traffic Department to implement better synchronization of traffic signals along El Cajon Boulevard. This work is projected for completion by September 2017. Sean Harrison requested that information on the scope of this project be made available to KTPG.
- A sign stating 'Between the hours of 6- 9 AM' is to be posted in addition to the 'No Turn Right on Red' sign at the intersection of westbound Adams Avenue and I-15 North, adjacent to the new SANDAG Bike Path entrance. (The new sign was subsequently installed Friday morning, July 14th.)
- A Monroe Bikeway survey, asking for written feedback, was conducted by Councilmember Gomez' office and the results are being consolidated. The survey will provide community input for the projected project as it progresses through future planning stages.
- The San Diego LGBTQ Pride Parade is Saturday, July 15th. Councilmember Gomez and her staff will be marching, along with representatives from Councilmembers Chris Ward (District 3) and David Alvarez (District 8). Please contact Matt Yagyagan via email (georgettegomez@sandiego.gov) or telephone (619) 533-5897 if you would like to march in the parade with Councilmember Gomez' contingent.

○ **Javier Gomez, representing Assemblyman Todd Gloria:**

- Bills Passed: AB187 - Political Reform Act of 1974/Local ballot measure contribution and expenditure reporting (Public right to know) and AB607 - Community Resiliency and Disaster Preparedness Act of 2017
 - SB2 is a senate bill which provides financial funding for affordable housing, co-authored by Assemblyman Gloria. It would provide \$10M to address homeless populations, with \$1M going directly to the San Diego area.
- Kelly Waggonner noted that funding has been cut significantly for local area courts. This has resulted in the closing of many courtrooms in San Diego, which can most negatively affect lower income groups. One example noted was the cost of court reporting, which now falls on the litigant. If they are not able to afford this service, it could impact future decisions in their case. Ms. Waggonner requested that Mr. Gomez convey these concerns to Assemblyman Gloria.

III. NON- SUBCOMMITTEE ITEMS

- SANDAG presentation: GO by BIKE San Diego
 - Daniel Veeh, Associate Planner - SANDAG
 - Leo Espelet, Traffic Engineer - Kimley-Horn & Associates

 - Handout – 1 page, illustrating proposed island at 47th Street & Monroe Avenue
 - PowerPoint presentation: GO by BIKE San Diego

- Mr. Veeh announced that a public open house will be held Thursday, August 10th, from 6:45 to 8:00 PM in the Hoover High School cafeteria. (The open house was subsequently postponed.)

- Scope of presentation: Proposed changes on/around Monroe Avenue, between Aldine Drive and 48th Street due to planned Monroe Avenue bike path.

- **Concerns raised by KTPG Board members:**
 - Will Euclid & Monroe storm water drainage issues be addressed?
 - Design may create an average 30 second delay (at minimum) per vehicle due to activation of the Hawk sign.
 - This is a thoroughfare through an historical neighborhood.
 - The 47th Street & Monroe intersection is unsafe due to left-hand turns from 47th Street onto Monroe.
 - Heavier traffic flow from south to north may impede overall design flow.
 - Loss of parking necessary to accommodate proposed design. The presenter was unable to say how many parking spaces would be lost under the plan. He noted that some have already been removed by the City.
 - Concern that the Hawk crossing will be under-utilized, potentially causing dysfunctional behavior by motorists and bicycle riders.
 - Storm water issues should be included in the project funding for the benefit of the neighborhood.
 - This intersection is designed for 6K trips per day and is currently estimated to be running at about 22K.
 - Excessive cost of the crossing beacon. Lower cost beacon options could be used.
 - For bike riders, this plan may require a complete stop just before cycling up a significant incline. When there is little traffic, bicyclists will cross without activating the HAWK, and where there is high traffic, bicyclists will continue to use the south side sidewalks as they do now.

NON- SUBCOMMITTEE ITEM(S) - continued

- **Public Comment** (Eleven public comment forms were submitted):
 - Public support was voiced in favor of SANDAG's bike path planning program. Support was focused on the creation of safe pathways for all.
 - The planned blinking Hawk light, and solid red/amber signal lights, could be confusing for drivers.
 - Concern that the planned roundabout is concrete rather than an area which could be landscaped.
 - Diversion of traffic onto adjacent streets may create unsafe conditions elsewhere in the neighborhood.
 - Traffic queuing would create a safety hazard in the area.
 - Current traffic during the morning commute period is bumper to bumper. The plan will make this problem even worse.

Following discussion, **David Moty moved as follows:**

The KTPG board is in support of the overall plan, subject to the following recommendations and revisions:

The KPTG Board opposes the HAWK, but supports facilitating safe crossing for pedestrians and bicyclists. We also strongly request changes be incorporated to address 47th Street cross traffic and to control automotive traffic entering the Euclid – Monroe traffic circle, particularly from the south side.

The motion was seconded by Sean Harrison.

Voting in favor: Ron Anderson, Travis Fawcett, Sean Harrison, Darlene Love, David Moty, Bonnie New, Ann Pease, Marilyn Sanderson, Don Taylor and Kelly Waggonner.

Opposed: Bill Adair, Daniele Laman, Deborah Sharpe and Elvia Sandoval.

The motion passed with a vote of 9/4.

IV. SUBCOMMITTEE ITEMS

- **Transportation** – Chair: Sean Harrison
 - Discussed changes to parking at Winona & Madison
- **CIP** - Chair: David Moty
 - CIP voted on a priority list which will be brought forward in August.
- **Project Review** – Chair: Ann Pease
 - Lease renewal for communications tower at 4030 Terrace Court
 - Mark Linman, representing Crown Castle, distributed photographs of antennae towers camouflaged as faux vegetation.
 - Ann Pease deferred to subcommittee member Deborah Sharpe for comment. Deborah reported that, because they did not have a copy of the City’s assessment letter, the committee declined to make a recommendation for approval or disapproval at the subcommittee meeting.
 - Having since received additional information from the City and Crown Castle (through Mark Linman), **Deborah Sharpe moved to support renewal of the lease at 4030 Terrace Court, with the following comments:**
 - The existing property owner, who receives no benefit from the installation or lease, shall be considered part of the ‘public’ in terms of visual impact mitigation. Such mitigation should also occur on the north side of the facility.
 - Due to the designation of a high fire severity zone at the installation site, ensure that all building materials and brush management meet fire safety requirements within the leasehold, as determined by the local jurisdiction’s regulations.

The motion was seconded by Sean Harrison.

Voting in Favor: Bill Adair, Ron Anderson, Travis Fawcett, Sean Harrison, Darlene Love, David Moty, Bonnie New, Ann Pease, Marilyn Sanderson, Elvia Sandoval, Deborah Sharpe, Don Taylor and Kelly Waggonner.

Opposed: Daniele Laman

The motion passed with a vote of 13/1.

- **Communications** – Chair: Travis Fawcett
 - Will update Agendas & Minutes on the website

SUBCOMMITTEE ITEMS – continued

- **Kensington MAD's** – Chair: Don Taylor
 - There will be a KMAD presentation at the August KTPG meeting.
- **Utility Undergrounding** – Chair: Sean Harrison
 - Met with Paul Sirois, City Park & Rec/Open Space & MAD's to discuss formation of a Kensington Park South MAD.

V. KTPG LIAISON REPORTS

- **Historic Resources** – Bill Adair
 - 4284 Adams Avenue, 92116 Does Not Meet Criterion C
 - 4884 Marlborough Drive, 92116 Meets C, possibly A
 - 5010 Kensington Drive, 92116 Strong C
 - 4665 Marlborough Drive, 92116 Meets C
 - 4685 Altadena Avenue, 92115 Meets C
 - 4320 North Talmadge Drive, 92116 Does not meet C (per HRB)
 - 4715 Miracle Drive, 92115 Does Not Qualify (per HRB)

Criterion C – embodies distinctive characteristics of style, type, period or method of construction, or is a valuable example of the use of indigenous materials or craftsmanship.

Criterion A – reflects community's archaeological, cultural, social, economic, aesthetic, engineering, landscaping or architectural development.

- **CPC** – David Moty
 - Master Storm Water plan presented to CPC. Advised significant concern in other neighborhoods which came out of SGLU.
 - Code Meeting Team. In the second half of the year we should see 1.) The 11th update to the Land Development Code, 2.) Park equivalencies and 3.) Commercial flexibilities in mixed use projects and affordable density uses because of State law.
 - College Area BID Meeting - David Moty gave a tour of Kensington & Talmadge to a restaurant broker and commented on locations for restaurants in the Kensington/Talmadge area.
- **TMAD** – Kelly Waggoner
 - All bulb-outs are installed, but not currently marked.
 - Electrical work is pending.

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 PM