

La Jolla Traffic and Transportation Board

**Minutes
January 27, 2005**

Meeting Called to order 4:00 pm. La Jolla Rec Center

Present: Chair – Mark Broido (LJSA), Deborah Marengo (PLJ), Paul Metcalf (BRCC), Chuck Patton (BRCC), Mary Coakley (LJCPA), Joe Gusfield (LJSA), Sherri Lightner (LJTC), Ed Ward (LJTC), Ed Mracek (LJCPA), Yvette Marcum (PLJ)

Approval of the Minutes

Motion to Approve Maker: Gusfield/Patton Vote: 6/0/1

With changes to the minutes to reflect the motion for the formation of a subcommittee on parking, change maker to Lightner.

Comments from the Police Department – Scott Morrison

New information regarding child safety laws – 6 years old or 60 pounds
New laws are available on the AAA website

Traffic issues contact Detective Drilling at 495-7800

Public Comment - none

Comments from the Chair

Distributed current copies of the bylaws and asked that committee to review and discuss procedures at a later meeting. Chair voiced concerns that the committee is not following the bylaws correctly and the need to have board members who participate with consistency.

Chair will not be at the next meeting and it will be chaired by the Vice Chair Goulian.

Agenda Items

Hillel of San Diego – presenter Bob Lapidus

Return of the applicant to answer concerns of and respond to questions raised by the board at the December meeting.

Discussion and concerns from board and guests. Hillel is required to provide 67 parking spaces and is only providing 40 onsite. The remainder will be provided via shared parking agreements for Shabbot at University Lutheran Church, Protea La Jolla Corporate Center, and Torrey Pines Christian Church. These agreements have not been fully negotiated but are a requirement of the permit.

Hillel will host up to 200 people at any one Shabbot (has stated in previous meetings it anticipates attendance of >300 for special events). Community concerns mentioned include that Hillel is a regional facility serving all of San Diego (not just UCSD) and the number of people attending this facility daily will be significant. Traffic, parking and impacts on the residential community were of major concerns. The conversion of a residential property to a religious use and the existing code compliance issues with Hillel's present occupation and use of this property were raised as inappropriate

Other concerns stated by the community and several board members included the locked gates to the parking garage and the impact it has on automobile queuing; the loss of 12 on-street parking spaces due to the project (as computed by Hillel); and the lack of neighborhood or community benefit for the vacation and abandonment of right-of way (in particular in the face of increasing traffic at the intersection). Ms. Lightner stated that the parking computation used by Hillel and, apparently, by City staff was flawed and applied a fixed-seat formula for a mobile-seat facility.

Motion: move denial of the street vacation and public right of way vacation due to lack of findings.

Maker: Lightner/Coakley Vote 7/2/1

Motion: move denial of the project since it does not provide sufficient parking nor meet the parking requirements in the San Diego Municipal Code and the La Jolla Shores PDO

Maker: Lightner/Coakley Vote 9/1/0

City of San Diego – Husam Hasenin

Update on pending issues from the City of San Diego.

Reviewed the installation of crosswalks El Paseo Grande/Camino del Oro and four way stop signs at Calle Frescota and Camino del Oro to address safety concerns. Chair asked that this item be reviewed at a later date when the Board has had the opportunity to explore the options, but stressed it needs to be addressed and implemented before summer. Chair also asked that the components of this complex stretch of road be addressed piecemeal by the Board, in order not to obstruct action on individual intersections.

Signage request in the median for no standing at La Jolla Parkway. City still addressing some issues with this item. No-parking signs along La Jolla Scenic North are installed.

Madi Gras in May, La Jolla High School – Candy Slaterlee

The event will be held on May 14th from 6 pm to 11:30 pm. The street closures will begin at 6 am until 6 am the following morning. Closures will take place on Wall Street from the corner of Herschel to Ivanhoe and up and down Ivanhoe from Cave to the end of the Willis Allen building. Closures and hours will be identical to last year; the community and high school received no complaints regarding these aspects last year. No local business objections were heard.

Opposition – the event does not allow children therefore not open to the entire community.

Proponents – fund raiser for the school, the event raised \$75,000 last year.

Motion – to approve the event as proposed

Maker: Marengo/Coakley

Vote 9/1/0

Parking Management District Proposal – presenter Martin Mosier/Leslie Wade

Subcommittee Chair Lightner gave a brief oral report and forwarded committee notes from the 1/10/05 meeting to the board. Comments from the 1/13/05 meeting were not documented. Comments are attached as part of the minutes.

Discussion from the board and guests.

Proponents – gives the community the opportunity to form a district and control parking issues locally. Proposal is only for the establishment of a new parking district to be administered by Promote La Jolla with a diverse, nine-member community advisory committee. Proposal includes references to potential parking solutions but does not prescribe any specific solutions. Specific programs would be determined later by the district advisory committee. The district will be able to negotiate with the City for larger portions of revenues to come back to La Jolla. Proponents dispelled misinformation that the new district would have land use authority or condemnation powers. All specific actions will come through T&T for approvals.

Opponents – raised concerns and issued comments related to the formation, boundaries, and potential actions of the district. Public comments referenced the public forum held by the Town Council. Most of the 50 people who attended opposed the formation of a district. Concern expressed that Promote La Jolla would have veto power over make-up

of the advisory board (justified by PLJ for liability insurance reasons) and that the composition of the proposed district board was over-weighted with business interests and, specifically, PLJ representatives. Comments also included that there is no parking problem in La Jolla and that no additional parking garages are needed if existing off-street parking supply is better managed.

Motion - to approve the proposal for a new La Jolla Community Parking District as presented last month.

Makers: Marcum/Ward Vote none taken

Board member Gusfield voiced his concerns that he felt it was premature and could not vote on this issue since he needed more time to review the document.

Motion – to table

Makers: Gusfield/Metcalf Vote 7/0/1

Discussion on the motion: Concerns from guests that due to length of the meeting many guests felt that they were not given opportunity to speak.

Traffic Calming on Via Capri – postponed to next month; not enough time to hear the petition.

Motion to Adjourn. 6:40 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah Marengo
Secretary