

La Jolla Traffic and Transportation Board

Minutes
May 25, 2006

Meeting Called to order 4:10 pm. La Jolla Rec Center

Present: Chair, Mark Broido (LJSA), Vice Chair – John Beaver (LJSA), Deborah Marengo (PLJ), Paul Metcalf (BRCC), Mary Coakley (LJCPA), Joan Chesner (LJTC), James Heaton (LJSA), Reza Gashemi (PLJ)

Chair Broido addressed the audience on the purpose of the committee and procedures.

Minutes

Changes to the draft minutes made via email were read into the record. With one additional change noted at the meeting the correct spelling of Nathan Bruner's name, minutes to reflect change.

Motion – To approve the minutes.

Vote: 4-0-1

Public Comment

Sherri Lightner – brought to the attention of the board the oversized vehicle ordinance currently pending at the City. The board may want to request a review of the proposed ordinance.

Tiffany Sherer – informed the board that La Jolla and Pacific Beach are being considered for a test pilot program for the ordinance possibly in September. She will forward the proposed ordinance to the Chair for review.

Susan Goulian – raised concerns regarding the increase in the number of accidents at Torrey Pines Road and La Jolla Village Drive and at the intersection of La Jolla Scenic and La Jolla Village Drive. Since the road construction has been completed there have been several accidents (6) and possibly one death. Also the right turn red arrow from Torrey Pines onto La Jolla Village is not being observed by vehicles. She also informed us that Sue Moore had issues with the strippingstriping on the on ramp from Gilman to La Jolla Village Drive. Request that the board review possible issues with speed, strippingstriping and improved signage for the no turn on red arrow.

Jim Heaton – reminded the Chair that he had requested Mark Koll and the City Engineer return to the board to address and answer specific issues such as strippingstriping and the length of the median for left turn lanes on La Jolla Village. The Chair to follow up.

Joe Dicks – addressed at the last meeting and requesting once again about whether or not TNT will take a position on lighting. The street lights being installed in residential areas are affecting the quality of life for those residents. TNT should review the number, type and whether a shield could be installed and receive comments from the residents affected by the installation. Chair to request that Nathan Bruner, from the City, attend the next meeting for a discussion on lighting.

Linda Workman – reminded the board that the back up of traffic on Hidden Valley had not be placed on the agenda and asked if Siavash Pazagardi will be attending the meeting to discuss the problems with the intersection. Chair is to contact Siavash.

Sherri Lightner – The Erve-Eruv public right of way permit application will be heard June 22nd at 9 am at the Planning Commission. It was noted by Sherri that the College area has experienced two failures with the filament at the Beth Jacob erveeruv. There are concerns about the potential hazard to bicyclist and pedestrians should the filament fail.

Comments from the Chair

July is the annual meeting – at that meeting Nominations of the Officers will take place. Chair pointed out that you do not need to be a board member to serve on the executive committee. Since we usually do not have a meeting in August voting will take place in September.

Chair also requested that the terms of current board members be researched since some members may be term limited out.

Discussion to change the June meeting to the fifth Thursday instead of the fourth, with no objection from the board the chair will check on availability of the room.

Agenda Items

1. For Discussion and Vote: Whether the LJTNT Board wishes to take a position regarding the proposed amendments to the La Jolla PDO to allow three story building and increased FARs

Discussion amongst the board regarding the proposed PDO changes. Concerns raised with regard to increased density, height and discussion on whether La Jolla had reached maximum build out. Some Board members want to be on the record that they support the motion made by the Trustee of the CPA. Some feel that CPA has already taken a position.

Motion: We support the 5-4 vote in opposition by the CPA to the PDO amendments as these amendments relate to traffic impacts.

Maker: Heaton/Beaver Vote: 5/1/0

2. For discussion only: Whether the Board desires the LJ PCA and San Diego City Council to receive input from the board on all proposed changes to Land Use Code and major project regarding traffic impacts prior to taking land use decision on these topics.

Chair noted that some board members felt that TNT should take a position on projects prior to a vote from the CPA.

D. Marengo noted that at present any project requiring a CDP which relates to traffic impacts or requires a traffic study is currently referred to TNT for review.

S. Lightner agreed that CDP does refer such application to TNT for review. She also noted that no study was done as to the overall cumulative impacts from additional development since 1990. She also noted that no EIR has been done for La Jolla.

O. Gabsch said the committee needed to be proactive and study cumulative traffic impacts rather than just looking at the effect of any specific project.

Chair will ~~place discussion~~consider ~~of~~ forming a subcommittee ~~on the next agenda~~ to review traffic conditions. Jim Heaton offered to participate for the committee.

Motion to Adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah Marengo
Secretary