

**TALMADGE MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT
MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 30, 2004**

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair George Diefenthal called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. at Board Member Fred L. house on Estrella Avenue.

II. INTRODUCTIONS:

Community members, city staff, and TMAD Board members made self-introductions.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The meeting minutes of February 2004 were approved as submitted.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Jim Anderson submitted the Treasurer's report, which was approved as submitted. Jim provided a breakdown of each line item and a summary of activity for the current year. Also, we need to change the signature cards at Bank of America and Union Bank. Jenal Engineering was paid for work on the Traffic Circle. Lastly, the arches will not need an additional \$10,000.00 over amount guaranteed by Supervisor Ron Roberts.

V. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- ~~Roads and Walks~~ **Traffic and Maintenance Committee:** Discussion on splitting the committee into two groups and spreading board members across too many tasks. Motion was made by Colin to rename and refocus this committee to be titled as Traffic and Maintenance Committee and Colin would chair this committee. Approved by unanimous vote. The committee will concentrate on Traffic Safety Issues and Maintenance of Walkways.
- **Historic Corridor Committee:** Fred L. reported that the City Heights Town Council needs to sign a non-discrimination form. Also, the gate at Euclid and Estrella will be worked on.
- **Lighting Committee:** George D. provided a report on the following items:
 - Receiving a quote to lay out program to trench and install power lines in order to reduce cost of the project.
 - Working on an issue with the city regarding the lights on corners and cul-de-sac's are paid for but not decorative lights. Due to a change in the law around 1999 if decorative light is on a location the city would have typically paid for this light would not be paid

for as it is not a standard light. Unfortunately, this is no longer the case, the city will no longer contribute for baseline funds of required lights if a decorative light is present. This will affect our underground project as funds from the city will be lower and may be in forced in the next fiscal year. Zone 1 has a few decorative lights that exist and we are paying for 20-30 lights under the 75/25 program. In zone 2 the TMAD will be paying 100% of the acorn lights, which adds \$5,000.00 to the existing costs, where before we would have paid 70/30 split under the standard/decorative light program. The city would prefer standard lights due to low cost and light pattern on streets.

- **Traffic Circle Update:** Both Bill Hughes and George D. inspected and approved the first arch constructed for the traffic circle. The contractor is proceeding with the construction of the second and third arch. The installation of the arches should be in mid April of 2004. The lamps will be connected temporarily to our (TMAD) electrical service. Once arches are in place at the traffic circle our permit will be closed out and Gary Jones, City of SD Engineer will perform a final inspection.
- **Trees:** March 2004 tree planting was a great success with 16 trees planted. Concrete cutting invoice submitted for payment. Currently working with Hoover High School to place trees along Monroe Avenue. Ann E. voiced concern over possible city recommendations on which organizations they use to assist communities in tree plantings. Request has been made by a Talmadge neighbor to replace a palm tree that has died with a same size palm tree. The city would reasonably replace with same species in a 24-inch box but not the same size as existing trees. Our neighbor would need to contact Streets Division to proceed with replacement.
- **Painted Utility Boxes:** A SDSU Foundation project which received funding to paint the utility boxes along El Cajon Blvd. Only, not inside the Talmadge Community.
- **Communications:** The committee will be meeting to start on the next Quarterly newsletter. Discussion on the Talmadge Community Block Party which is happening on July 10th, the need for new board members to join the committee and to require attendance at these meetings.
- **By-Laws:** Motion made by Colin to approve the new TMAD procedures. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

VI. CHAIR'S REPORT:

- **Undergrounding of Utilities:**
 - 5,000 volt street light system will be partially replaced by Undergrounding
 - Undergrounding of home utilities may pass under sidewalks. Possible issue with sidewalk replacement.
 - Undergrounding meeting at the April Kensington-Talmadge Community Planning meeting.

VII. Guest Speakers:

- **Talmadge Sewer Project:** Darlene Smith of BRH Engineers and Kevin Joyee and Eddy Wibino of City of SD, presented the start of the sewer project and explained what the time lines are. The above representatives are the point of contacts for this particular project and welcomed people to call with any questions or concerns. Darlene Smith presented the board a map of this project. Certain concerns were addressed in regards to the roads being repaired. They are planning on slurry seal and AC replacement, roads will be ground down to restore curb heights, and that equipment will be parked on public streets up to 5 days at a time. Project started on Feb. 24th and is expected to be done by the end of October 2004.
- **Annual Budget Discussion:** Andy Field, City of SD, was present to discuss the TMAD budget. Issues of concern are the missing lighting costs, minimal new installations during our budget period (2004 fiscal year), and inventory. The issue of our current inventory increases our burden of lighting costs based upon the 70/30 split. New inventory incorporates East end of Talmadge where non-decorative lights are in the city's criteria of standard lights. Currently budgeted is \$4,971.00 for maintenance of the lights. We estimate that the budget should be \$5,203.00, which would include maintenance and electricity. The city of San Diego, Streets Division is working on providing cost to provide electricity to each pole. Andy Field would like to postpone decision on lighting cost issues until our next meeting in April when a representative of Street Division can attend and provide more input. Motion was made to add \$8,000.00 to current budgets for both #4971 and #5707. Motion was approved by unanimous vote. TMAD Board would like to pay the extra cost of fixture and pole if the city would provide the minimum cost for their share.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS:

- Monica Paleaz, staff representative Deputy Mayor Toni Atkins, will review the policy regarding the lighting situation if the city were to pay the standard

light and the TMAD were to pay the additional cost for a decorative light with Deputy Mayor Atkins and report back their outcome.

IX. Meeting Adjourned: 9:15 p.m.

Attendance of Board Members:

Chuck Kaminski, Jim Anderson, Cindy Seabloom, Debbie Sanders, Fred Lindahl, Colin Murray, Ann Ellis, John Royal and Don Beauregard.