

La Jolla Traffic and Transportation Board

**Minutes
March 24, 2005**

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

Roll Call - Present: Chair – Mark Broido (LJSA), Deborah Marengo (PLJ), Paul Metcalf (BRCC), Chuck Patton (BRCC), Greg Salmon (LJSA), Mary Coakley (LJCPA), John Beaver (LJTC), Sherri Lightner (LJTC), Yvette Marcum (PLJ), Reza Gashemi (PLJ)

Chair asked for ratification of a resolution passed via email on 3-12-05

Resolution to permit a street closure on Electric Avenue between Gravilla and Rosemont

Move to ratify email vote – Maker Lightner Vote 10-0-0

Agenda Modification

UPDATE FROM WEST MUIRLANDS TRAFFIC CALMING SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIR – PAUL METCALF

Due to the number of people in the audience for this item it was heard first.

P. Metcalf reported that the committee met this morning with the neighbors, Assistant Fire Chief and Gary Pence, City of San Diego. The committee will be meeting again and nothing had been determined as of yet. The main concern of those who came to TNT was that the committee would consider a partial street closure. This has not been discussed by the committee. The committee was informed that W. Muirlands is considered a collector street. No speed humps or closure will be accepted by the City.

J. Peak and other audience members voiced concerns that other street improvements should be viewed and implemented for traffic calming before a partial street closure is considered. Recommendations such as the installation of sidewalk, posted lower speed limit and enforcement were mentioned.

PLJ Proposal for the establishment of a LJ Parking Management District; public comments, discussion, receipt of modified proposal (if any) - Promote La Jolla, revisions only

Leslie Wade gave a brief overview of the plan and the revisions based on comments from previous hearings.

Board composition has been revised. Confirmation language regarding the board stated that; confirmation will not be unreasonably withhold and language to limit the implementation of paid on street parking as the last item to be considered after all other options have been explored.

Motion: Approve the concept of the Plan

Makers: Metcalf/Patton

Discussion on the Motion

J. Beaver wanted to make a motion to deny the proposal he has issues with veto power and believes parking meters are going to be installed if approved. Did not believe comments were incorporated. Also believes that PLJ should recluse themselves from any vote on the matter.

Chair – said that he did not believe anyone from PLJ had personal gain and were permitted to vote under Roberts Rules.

R. Gashemi stated that we have a parking problem and something needs to be done to control what happens this is an opportunity to take this control away from the City.

Y. Marcum made comments to cooperation and compromise and believed it was time for everyone in the community to work together and cooperate.

M. Coakley supports the idea put does not support PLJ's proposal. Feels it is not comprehensive enough, she would like to see under utilized parking spaces filled.

S. Lightner – does not think we have a parking problem and believes there would be more buy in if parking meters were removed from the plan.

C. Patton – does not feel that parking meters are the number one focus of the plan. Feel the proposal is the first step to begin the discussion on the issue and look at solutions.

Y. Marcum – pointed out that PLJ heard that parking meters are a concern and incorporated language to the effect that paid on street parking will be viewed by the board as the last resort.

P. Metcalf – maybe the problem is that this district has the wrong name, maybe it should be called the Community Betterment District. Change the name in Council Policy.

S. Lightner believes the source of revenue is parking meters.

M. Coakley – understand that a garage is very expensive and can not pay for itself.

K. King against the motion since residents are strongly impacted.

R. Weiss – is against PLJ's control and representation

R. Thiele – encouraged the community leader to vote in favor of the plan. He has been a part of many task forces and the parking problem has been an issue for many years. No is the time for community leaders to come together and find solutions

M. Mosier – there is a parking problem, he has studied parking for many years, the businesses in the village need help, they have been asking for help, it is time to move forward and support the plan.

O. Gabsch – does not want one group in control, the city is the problem.

PM Lerner – does not want the board structure, need balanced control

Z. Haine doesn't like the veto power

R. Gashemi – was upset that opposition does not want to educate and improve issues in the community.

R. Weiss – agrees that there is a problem but is against it because it is unnecessary.

P. Metcalf – regardless of what comes out of the proposal and advisory board it still has to go through a community hearing process and be approved by City Council. This is the first step in looking at what can be done to resolve problems.

Chair read into the record opposition from E. VanInwegen and Sue Moore received via email.

Chair called for a vote

VOTE : 4/5/0 **Vote was a tie with Chair Broido voting against to break the tie**

Motion: To resolve that this Board supports a community parking district

Maker: Coakley

P. Metcalf asked that the motion be withdrawn and not necessary – it was

Approval of the Minutes of February 24, 2005

Motion: To approve the minutes

Maker: Beavor/Metcalf

Revision to page 5 noted – Lightner

Vote: 8/0/1

Petition for further rescind past action and take new action: WindanSea parking lot renovation and Concept Plan to remove 3-hour time limits in lot

- Jim Neri, William Becerra, Architects for Friends of WindanSea

Jim Neri informed that Board that after they had the opportunity to further review the actual need for a time zone. It was determined by the committee that they will not need it as it was withdrawn from the plan.

Motion to rescind previous motion

Maker Coakley/Lightner **Vote 8/0/0**

Motion to endorse the Plan as Presented

Maker Metcalf/Marengo **Vote 8/0/0**

**Presentation by City regarding process for introducing a residential parking permit zone |
- Ismail Elmahad**

Please see attached presentation which outlines in detail the residential parking permit program now available through the City of San Diego

Other agenda items were delayed or postponed until next month

Motion to Adjourn

Respectfully submitted.

Deborah Marengo
Secretary