

Kensington Talmadge Planning Group
Kensington Maintenance Assessment District
Meeting Minutes November 4, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Tom Hebrank at 6:40 in the conference room at KCC

Attendees: Tom Hebrank, Allan Frostrom, Tom Adam, David Moty, Louise Guarnotta, Bob Coffin, Guy Hanford. Absent: Jonathan Tibbits, Maggie McCann

Guests: Fred Lindahl, Priscilla Berge, Ralph Ribali, George Diefenthal

Public Comments: Ralph Ribali distributed the 2010 Assessment Engineer's Report for Street Light maintenance in District #1.

Talmadge residents George Diefenthal, Fred Lindahl and David Moty, who were involved in the formation of TMAD spoke to us about their experiences. Some of the highlights and suggestions:

- It took them 18 months
- It passed with 52% of the overall vote; 67% of homeowners supported it
- They included items such as traffic calming circle, 1,000 trees added, 250 new lights, 4 sets of gates, replacement lights/globes
- Our current lighting district should be incorporated into the new district
- Induction lights are low energy and white, rather than orange
- Talmadge.org has their master plan on the website. Should we use it as a template or guide?
- Put everything in our Master Plan. If it's not in the Plan, we can't do it. So we should go even beyond what we have now in case we want to do something in the future
- The only way to amend a MAD plan is with another vote
- Our contractors must be bonded and eligible to work with the City
- Zones can have different assessment amounts
- MAD can be self-managed, city-managed or a hybrid
- Of 57 existing MADs, only 8 are self-managed
- The management fee is 5% of the total revenue
- MAD can pay the difference between "City standard" and desired standard
- Residents should be surveyed ahead of time – include "how much are you willing to pay for the following"

Voting:

- When doing the petition drive, we must visit every household that says they don't have a ballot
- The ballot should include how much the assessment will be, who manages the MAD (us/City), what will be done (be sure the engineer's report include what we want)

Priscilla Berge and David Moty did a Power Point presentation on the various lights in Kensington followed by a discussion of our lighting options

NEXT MEETING: DECEMBER 2 at 6:30

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,
Louise Guarnotta, Acting Secretary