

La Jolla Traffic and Transportation Board

Minutes

December 16, 2004

(Joint November and December Meeting)

Meeting Called to order 4:00 pm.

Present: Chair – Mark Broido (LJTC), Deborah Marengo (PLJ) alt., Reza Ghasemi (PLJ), Yvette Marcum (PLJ), Ed Mracek (LJCPA), Joe Gusfield (LJSA), Mary Coakley (LJCPA), Chuck Patton (BRCC), Paul Metcalf (BRCC), Susan Goulian (LJSA) alt., Sherri Lightner (LJTC), Van Van Inwegen (LJTC)

Quorum Established

Approval of the Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes for October 2004. Makers Gusfield/Coakley7-0-0.

Agenda Modifications – discussion on agenda changes

Public Comment on Traffic and Transportation items: None.

Scott Morrison had a conflict and will not present his report

Comments from the Chair

Reminder and a Thank you for the board members doing their homework in advance of the meeting.

Response from the City regarding La Jolla Rancho Speed Humps, The city has decided that the speed humps work and that they do not impact side streets. They may move or remove one of the humps. They are looking for was to maintain the “T”s” in the road.

The Committee was asked to look at the points at Roseland and Hidden Valley; the points do not merit the installation of a stop sign, and there have been 7 points accumulated over 3 years. It was installed because of traffic flow planning for the “throat” and not because of the points system.

Ms. Rothschild had inquired about the possibility of marking an “All Clear” on La Jolla Shores and Via Collado. She was successful in getting help from Betsy Brennan, assistant to Councilman Scott Peters, and a work issue has been ordered. The work will be completed within 90 days.

Median for LJ Scenic North, Parking issues: the city says that parking should be prohibited and a work issue has been ordered.

Public Comment from last month: Via Capri I-5 sign was missing; a work order has been issued to replace the sign.

On a personal note, the Chair tripped on a fallen stop sign post down at Marine Street and it is already been replaced.

Mike Arnold, with the City was to present about a sewer replacement Mar Ave at Soledad, Information only, but is not in attendance, so the item will be heard in January if the City is prepared.

Bus Stop Closures: 10 bus stops will be removed throughout La Jolla shortly due to MTS's intention towed out a number of stops on the route 30 and 34. Please make a note of any that are critical to your daily operations you should contact the chair or contact MTS. Stops will be evaluated based on use, and if MTS hears from people they will keep the stop, also they can be re-instated later if needed.

The agenda has been modified since it was circulated. The Chair mentioned that a number of people are sick. Hillel was moved up on the agenda due to their presenter being sick and the only person able to present has to leave by sick.

The Chair apologized for the shift. The Secretary had to excuse herself.

Wind-and-sea parking lot presentation-Jim Neri

Jim Neri presented the plans for the changes to the Wind –and-Sea parking lot. No change in parking spots / increase one in lot w/removal of one on street = no change in total number. Discussion focused on the plan's introduction of a 3-hour time limit to the parking lot, a change from the current unlimited time policy. MOTION – MRACEK Second, Marcum

Motion to approve project as presented: Approved unanimously

La Jolla Community Parking District- (Discussion-Only) draft distributed and Presentation by Tiffany Sherer, Promote La Jolla, Inc.

There were concerns that the Birdrock community representative was a business owner and not a resident and the balance of voting members would be business owners. This is not an action item today; people should review the document and provide their comments. M.Mosier suggested a subcommittee get together due to the time that we are going forward to the CPA.

The Chair asked for volunteers. Mr. Conner asked about the legal formation of Promote La Jolla, the Chair asked for Mr. Mosier to address his question after the meeting. Mrs. Lightner, Paul Metcalf, and Susan Goulian agreed to serve on the subcommittee.

Hillel of San Diego-Presentation by Bob Lipidus, Hillel Facilities committee chair and Jennifer Ayala, architect for Mark Steele Architects, & Scott Barker – Kimley-Horn Engineers

The Chair stated that the presentation should focus on the following points related to T&T issues:

What is the constituency?

What is the parking justification?

What is the size of the street vacation and changes to the Right of Way

What will be the paths for ingress / egress to the facility;

What will be the impacts of special events and what mitigations does Hillel propose?

The project property is 15,535 square feet

Currently there is 10 feet curb to property line East Side of project, 22 feet curb to property line Parkway side of project (LJ Scenic), 2 feet for bus on La Jolla Scenic

10 feet same – curb cut on LJ scenic, change will be to LJ Scenic Dr North (small street—this street will be 56 feet total, and remain, however it will be configured differently Currently it is 10 feet 36 street 10 feet = 56 ft

It will change to 10 feet 34 street 12 feet = 56 – ft non contiguous sidewalk

Street vacation issue:

City no longer anticipated using so the approval for the street/land can be vacated. Per the community plan the street is a two-lane street

There were many questions about ingress/egress from the property.

drop off + loading the city does not have requirements for the project, drop off will be planned for garage same with the unloading of the shuttle etc.

loading zone in the garage with trash + recycling

trash truck will pick up like every other property on the street

trash truck blocking traffic—just like it does on residential streets, only one lane

The City is changing the left turn cue from two lanes to one with the La Jolla Village Project. There have been questions about Fedex / Ups parking--it cannot be regulated.

Any specific questions call Bob Korch at the City of San Diego.

Specific Question about the LJ Village Drive side of the project should be directed to the project manager for the LJ Village widening project Mark Koll mkoll@sandiego.gov

Overall there will be 10 parking spaces lost from cul-de-sac when they take over the house for construction.

Specific Question about negotiating the corner + driveway issues:

the city is restriping La Jolla Scenic Way and has not presented their plan. Further, the perimeter roadways around Hillel have limited corner visibility and concerns were raised about how the proposed project will exacerbate these issues already present with no structure on the site.

The Hillel project met with city staff on Friday preceding this Meeting and the parking was required following this calculation: 1 per 3 seats based on 200 person occupancy for the highest use- Friday nights that equals 67 spaces – they have 40 on site and will get a shared parking agreement for 27 off site are in negotiation off site with a shuttle for Shabbat w/ 2 monitors (one at each, pick up location and drop off location) after 3 years post occupancy eval. allowed to submit for review + approval to abandon the off site agreement. Parking mgmt plan could be reinstated if necessary and warranted how will you mitigate the 10 spaces from the cul-de-sac no city requirement – will confirm. is there a provision to provide more if city requirements – unknown fixed seat requirement for parking space are they fixed seats no, but city allowed use of requirement.

Scott banker – re: traffic plan. 10 years experience

Specific question: Where did the number for 38 spaces come from? They used a study from a Hillel in Santa Barbara that sat 133 for Shabbat, the facility polled people and then the engineers interpreted the data to come up with the number of students that may drive to a special event, then Kimley-Horn took into some local factors and recalculated the equation.

Specific Question: What is the basis for the City adopting Hillel's parking requirement methodology rather than using the PDO?

Specific Question: What population are you serving? UCSD students. There will be admin staff at the facility, but some serve other campuses.

Specific Request: That Hillel lock doors at rear of facility to prevent convenient pedestrian and drop-off access from the neighborhood.

Specific Request: That Hillel conducts a study of the LJ Village Dr./LJ Scenic Way intersection during the UCSD school year and on Friday night, when the anticipated peak regular use occurs, rather than using past studies which did not focus on these times/dates.

MOTION: by Lightner to table this matter until the questions raised at this meeting can be answered. And placed on the January 27, 2005 time certain. Vote Passed, 7-2-0. Any questions that were not answered at this meeting can be emailed to the Chair.

City's Intent to Install Stop Sign at LJ Rancho/LJ Scenic South –

Request for actions regarding the City's intent to install an all-way stop at the intersection of LJ Rancho Road and LJ Scenic Drive South. Husam Y. Hasenin (Sam) from the City of San Diego is here to present. This item came to LJ T&T in Feb. 2003 and voted against installing the stop sign at this intersection. The city has gone back and looked at the sight triangles and will be installing a all way stop at this intersection weather or not

the board votes on it tonight. Sam H. presented the information and Ms. Lightener conveyed that Mr. Orrin Gabsh lives at this intersection and had the following questions: he is not supportive, vegetation could be trimmed to improve visibility how does the sight visibility is affected by the speed limited. What were the points and please describe the accidents that occurred here. The city has requested some of the vegetation be trimmed but not all of it can mitigate the sight lines. The points are 9; the policy can be waived if the and an all way stop installed if special conditions exist. Mr. Lighter asked where the request came from, one of the residents.

The stop sign was declined at the Feb. '03 Meeting because the city had not presented a complete evaluation of the intersection. **MOTION** by Mr. Gusfield to support the sign Second by Mracek (? Was unclear on the tape) Vote: 6-2-0

Motion to Adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted

Deborah Marengo
Secretary