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Regular Meeting Minutes

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PARLIAMENTARY ITEMS

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

[Secretary’s note: KTPG minutes are not an exact transcript of the meeting. They are meant to capture votes taken as well as a general sense of what discussion occurred on various items.]

A regular meeting of the Kensington Talmadge Planning Group (KTPG) was called to order by KTPG chair David Moty on January 8th, 2013 at 6:30pm in the Franklin Elementary Auditorium (4481 Copeland Ave., San Diego, CA, 92116). The minutes were recorded by KTPG Secretary John M. Garrison.

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

Members absent at the start of the meeting: Sean Harrison, Sherry Hopwood, Daniele Laman. [Sean Harrison and Daniele Laman both arrived by 6:45.]

Also present: Daniel Hazzard from Congress member Susan Davis’s office, Rachel Gregg from Toni Atkin’s office, Ralph ___ from Marti Emerald’s office, Allard Jansen from Kensington Partners (the architect for Kensington Park Plaza), and approximately 10 members of the public.

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

David Moty asked if there were any amendments to the agenda. Hearing none, the agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING(S)

Draft December 2013 meeting minutes have been circulated. There was agreement on the main points of what votes were taken, but still some revisions taking place to try to capture a good summation of the various points that were discussed regarding the proposed traffic plan for Kensington Commons. Based on this, it was decided to defer formal approval of the December minutes.

COMMUNITY FORUM / NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT



David Moty mentioned that board members received a copy of the reply related to Hoover High. They are planning to do a Statement of Overriding Consideration so that they can overrule our concerns and do what they want to do. In particular, they have not been willing to agree to anything that limits them to a particular number of events.

David Moty – Economic Development Strategy meeting – January 14th, Pacific Room, Balboa Park

Guy Hanford – There is a Kensington dinner coming up at January 16th at 6:30 and Kensington Community Church, catered by Ponce’s.

David Moty – A comment on reverse parking on Euclid: At first, people seemed very confused by it, but now they seem to be getting the hang of it.

NON-SUBCOMMITTEE ITEMS

INFORMATION ITEM: OF

This was a report on possible cross-walks.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

ELECTIONS

Don Taylor – KTPG Elections chair - Presentation on the upcoming March 2014 Kensington Talmadge Planning Group elections. Seven positions will be up for election. To run for election, candidates must have attended two full board meetings of the Kensington Talmadge Planning Group between February 1, 2013 and January 31, 2014; and be eighteen years or older; a resident, property owner, or business/non-profit owner or operator within the boundaries of the KTPG. For a full copy of the bylaws and the election rules see:

<http://www.ktpg.org/resources/KTPG%20By-Laws%20Amended2009-12-02.pdf>

Don Taylor chair – KTPG Elections will be at the regular March meeting. 7 seats will be up for election.

UNDERGROUNDING

INFORMATION ITEM: REPORT ON STATE LEVEL OUTREACH ON UTILITY BOXES IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY

Rachel Gregg – Toni Atkins’ office – I was asked to give an update on the status of creating an Undergrounding Task Force established within the City. Even though the PUC regulates everything, I am told our hands are somewhat tied at the state level. The City decides the rules generally at a local level, subject to ADA rules. The



Federal Government has very strict regulations and the PUC enforces those. So, at the moment this remains in limbo.

David Moty – there is going to be a City meeting on this on January 27th. Citizens may want to show up to support the item of a Task Force.

PROJECT REVIEW

ACION ITEM: WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY AT 4134 ADAMS AVENUE,

Action Item: Approve/Disapprove conditional use permit for wireless communications facility at 4134 Adams Avenue, Kensington Park Plaza building (the building that includes Starbucks in Kensington). This item was not heard by the Project Review subcommittee; therefore any motion requires both a maker and a second. The building has antennas for both Sprint and Cricket. This permit relates to some of the Sprint equipment, they will be concealing all their antennas and one of crickets. Two of their antennas will go in the cupola, behind windows. On the parapet, the antennas will be replaced and the new antennas will be behind the parapet. The parapets will also be stepped back 3 feet and increased in height approximately 2 feet; this should lead to a similar visual impact from street level. This is a permit for 10 years.

Discussion points included:

- Why the matter didn't go to subcommittee first? (David Moty explained that we had room on this month's agenda, and without this item there would have been no compelling reason for our January meeting.)
- Relative merits of moving the parapet back and raising the height, vs. keeping the parapet lower but closer to the building edge
- The presentation from Sprint mentioned that the City mentioned some historical concerns with removing or changing the design of the parapet, but the owner says there are no historical factors.
- Whether this is really a renewal or not, and what happens in 10 years whether it will come back to the planning group or not.
- The building owner indicated he was not completely satisfied with the design and that he would not object to it going to subcommittee.
- Which antennas are Sprint's vs. Cricket's
- Priscilla Berge mentioned that this is our last chance to have a say on these antennas due to changes in municipal law that no longer require these to be reviewed by the planning groups.
- The property owner himself was not originally aware that the height of the parapet would be going up.
- Whether or not the cupola is truly in keeping with the architectural design of the building as a whole.



Don Taylor made a motion that this be referred to the subcommittee. Daniele Laman seconded the motion.

- In favor - Don, Richard, Bob, Daniele, Kelly, Ken, Guy, Ann, Guy, Frank, Fred, Sean
- Opposed - David Moty, Keith Roudebush

TRANSPORTATION

INFORMATION ITEM: REPORT ON TASK FORCE IDEAS AND CONCEPTS FOR IMPROVING PARKING ISSUES IN KENSINGTON SURROUNDING ADAMS AVENUE

Sean Harrison – there has been talk of a parking plan. The business community has some ideas they are not ready to share publicly yet. There is a fair portion of the Western edge of Adams that has 2-hour parking already. There is a fair number of parking enforcement officers that travel up and down Adams Avenue but it is not their territory so they will not cite people. There have been comments made about the bollards, and those have now been brought up as justification related to proposed traffic plans around Kensington Commons, which affects where people are likely to park. One idea that is being considered is two-hour parking along Adams and on the adjoining North/South side-streets up to the first East/West Alleys.

COMMUNICATIONS

INFORMATION ITEM: GENERAL UPDATE

John M. Garrison reminded people that we would like to get more participation on the Google Group and encouraged people to sign up.

David Moty – I have to say that I think the time for the Google Group has passed. So many more people seem to be using Next-Door Kensington. I can use that and reach Kensington and Talmadge.

John M. Garrison – OK, that is useful feedback. We originally shied away from using that forum because it allows for so much comment and dialog that we felt it could be a Brown Act violation if items posted there turned into a discussion. We can certainly talk about this at the next Communications meeting and if the Google Group is not read

CIP

INFORMATION ITEM: CIVICSD

David Moty gave a report on updated information from CivicSD.



INFORMATION ITEM: TALMADGE

Fred Lindahl – Update on graffiti coating on the Talmadge traffic circle.

INFORMATION ITEM: HISTORIC REVIEW REPORT

Ann Pease – during the reporting period we had 33 properties that were potentially historic. We determined that 4 were actually historic and deserving of a report being written. I got 1 response from the City telling me how wrong I was.

COMMUNITY FORUM / NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT – PART 2

At the end of the meeting - David Moty allowed a public comment from Joan Fitzsimon, who spoke on the topic of a community group called Heart of Kensington (HoK). She stated:

1. She has been checking the records of incorporation at the state level and the tax record for non-profits. According to her research, HoK is not a valid non-profit because they are a corporation, and they are committing fraud to claim they are a non-profit.
2. She does not think that HoK should present itself to the KTPG as a non-profit organization representing the Kensington Community, because it is actually a private corporation.
3. HoK fraudulently sued Terrace Partners and any subsequent legal agreement between HoK and Terrace Partners is invalid.
4. Legal fees paid to HoK by Terrace Partners (Allard Jansen) have been diverted from the corporation's funds to an individual ("...all money collected by the HoK from the Allard lawsuit went into [Maggie McCann's] pocket").
5. She is turning their paperwork over to Jan Goldsmith in hopes that he will file a suit against the HoK for fraud.

A discussion ensued. Bob Coffin left the meeting before its conclusion.

ADJOURNMENT

David Moty adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm