

# La Jolla Community Planning Association

**President: Tim Golba Vice President: Lance Peto Secretary: Mark Lyon/Sherri Lightner**

## DRAFT

### REGULAR MEETING – May 3, 2007

**Present:** Dave Abrams, Darcy Ashley, Orrin Gabsch, Tim Golba, Lynne Hayes, Todd Lesser, Sherri Lightner, Mark Lyon, Phil McConkey, Marty McGee, Phil Merten, Paul Metcalf, Michael Morton, Alice Perricone, Lance Peto, Rob Whittemore

**Absent:** Robert Thiele, Ray Weiss

#### AGENDA ITEMS:

##### 1. Welcome and Call to Order:

**REGULAR MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER 6:25 PM BY THE CHAIR TIM GOLBA.**

##### 2. Request for Agenda Modifications

- **Rob Whittemore** –Vote on the Panini Café – Agenda Item 11 A) 4 – should be 4-1-1.

##### 3. LJCPA Officer Elections

The Chair opened nominations and Trustees were asked to write names on the blank ballots:

President: Tim Golba

Vice President: Lance Peto/Rob Whittemore

Secretary: Sherri Lightner

Treasurer: Lynne Hayes/Darcy Ashley

Nominations were closed. Trustees voted and Alex Sachs (City Attorney's Office) collected the ballots for counting.

##### 4. Approval of the Minutes for March 15, 2007 Special Board Meeting, April 5, 2007 Special Members Meeting and April 5, 2007 Regular Board Meeting.

**APPROVED MOTION:** To approve the minutes from the March 15, 2007 Special Board Meeting. (Lesser/Abrams: 7-0-8)

**APPROVED MOTION:** To approve the minutes from the April 5, 2007 Special Members Meeting. (Lesser/Abrams: 13-0-2)

**APPROVED MOTION:** To approve the minutes from the April 5, 2007 Regular Board Meeting. (Lesser/Abrams: 13-0-2)

##### 5. President's Report – Tim Golba

- The regular meetings will continue to start at 6 PM.
- The LJCPA appealed the Armstrong Residence to City Council. The SDCC heard the appeal and directed that the project would return to Planning Commission after it had been amended. It will be heard May 10, 2007. The CDP committee heard the project and there have been no changes to address the issues, which were appealed. In fact senior DSD staff has been supportive of the findings made by junior staff. Jim Waring has interceded on behalf of the LJCPA and a meeting is being arranged prior to the Planning Commission hearing.
- Mr. Merten commented that Mr. Waring was on the other side with respect to the LJCPA decertification matter.
- Mr. Golba would like the Treasurer to identify how much money might be available for the purchase of tape recorders to be used by the committees to meet the City's request per the Brown Act that meetings be recorded.
- The LJCPA membership form is now available on the website.
- Mr. Marengo offered to donate three tape recorders for the use of the Coastal Development Permit Review Committee, the Planned District Ordinance Committee and the La Jolla Shores Permit Review Committee.

- City Sewer (Skylark Canyon) update by City of San Diego Engineering and Capital Projects personnel. Presentation by Dwayne Abbey, Ali Mohammadian and Carrie Purcell.

Staff presented three options for the sewer line replacement/refurbishment west of La Jolla Mesa from Deerhill Court to Skylark. The sewer line at present is located in the canyon. A handout was given to the Board identifying the three options and the costs. The three options were characterized as: 1) Total redirection (TR); 2) Partial redirection (PR), and 3) Leave in place (LIP).

TR – Underground pump station will require limited access or displacement of 12 families during construction – approximately 6-8 months. This was further clarified to be perhaps no vehicle access to the properties for the time period. Four homes will need to install individual pumps. Initial installation covered by the City, but thereafter cost is the owner's responsibility. There will be a new manhole at Deerhill. Most expensive option takes the sewer out of the canyon and places in the Public Right of Way. Longevity is 50-75 years.

PR – No pumping station. Rehab about 400 ft. of sewer line (epoxy based seal of existing line) with longevity of 30-50 years. Abandon the balance of the sewer line. Will need 12 to 25-foot wide vehicular access for the pipe in the canyon. Continual access is required: Not just for construction but maintenance.

LIP – Reline existing pipe with longevity of 30-50 years.

The issue is the integrity of the pipe, not the capacity. The capacity is acceptable.

There were questions related to the State Water Quality Control lawsuit and the advisability of continuing to keep the sewer main in the canyon given the mandate of the State Water Quality Control Board. Presenters were asked when the environmental document would be done. The response was after a choice is made. This response was questioned, because an adequate environmental document should assess alternatives. A resident at the base of the canyon objected strenuously to the proposal to use his property as access to the canyon for maintenance. Presenters will return later with additional information.

#### **OFFICER ELECTION RESULTS:**

The results were announced.

President: Tim Golba 15 /Donna Frye 1

Vice President: Lance Peto 11/Rob Whittemore 5

Secretary: Sherri Lightner 15

Treasurer: Lynne Hayes 12/Darcy Ashley 4

The ballots were given to the Secretary.

#### **6. Treasurer's Report – Lynne Hayes**

**Previous ending balance: \$583.60 Collected at April Meeting: \$100.24 Ending Balance: \$683.84**

#### **7. Public Comment**

- **COMPACT** – No report
- **Bird Rock Community Council** – Darcy Ashley reported that the BRCC is hosting a "Ladies Day Out" from 2-6 PM on Saturday May 12 in the Business District.
- **UCSD Community Planner** – Anu Dehlouri reported that there would be a public meeting on May 23 with place to be identified later for the CEQA review of the Venter Institute project. The review will have a 30-day public review period.

#### **NONAGENDA:**

- **Sally Fuller** – Sunday, May 6 from 12-4 PM there is a fundraising party at the Riford Adult Center to try to raise enough money to save the Center. A special thanks to Kevin Faulconer for his support at the SDCC hearing on the decertification of the LJCPA.
- **Rob Whittemore** – Announced that the new bylaws limit nonagenda Public Comment to 2 minutes.
- **Pat Granger** – Described the difficulties she had downloading the membership request form and asked that there be forms available on the back table at the meetings. Mr. Golba was pleased to announce that the forms were on the back table for the first time.
- **Susan Graceman - Has** a question about undergrounding on Via Capri and Hidden Valley. Ms. Sweeney (CD 1 Office) will address this during her report.
- **Sue Weissman** – Expressed concern that the undergrounding was apparently complete on Spindrift and wanted to know when the old poles would finally come down.
- **T. J. Barnes** – Announced an event at the Recreation Center on May 19 from 1-4 PM for the Hearing Impaired.
- **Ed Ward** – Thanked everyone for his or her participation at the SDCC last week. Believes that notice should be given to the SDCC about the problems with Council Policy 600-24 and the Bylaws Shell

prior to the adoption of the revisions, which is planned for May 22, 2007. Believes that senior staff should be present as the Shell moves forward.

- **Rob Whittemore** – What happened at the Community Planners' Committee? Mr. Golba did not attend because it was the same time as the end of the SDCC hearing related to the LJCPA's proposed decertification.
- **Tim Golba** – CPC is frustrated with the Bylaws Shell and the process. Not clear if they (CPC) are doing anything.
- **Ed Ward** – At the SDCC hearing some members of this Board indicated that they do not support the Joint Committee structure. They should resign.
- **Mary Coakley** – Advocated that the Planning Group Chairs should get together on the issue of the Bylaws Shell and the revisions to CP 600-24.
- **Tim Golba** – Closed public comment on the Bylaws Shell and CP 600-24.

**8. City of San Diego Planning Department: No report.**

**10. Matt Awbrey – CD 2 Representative for Kevin Faulconer** – June 9<sup>th</sup> the Newsrack Ordinance will go into effect. The Newsracks will need to be registered with the City and all ownerless racks will be removed. The SDCC is in the budget process right now. The Council Office has gotten funding for the design and construction of a sidewalk on the east side of La Jolla Mesa Drive. Mr. Awbrey announced that the Council Office has been restructured and that he will no longer be the La Jolla representative. He introduced the new representative, Thyme Curtis. Ms. Curtis can be reached at [tcurtis@sandiego.gov](mailto:tcurtis@sandiego.gov) or (619) 236-7351.

**11. COMMITTEE REPORTS & CONSENT ITEMS:**

**A) Coastal Development Permit Review Committee:**

**CHAIR passed to Mr. Merten, Chair of the CDP Committee.**

- (1) **Brennan Teatro Lot Line Adjustment.** Applicant requested the opportunity to return to the CDP committee.

**APPROVED MOTION: Send the Brennan Teatro Lot Line Adjustment back to the CDP committee for new review. (McGee/Gabsch: 9-1-1)**

- (2) **Armstrong Residence:** Denied unanimously at the April 10, 2007 CDP meeting. **ON CONSENT.**

- (3) **1020 Prospect Map Waiver** – Approved unanimously at the April 10, 2007 CDP meeting. **ON CONSENT.**

- (4) **Panini Café:** Merten Recused.

**PULLED the Panini Café for hearing by the Board. (Hayes/Whittemore)**

- (5) **Buckingham Residence:** Golba recused. Approved unanimously at April 10, 2007 CDP meeting. **ON CONSENT.**

**APPROVED MOTION: To approve the consent agenda [Item 2 denial, Item 3 approval and Item 5 approval] for the CDP committee. (McGee/Hayes: 12-0-0) Recusal: Golba**

**CHAIR returned to Mr. Golba.**

**B) Planned District Ordinance Review Committee: NO ACTION ITEMS**

**14. Temporary Stop Signs at Via Capri and Senn Way.** Motion to recommend temporary stop sign at Via Capri and Senn Way pending the construction of a traffic circle was approved 8-0-0 at the December 13, 2006 Traffic & Transportation Board meeting.

**Gary Pence (City of San Diego)** – The intersection of Senn Way and Via Capri did not meet all of the engineering requirements for an all-way stop. There is an appeal process in the City, whereby the Council member (in this case Council President Peters) can authorize a stop sign placement. The warrants needed for a stop sign require 20 pts. and the intersection evaluation showed 5 pts.

**DEFEATED MOTION: To oppose installation of interim stop signs at the intersection of Senn Way and Via Capri. [Abrams/McGee: 6-7-0]**

**DISCUSSION:**

**Joe Dicks** – Lt. Ahearn could not attend the meeting this evening. Lt Ahearn gave information to Mr. Dicks to read to the Board. The SDPD has issued warnings in the 7700 block of Via Capri, but because of the heavy traffic and road configuration radar enforcement cannot be used. It is considered a speed trap because of the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed requirement and the road configuration. Both he [Lt. Ahearn] and

Capt Boyd Long support the stop sign placement. The email is relatively long and essentially says that the SDPD will support anything as long as the Traffic Division does not have any engineering safety concerns.

**Gary Pence** – Won't be a problem.

**Joe Dicks** – The vote by T&T was unanimous. There have been 34 calls for accidents in the last 6 years – 10 injury accidents. 7853 Via Capri has had its front yard hit 9 times by a car.

**Gary Pence** – Within 6 months to a year the traffic circle will be in place. The circle will have yield signs and should limit speeds around the circle to about 15 mph. The circle will have a rolled curb.

**Barry Graceman** – Supports placement of the stop signs and presented information related to an accident in front of his home. Totaled the car parked in front of his house and if it had occurred 20 minutes earlier would have caused the death of his grandchild who was in the car.

**Todd Lesser** – Member of the T&T Board. The traffic-calming problem on Via Capri has been studied for over two years. They know that there can be no radar enforcement. Stop sign is enforceable.

**Michael Morton** – Are there funds?

**Keely Sweeney (CD 1 Rep)** – The council office views this as a serious issue and there are funds available for the traffic circle.

**Lynne Hayes** – Warrants are 5. Are there other intersections that have been approved for stop signs that did not meet the warrants/?

**Gary Pence** – La Jolla Scenic South and La Jolla Rancho Road did not meet. La Jolla Scenic South and La Jolla Mesa did meet the warrants.

**Marty McGee** – Discussed the State Highway provisions for the warrants. Five points is not even close to meeting the requirements.

**Orrin Gabsch** – Safety issue.

**Dave Abrams** – Placement would encourage scofflaws and may result in a more dangerous situation than exists now.

**Darcy Ashley** – Points at intersection

**Joe Dicks** – Answered question, why not wait 6 –12 months for the circle. It is not happening fast enough. The points at the intersection do not meet the warrants, but if the accident history within 100 ft of the intersection were used, it would.

**Phil Merten** – Expressed concern that the stop signs would present a safety problem.

Rob Whittemore – Question about evaluative factor.

**Sherri Lightner** – Why does the intersection have five points? What factors were used to get the five points?

**Joe Manno** – Advocating educating the public as to the speed limits. Use the RSVP radar units to monitor the speeds and get the SDPD Traffic Division to enforce the speeds.

**Sally Miller** – Why not use an eye-shaped traffic circle?

**Jean Rice** – Re: the warrant issue. There is no radar control of the speeds and the reporting of accidents is not accurate. Believes the points should be 50-100 if everything was accounted for. For years has tried to get traffic calming.

**Joe Dicks** – Lt Ahearn says that the numbers are not accurate.

**Alex Varon** – Played on the street as a child. People drive at the speed they feel safe. Discussed parameters of the intersection and width of the street.

**T.J. Barnes** – Have speed bumps been considered?

**APPROVED MOTION: To call the question. (Hayes/McGee: 9-2-1)**

**MOTION:** Approve the placement of all way interim stop signs at the intersection of Senn Way and Via Capri. (Lesser/Whittemore: NO VOTE - Motion Amended at the request of Mr. Gabsch)

**APPROVED AMENDED MOTION: Approve the placement of interim all way stop signs at the intersection of Senn Way and Via Capri for a period not to exceed one year from the date of installation. (Lesser/Whittemore: 10-4-0)**

**Discussion of motion:**

**Sherri Lightner** – Question has not been answered. How were the five points derived for the intersection? Was the special circumstance of no sidewalk considered? Were the accidents close to the intersection considered?

**Gary Pence** – The five points was from the traffic volume. There were no other factors included. The special circumstance of no sidewalk could add at most three points. Accident history in the vicinity of the intersection was not considered.

**APPROVED MOTION: To call the question. (Lesser/Gabsch: 13-1-0)**

**9. Keely Sweeney – Deferred comments until after the time certain presentation by Gary Pence (Item 14) All of the Backup material for the SDCC docket is available on line now. You can check this on the City's website. They are working on Policy issues related to water and storm water. They are**

working on the Budget. Comments are welcomed on the IBA report. Contact Ms. Sweeney with any comments. On May 8, 2007 the circuitry upgrade for the La Jolla Village streetlights is on the agenda. The project will cost \$1.6 million and will be done with minimal impact. The item will be on the consent agenda. Undergrounding information related to Hidden Valley/Via Capri. There are issues with AT&T. Did not want to pay their share. The dispute has been settled and in about six months the lines will be pulled. The poles will remain up until the lines are pulled. Everything should be off the poles by winter, except for AT&T, which should follow shortly. Question from Sue Weissman about why the poles on Spindrifft have not yet been removed. There is no action as yet, because there are archaeological issues to be addressed. Mary Coakley asked that the lighting circuitry problem on Vallecitos be addressed. The streetlights have not worked since the water main failure at Christmas time. There was an assault on the street after dark.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (continued):**

**Tim Golba** announced that the room was to be vacated by 9 PM. It did not appear that there would be sufficient time to address all of the remaining projects.

**Ed Ward** requested that the Bylaws committee reconvene to work on the proposed revisions to Council Policy 600-24/Bylaws Shell and that possible a special meeting of the Board be convened to address any projects remaining from this evening and a position for the May 22, 2007 hearing of CP 600-24/Bylaws Shell.

**ACTION:** The Bylaws Committee chair was directed to attempt to reconvene and May 17 was suggested as a possible meeting date for the Board. A poll of the Board indicated it was a possibility. More information later.

**11. COMMITTEE REPORTS & CONSENT ITEMS:**

**C) La Jolla Shores Permit Review Committee: No Action Items.**

**D) Traffic & Transportation Board:**

**APPROVED MOTION: Adopt Consent Agenda: The La Jolla Traffic and Transportation Board recommends that the City restripe the [Girard Avenue and Genter Street] intersection – the middle of the street and the east side curb – so that a “U” turn is a viable option at all times. (McGee/Hayes: 12-0-0)**

**12. Tassuri Residence, 2385 Calle del Oro.**

**APPROVED MOTION: To approve the Tassuri Residence project (SDP/CDP?) at 2385 Calle del Oro. (McGee/Abrams: 9-3-2)**

During discussion of the project:

**APPROVED MOTION: To call the question. (McGee/?: 9-3-2)**

**13. Baia Residence, 7959 Paseo del Ocaso. Recusal by Morton & ?**

**APPROVED MOTION: To approve the Baia Residence project (SDP/CDP) at 7959 Paseo del Ocaso. (Hayes/Abrams: 7-5-0) Recusal: Morton & ?**

During discussion of the project/motion, the following motion was made:

**APPROVED MOTION: To call the question. (Lesser/Hayes: 10-2-0).**

**15. Wilson Residence, 7235 Carrizo Drive. Applicant elected not to present their project to the Board. Votes at the CDP were:**

**a. Motion to approve: 2-3-0**

**b. Motion to deny: 2-2-1**

**The motion to approve failed and the motion to deny failed.**

**MOTION: To deny the Wilson Residence, 7235 Carrizo Drive project. (Lesser/Gabsch: 12-0-1)**

**APPROVED MOTION: To adjourn the Regular Board Meeting.**

**Meeting adjourned at 9:10? PM. Next regular meeting at 6:00 p.m. on June 7, 2007. Recreation Center Auditorium.**