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**Annual Report of the
Kensington-Talmadge Planning Group
April 2024 - March 2025
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Introduction

The following is the Annual Report of the Kensington-Talmadge Planning Group (KTPG). For the period covered by this report (April 2024-March 2025) the officers were David Moty, Chair; Brian Helmich, Vice-Chair; David Roth, Secretary; Lisa Sinclair, Treasurer.

The planning group maintained standing subcommittees for the Kensington Maintenance Assessment Districts: Kensington Heights, Kensington Manor, Kensington Park North, Talmadge Park North, and Talmadge Park South, and the following ad hoc subcommittees: CIP & Planning, Communications, Historic Review, Project Review, Transportation, and Elections.

Administrative Issues

Nine regular meetings of the full board were held during the twelve months from April 2024 through March 2025. No regular meetings were held in May, August, and October of 2024. A special meeting was held on September 30, 2024.

There is no differentiation made in membership between residents, renters, property owners, or business or non-profit owner/operators, nor are there any seats specifically assigned for large institutional entities.

In February 2024, the planning group began meeting at the Kensington Community Church, and held meetings there in April and June of 2024. In July, the planning group switched to online meetings because of the prohibitive cost of monthly in person meetings, at the time \$150 per meeting.

Board member Ari Isaak resigned from the KTPG on September 21, 2024.

At its March 2025 elections, the board was reduced in size from 15 to 13, as authorized by its 2023 bylaw amendments.

Community Plan Preparation and Implementation

No community plan amendments were enacted between April 2024 and March 2025. However, in April 2024, the City began the community plan update process for the Mid-City area of San Diego. The planning group voted to make David Moty its representative in this process. The City held meetings of this working group in April, June, September, and December of 2024, and March of 2025. Lisa Stone, a member of the planning group was appointed by the City to sit on the working group, independently of her membership on the planning group board.

Special Projects

June 2024 – The planning group did not agree to the installation of parking meters on the southern half of the 4400 block of Euclid Avenue. The planning group amended its bylaws and operating procedures to allow for online meetings. As a cost saving measure, online meetings began the next month.

July 2024 – In 2023, the planning group had surveyed the community regarding its top 5 capital improvement projects. Rather than resurvey the community after only 12 months, the planning group voted to continue to support its Top 5 projects, but removed the fifth one, a cul de sac at Central Avenue and El Cajon Boulevard, as the project had become moot. Therefore, the final list was: 1) Talmadge Park North street light upgrade (Alder loop area); 2) Euclid & Monroe storm drain; 3) Aldine Drive roadway configuration; 4) Talmadge neighborhood park;

September 2024 – On September 30, 2024, City Planner Alex Frost made an extended presentation to the KTPG on the community plan update. At that same meeting, KTPG Chair David Moty, made a presentation about the highly suspect housing and population data provided by SANDAG that is being used by the City. Between 2020 and 2022, SANDAG's data for Kensington-Talmadge stated that housing units dropped by 77, and population declined by 8%.

November 2024 – The planning group requested the City to install a leading pedestrian interval traffic signal timing at the intersection of Marlborough Drive and Adams Avenue. At the Euclid & Monroe intersection the planning group requested the City to replace the thermoplastic markings, and consider an intersection design modeled after the Adams Avenue & 49th Street traffic roundabout.

December 2024 – The planning group supported the landscaping and pool project at 5004 Hasting Road. The planning group also voted to support undergrounding for Alvarado Estates in the College Area, balancing the issue of their being a gated community with their paying the same tax which funds undergrounding elsewhere in the city.

January 2025 – The planning group approved the assessment charges recommended by the five Kensington MAD subcommittees. Chair David Moty spoke at the Planning Commission on the use of suspect housing and population data in the Mid-City plan update's *Existing Conditions Report*.

March 2025 – The board supported the CPC's recommendation that development in Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones be limited to double the existing density. The planning group voted to oppose the proposed trash service fee and recommend that future fees be tied to the Consumer Price Index.

Historic Review – Through the course of the planning group year, the 45 Year Review liaison reviewed 51 permits, and responded to city staff with comments and/or questions on 8 of them.

For additional information, please see the posted minutes for the planning year at the Kensington Talmadge Planning Group website: www.ktpg.org (April 2024 through March 2025).

Planning Group Objectives

The planning group will continue work on the Mid-City Communities Plan update.

David Moty
Chair, Kensington-Talmadge Planning Group

Kensington Talmadge Planning Group Public Roster Summary for April 2024 through March 2025

Membership as of Apr 2023	Current Term End Date	Initial Term Start Date	Membership as of March 2025
David Moty, <i>Chair</i>	APR 2026	APR 2020	David Moty, <i>Chair</i>
Brian Helmich, <i>Vice Chair</i>	APR 2025	APR 2019	Brian Helmich, <i>Vice Chair</i>
David Roth, <i>Secretary</i>	APR 2025	APR 2023	David Roth, <i>Secretary</i>
Lisa Sinclair, <i>Treasurer</i>	APR 2026	JUL 2019	Lisa Sinclair, <i>Treasurer</i>
Dawn Anderson	APR 2026	APR 2024	Dawn Anderson
Ken Baer	APR 2025	FEB 2022	Ken Baer
Cindy Collins	APR 2026	APR 2024	Cindy Collins
Marlyn Gonzalez	APR 2025	APR 2024	Marlyn Gonzalez
Ari Isaak*	APR 2025	APR 2019	<i>vacant</i>
Cameron Lindsay-Hewett	APR 2026	APR 2024	Cameron Lindsay- Hewett
Deborah Sharpe	APR 2026	APR 2024	Deborah Sharpe
Stella Stehly	APR 2026	APR 2024	Stella Stehly
Lisa Stone	APR 2025	APR 2023	Lisa Stone
Paul Tourkin	APR 2025	APR 2023	Paul Tourkin
Roger Utt	APR 2025	OCT 2021	Roger Utt

*Ari Isaak resigned effective September 21, 2024

Kensington Talmadge Planning Group Election Results for March 17, 2025

CANDIDATE	VOTES RECEIVED	ELECTED/NOT ELECTED
Ken Baer	284	Elected
Daniel Bertao	30	Not Elected
Marlyn Gonzalez	319	Elected
David Roth	287	Elected
Lisa Stone	286	Elected
Paul Tourkin	294	Elected
Roger Utt	84	Not Elected
Neil Winner	293	Elected

There were 8 candidates for 6 positions, with 384 valid ballots cast.

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Membership a/o Apr 2025**

Name	Current Term End Date	Initial Term Start Date	KTPG Email: kentalpc@yahoo.com
David Moty (Chair)	2026	2020	
Lisa Stone (Vice-Chair)	2027	2023	
David Roth (Secretary)	2027	2023	
Lisa Sinclair* (Treasurer)	2026	2019	
Dawn Anderson	2026	2024	
Ken Baer*	2027	2022	
Cindy Collins	2026	2024	
Marlyn Gonzalez*	2027	2024	
Cameron Lindsay-Hewett	2026	2024	
Deborah Sharpe	2026	2024	
Stella Stehly	2026	2024	
Paul Tourkin	2027	2023	
Neil Winner	2027	2025	

*Denotes board member whose initial term began with an appointment outside of the regular April start month.

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The Kensington-Talmadge Planning Group meets at 6:30 pm, on the 3rd Monday of each month. Its current physical meeting site is at the Kensington Community Church, 4773 Marlborough Drive. However, most meetings are conducted online. Subcommittee meetings will be held on various days, online or at a physical location as announced.