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Regular Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2013

Parliamentary Items:

A regular meeting of the Kensington-Talmadge Planning Group was called to order by the most senior continuously serving member of the board, David Moty at 6:30 pm.

Members present at the start of the meeting: Bob Coffin, Frank Doft, Guy Hanford, Sean Harrison, Sherry Hopwood, Ken Horsley, Daniele Laman, Richard Lesser, Fred Lindahl, David Moty, Ann Pease, Keith Roudebush, Don Taylor, Kelly Waggoner. Absent: John Garrison.

Also present were Daniel Hazard from Congresswoman Davis' Office, Chris Pearson from Councilmember Marti Emerald's office, and proximately 30 members of the public.

Approval of Agenda: David Moty asked if there were any objections or modifications to the agenda. Hearing none, the agenda was approved.

Approval of Minutes: David Moty asked if there were any revisions to the minutes of March, 2013. Hearing none, the minutes were approved as tendered.

Community Forum:

Daniel Hazard presented informational news and updates from Congresswoman Davis' office. Information was general in nature with details available in the newsletter handouts or online. Chris Pearson presented informational news and updates from Council member Emerald's office. Information was general in nature with details available in the newsletter handouts or online.

Non-Agenda Public Comment:

No record was kept of non-agenda public comment at this meeting.

Action Item: Officer Elections

Chair: David Moty put his name forward as a candidate for Chair. Hearing no other names, a vote was called and David Moty was elected unanimously.

Vice-Chair: Bob Coffin put his name forward as a candidate for Vice-Chair. Hearing no other names, a vote was called and Bob Coffin was elected unanimously.

Secretary: Frank Doft stated that he had received an email from John M. Garrison asking that his name be put forward for Secretary in his absence. Hearing no other names, a vote was called and John M. Garrison was elected unanimously.

Treasurer: Fred Lindahl put his name forward as Treasurer. Hearing no other names, a vote was called and Fred Lindahl was elected unanimously.

Non-Subcommittee Items:

Action Item: Jean Drive Storm Drain

The Jean Drive Storm Drain is located in the canyon extending off the northern edge of Miracle Drive near its intersection with Jean Drive. The project includes removal of the existing corrugated metal pipe; installation of new pipe with energy dissipater, slope re-vegetation, and protective fencing; and protection of a heritage chestnut tree at the end of Miracle Drive.

Michael Handal, project manager for the City's Right-of-Way Division, Engineering & Capital Projects, attended the planning group to discuss the project. Talmadge resident, Michael Hughes, expressed his concerns about previous City work in the area which he believed left the slope in a denuded state.

The board discussed the project and developed a list of questions regarding the project, and possible alterations which were as follows:

The board requested further explanation on how to respond to any potential EIR concerns. The board requested a reiteration of the project timeline with start and finish dates, and their potential conflicts with bird-breeding season. The board expressed concern about the steepness of the slope, and wanted clarification that if the slope were steeper than 45 degrees that it would not be graded to become 45 degrees. The board requested information on the proportion of 15 gallon to 1 gallon trees which will be planted on the slope. The board expressed concern over the fate of two trees on the western side of the street. The board wished to re-iterate its desire for color to be added to the concrete used to construct the above ground energy dissipater. The board asked if the work on this project would conflict with the road resurfacing scheduled for the bulk of Talmadge which will occur after the undergrounding project is complete.

Daniele Laman made a motion, and Sean Harrison seconded for a letter to be sent to Mr. Handal, recapping our questions and requests. The motion was approved unanimously.

Action Item: Village Vino Sidewalk Café Permit

Rita Pirkl, proprietor of Village Vino, 4095 Adams Avenue, requested the board's approval of her application to the City to place restaurant style seating in the public right-of-way. Fred Lindahl requested some sort of visual depiction of what the seating would look like and Ms Pirkl agreed to come back at a later time with some sort of graphical depiction. Guy Hanford made a motion, and Fred Lindahl seconded approval of the request for the sidewalk café. The motion was approved 14-0.

Don Taylor asked to withdraw the item which had requested the planning group to reconfirm or rescind its previous support for the establishment of a lighting maintenance assessment district in the area known as Kensington Park North.

Action Item: Formation of KTPG Subcommittees for the coming year

Per the Kensington Talmadge Planning Group bylaws, all ad hoc subcommittees are dissolved, and the membership of all standing subcommittees is terminated at the call to order of the regular April meeting. All subcommittees must have a membership made up of a majority of elected planning group members. Subcommittees are required to have a minimum elected board membership of 2, and a maximum elected board membership of 6. Members of the public are allowed to join subcommittees but may not be so numerous as to equal or surpass the number of elected board members. Per the bylaws, the only standing subcommittee is Project Review.

Chair David Moty, made the following nominations for the various standing and ad hoc committees of the KTPG:

Communications (ad hoc) Committee: Chair, John Garrison. Members: Frank Doft, Richard Lesser, Ann Pease.

CIP & Planning (ad hoc) Committee: Chair, David Moty. Members: John Garrison, Guy Hanford, Daniele Laman, Joan Fitzsimon, Susie Millett, Cullen Renner.

Transportation (ad hoc) Committee: Chair, Sean Harrison. Members: Sherry Hopwood, Ken Horsley, Fred Lindahl, Don Taylor, Kelly Waggonner, Ann Burnett-Troisi, Joan Fitzsimon, Elvia Sandoval, Tom Wiegand.

Project Review (standing) Committee: Chair, Ann Pease. Members: Sean Harrison, Ken Horsley, Daniele Laman, Fred Lindahl, Kelly Waggonner, Kevin Kelly.

Undergrounding (ad hoc) Committee: Chair, Bob Coffin. Members: Frank Doft, Guy Hanford, Richard Lesser, Keith Roudebush, Don Taylor, Bill Bamberger, Jan Bart, Cecilia Garr, Don Rosencrantz, Betty Wooley.

The nominations were approved on a 13-1 vote, with Kelly Waggonner voting no.

The chair nominated Ann Pease to be the planning group's 45 Year Review Liaison to the City's Historic Resources Department.

City Council will be hearing a Medical marijuana dispensary ordinance on April 22. The board discussed the possibility of taking a position on the measure which would allow marijuana dispensaries in CU-2-3 zones which exist along El Cajon Boulevard. Board opinion was closely divided and no one offered a motion to consider establishing a board position on the issue.

Subcommittee Items:

Action on the subcommittee's recommendation by a 6-0 vote to approve a tentative map waiver to proceed with a condominium conversion of two housing units on one lot at 4704 Winona Avenue was tabled as the applicant was not present.

Transportation Chair, Sean Harrison offered a brief report on the activities of the Transportation committee.

Liaison Committee Reports

A. Historic Resources Division 45 year review.

B. Talmadge Maintenance Assessment District (TMAD). Fred Lindahl reported on the activities of the TMAD.

C. Community Planners Committee. David Moty reported on the CPC meeting of March 23, 2013.

Adjournment: the meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm