

Kensington-Talmadge Planning Group



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PARLIAMENTARY ITEMS

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

A regular meeting of the Kensington Talmadge Planning Group (KTPG) was called to order by KTPG chair David Moty on April 13, 2011 at 6:33 in the Franklin Elementary Auditorium (4481 Copeland Ave., San Diego, CA, 92116). The minutes were recorded by Acting KTPG Secretary John M. Garrison.

Members present at the start of the meeting: David Moty, Frank Doft, Fred Lindahl, Gail Greer, Guy Hanford, John M. Garrison, Kevin Kelly, Sean Harrison, Sherry Hopwood, Pam Hubbell, Ann Pease, Keith Roudebush Elvia Sandoval

Members absent at the start of the meeting: Bob Coffin, Daniele Laman (Daniele Laman joined within the first 15 minutes of the meeting.)

Also present: Bruce Coons (from Save Our Heritage Organization - SOHO) , Daniel Hazard (Senior Community Representative for Susan A. Davis, Member of Congress, 53rd District, California), Ben Zeiger (from Assembly Member Marty Block’s Office), Dion Akers (from the office of City Council Member Todd Gloria) and approximately 15 members of the public

MODIFICATIONS TO AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA (ADDITIONS / DELETIONS TO AGENDA)

A motion to approve the agenda with no changes was made by Frank Doft and seconded by Sherry Hopwood. The motion was approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING(S)

David Moty asked if anyone had any objections to approval of the April, 2011 minutes. Hearing none, he declared that the minutes were approved.

TREASURER’S REPORT – REPORT FROM PRIOR MONTH



Starting Balance: April 1, 2011 - \$567.13

Income

None

Expenditures:

Check #3098 to SDUSD for meeting hall rental 1 year - \$120.00

Total Disbursements \$120.00

Ending Balance: \$447.13

COMMUNITY FORUM / NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

Wayne Murphy said he hopes KTPG will get an update from the City on the constructions plans for the Aldine Slope Restoration Project and ask them for a construction schedule and other pertinent information that can then be posted on the KTPG web site.

Ben Zeigler provided an update from the office of Assembly Member Marty Block.

Daniele Laman asked Dion if there was a community representative present at the Aldine Slope Restoration construction planning meeting. He answered that he did not think there was, and that normally there would not be for that sort of meeting.

Sean Harrison said that earlier in the day he was contacted by the City about Aldine Drive and he will be speaking on that later.

NON-SUBCOMMITTEE ITEMS

PRESENTATION OF THE TOM BAUMANN AWARD

This scheduled agenda item did not occur.

INFORMATION ITEM: SHARROWS

Jim Baross – gave a presentation explaining the “Sharrows” that have been recently painted on some streets in the neighborhood. These symbols are designed to remind motorists that bicyclists will be sharing the road.

PRESENTATION FROM BRUCE COONS OF SOHO

Bruce Coons gave a presentation from SOHO (Save Our Heritage Organization) related to Balboa Park and the plan to create turn the plaza into pedestrian only. SOHO supports a version of the “Precise Plan”, which has been considered the plan of record for many years. They are opposed to the “Jacobs Plan” which has been proposed



more recently. The Jacobs plan would create a bypass that would require modification of the bridge into Balboa Park and would introduce a new road element into the sight-lines of the parks historic buildings.

KTPG took no action, but several members said they would like to see a proposal from proponents of the Jabobs plan and then perhaps would be in a position to support one plan or another.

ACTION ITEM: CITY COUNCIL REDISTRICTING

Keith Roudebush – It seems mandatory to keep original communities in-tact as the first criteria, and only break them up if you absolutely have to. I saw a round-table recently where the support for that was 10 to 1, so hopefully the word is getting out on that and we can reinforce it.

John M. Garrison made a motion:

KTPG desires that Kensington and Talmadge are kept together in the same City Council district and that our communities are kept wholly in-tact, including all the areas currently included in our community plan boundaries. Furthermore, we prefer to remain combined with areas to the West and South of us. We authorize David Moty to speak on our behalf on the topic of redistricting .

Keith Roudebush seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

John M. Garrison, noting that the planning group was nearing the end of the scheduled meeting time, made a motion to extend the meeting by 15 minutes. Keith seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEM: 45-YEAR LIASON NOMINATION

KTPG chair David Moty nominated Stephanie Glazer to be the new KTPG representative to the Historic Resources Board. In this capacity she would be on the mailing list to learn about planned changes to buildings that are 45-years old or older. KTPG asks that Stephanie send KTPG a written report each month summarizing her activities, or stating that there were no properties to review. Sherry Hopwood seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

John M. Garrison thanked Margaret B. McCann for serving in this capacity previously. He also noted that any community member can get on the mailing list to learn about such properties, and that any member of the public is also able to comment.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP AND COMMUNICATION

None

TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY

Sean Harrison – reported that Fred Lindahl was elected Vice-Chair / Secretary of the Transportation and Safety subcommittee.



ACTION ITEM: REQUEST THE CITY NOT RE-STRIPE MARLBOROUGH DRIVE

Sean Harrison – The City is holding off on repainting the yellow stripe in the center of Marlborough and Kensington drives.

Fred Lindahl – in Talmadge, North of Monroe, going up Euclid Avenue, we had a similar discussion about striping. When we were evaluating Madison and Euclid, one of the ideas that came about was the removal of the center stripe, and also adding bike lanes on both sides, which caused traffic to move more towards the center. The theory was that if you had stripes you were in a designated space and it was safe to speed. Removing the stripes removed a false sense of security.

Sean Harrison – one of the City’s thoughts on striping was that the traffic count does not mandate having the stripes.

Gail Greer – I’ve noticed less traffic on Marlborough, which means that traffic is going out to other streets that do not have lights.

Don Taylor – with the stripes removed, I spent a lot of time having to wave people out of my lane because people seem to want to take their half out of the center. I do think that whatever you do on Marlborough, you should do the same thing on Kensington. That helps keep the traffic count balanced between the two streets. Marlborough goes both North and South of Adams and I think the striping should be the same on both sides.

Don Rosencranz – I have a different perspective because I lived here before the streets were striped and I was surprised that they were wasting money striping the road. But then I remember a foggy night right after that, where the only way I got home was following the stripe.

Jan Bart – It doesn’t seem well-thought-out to me. It seems like we are trying to create country lanes and these are not country lanes. We need a designated space to drive.

Joan Fitzsimons – many years ago KTPG took this up and the City brought their traffic counts and there were too many cars to allow no stripes, so it was striped.

George-Diefenthal - I can’t speak to what people felt about the changes we did in Talmadge, but we did do a traffic study before and 6-months after, and the difference in speed was zero.

Keith Roudebush – I think we should go back to the City Traffic Engineers and ask them about the entire situation on the street.

Daniele Laman - maybe not the double-yellow line, but a single dashed white stripe maybe

David Moty – Euclid was a wide street, and I think the benefit we were trying to get there wouldn’t apply to Marlborough, which is a narrow street.

Guy Hanford – I agree with David’s point

Pam Hubbell – I think the first couple of blocks are a special challenge because of all the cars parked there on both sides of the road. I do agree we need the striping because we need some sense of order to stay inside what little space you have now.



Kevin Kelly – I don't think we can do it because that implies permit to pass(referring to the comment made by Daniele Laman)

Elvia Sandoval – I think we need to take into account the traffic situation. I think the lines give motorists some sense of where they are supposed to be driving, even if most of the time they are not driving where they should be.

Sean Harrison – I move we put center striping into place on both Marlborough and Kensington. Keith Roudebush seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

PROJECT REVIEW

Ann Pease – We met and elected John M. Garrison as Vice Chair / Secretary

We had two items on the agenda, the Public Right-of-Way Enhancement Program (PROW) and further discussion of the Copley YMCA site. We selected a group of items that we had planned to bring back to this meeting for discussion. We had thought that the PROW might be adopted right after the first of May, but it turns out that it is on hold indefinitely due to funding.

UNDERGROUNDING

INFORMATION ITEM: ESTABLISHMENT OF UNDERGROUNDING TASK FORCE

David Moty - At the CPC, Don Taylor gave a presentation from our Undergrounding Subcommittee. It covered many points, such as boxes being placed in sidewalks, the difference in the number and placement of boxes in Talmadge vs. Mission Hills, refusal of the utilities to embrace newer technologies or address any of the problems that the boxes cause. Bob Coffin was there and believes that a form of the wireless-ordinance, which he is involved with, may point to a possible path forward.

One of the interesting comments was from a representative from Scripps Ranch. She said that they work great with the utilities and that they accommodate them very well. She was shocked at how differently some of the older neighborhoods are being treated.

The proposal was for a city-wide task force to address the issue. We asked that it be put on the agenda for Land Use and Housing and that the city deal with it as a city-wide issue. The vote was 26-0-0.

KTPG LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

TMAD – Fred Lindahl – We discussed the possibility of new trees to be planted around Hoover High to help block objectionable light from the proposed new lighting at the athletic fields. The lights for Zone2 in Talmadge are going to be worked on under a “sole source” agreement because there is one particular vendor with the history and expertise to do the necessary work.

City Heights Redevelopment – Fred Lindahl – we have not met for several months but we did meet this past month. We worked on the budget, which is \$35 million. \$7.1 million was paid to our local schools.



AGENDA FOR THE NEXT KTPG MEETING

David Moty asked the KTPG to put forth suggestions on topics that should be covered at the next KTPG meeting:

- Update on Utility Undergrounding, possibly with a slide show
- We might have an update on Aldine Slope Restoration
- We need to discuss whether to go dark in July or August. Also, we can't meet here in July or August, so we would need to figure out what to do for a meeting place if we do meet.

ADJOURNMENT

Dave Moty adjourned the meeting at 8:48pm.