

La Jolla Traffic & Transportation Board

DRAFT MINUTES

Chairman: Todd Lesser Vice Chairman: Joe LaCava Secretary: Vacant

MEETING – 22 April 2010

PRESENT: Michele Addington (CPA), John Beaver (LJTC), Joe Dicks (LJSA), Earl Van Inwegan (LJTC), Keith Kelman (PLJ), Joe LaCava (BRCC), Todd Lesser (LJSA), Deborah Marengo (PLJ), George Sutton (LJSA)

Meeting called to order by Todd Lesser Chair at about 4:05pm.

(Note: Agenda Items were heard 2, 1, 3, 5, 4, 7, 6)

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dan Allen - Advocate for increase public transit in La Jolla. Notes that trolley extension expects little rider ship from La Jolla because no connecting buses. A few years ago CPA, LJTC, and PLJ all wrote in support of greater transit but to no avail. Hopes community will organize to fight for better transit service.

Clair Thelin – Concerned about the elimination of the yellow loading zone in front of his shop (La Jolla Cove Gifts) as part of the Rainbow Curb program. FedEx and UPS are now parking illegally. Area needs the loading zone. Has talked to merchants and landlords and they all want the zone back.

Elias – Manages garage at 1020 Prospect echoed Clair’s points and notes that FedEx and UPS block the driveway entrance to the garage complaining they now have no where to park.

Alexa Greenley – With Junior League that is putting on the Island Devine event May 1 2010 at Scripps Park. Contacted Todd too late to be on the agenda but will be at Parks & Beaches. This is 4th year and will be essentially the same as past 3 years. No reported problems. Will be closing on-street parking on Coast Boulevard to provide cater loading as well as provide valet parking. Valet will be taking cars to garages on Ivanhoe and Fay. Concerned expressed about the loss of parking at park as early as 10am on the Friday before. Marengo noted that forcing commercial vehicles to double park will make situation even worse. Concern about the number of parking taken up and the generous early start on Friday morning. Addington urged them to reduce the take of on-street parking. All asked them to rethink the start time on Friday to minimize the impact to park goers.

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR:

Torrey Pines Road Corridor – The city completed their speed survey and found traffic volumes are now 52,000 daily. The 85 percentile is now 46 mph eastbound and 45 mph westbound. Average speed is about 39 mph.

AGENDA ITEMS.

1. 3rd Annual Coastwise Mile & 5K (October 2 2010) –

Presented by Brennar Lindner. Same configuration as last year with about at 10% increase in capacity (500 to 550 +/-). No complaints from SDPD, no towed cars, no complaints from residents along route. No speakers in opposition.

MOTION: To approve proposal (Marengo/Beaver), 9-0-0

2. San Diego Triathlon

T&T previously approved this proposal for March 20, 2011. The applicant relayed that date conflicted with the Los Angeles Marathon and needs to move the event to March 13, 2011.

MOTION: To Approve Proposal (Addington/Sutton), 8-0-0.

3. Change Fire Lane (no name) in the 2100 block of Avenida de la Playa (between Camino del Sol and El Paseo Grande) to One Way.

La Jolla Shores Association approved change to one way eastbound. Brandon Price appeared and supports the one way but wants westbound in order to make all off-street parking accessible. Presented petition supporting the change.

MOTION: To Approve the Change to One-Way Westbound (Addington/Marengo), 9-0-0.

4. Palazzo Project (2402 Torrey Pines Road)

Presented by Paul Lamme (Intergulf). Steve Jones (architect) and Bill Darnell (traffic engineer) were also present. The property is zoned for 52 residential units or 104 hotel units, formerly the site of the Andria Villa Hotel. Project was originally approved in 2005 for 29 units but never built. The new proposal is for 50 units in 3 3-story buildings and 1 2-story buildings. Parking is an underground garage. Required to provide 104 spaces but are providing 104 plus 17 guest plus 1 spot for postal delivery. Traffic submitted to City showing 312 ADT. The driveway is aligned with the existing signalized intersection of Torrey Pines Road and Ardath Road and will become the 4th leg. The signals will be redone to incorporate the driveway and allow for full turning movements (right in/out, left in/out). Does not meet significance criteria of City and apparently does not require mitigation or study of other intersections. The city has generally approved the study except for question about right turn out on red due to sight distance issue along southbound Torrey Pines Road. Trash collection will be by large truck parking at loading zone on TPR with smaller truck going in to garage to retrieve dumpsters.

Dan Allen – Will bicycle lane be affected?

Darnell – Bicycle lane and on-street parking ends about 130 feet to the north. Curb will remain in current alignment but additional right of way dedication will allow a wider public sidewalk (offset from curb).

Kelman – Concern about traffic exiting right and running into queue at TPR/LJ Parkway and not being able to get into left lane.

Darnell – Agreed this was issue but noted very little traffic expected at afternoon peak, will also be addressed by signal timing.

Dicks – Can't support right turn out on red because of high speed on TPR.

Kelman – Allow left turn into project?

Darnell – Left turn pocket and signal already in place.

Van – Thinks this will be mostly 2nd home and thus impacts will be reduced.

Gabsch – Concern about real impacts during afternoon peaks and concern whether City can get traffic signal synchronizing correct.

Lamme – Agreed that no right turn on red was part of their proposal.

MOTION: Approve project as presented which includes no right turn on red (Sutton/Dicks), 7-0-1.
(Marengo recused)

5. Remove 2-hour Parking on 7400-7500 Blocks of Olivetas Avenue

Presented by Scott Noya. These two blocks have historically had 2-hour parking but it was removed for about 1 to 2 years during the expansion of White Sands. Residents in the area noted that parking seemed to work better with no

time limits. Time limits were reinstated in Spring 2009. Residents noted that area became more congested especially the unregulated residential streets to the north and east. Apparently employees from White Sands refuse to use the underground parking and the employees from Chateau La Jolla have no dedicated parking so they search for on-street parking. White Sands doesn't care about this because their garage is available to their employees but they can't force them to use it. Social Service League feels strongly (big turnout of 25+) because they think it will make parking easier for their venue. Addington was concerned that it may have the opposite effect of not providing parking to events at Darlington House or for visitors to White Sands. Discussion that employers can't force employees where to park. Concerns that unregulated spaces may attract beach goers or RVs.

MOTION: To approve removal of 2-hour parking (Kelman/Marengo), 7-1-1.

6. Via Casa Alta – Change No Parking from 2a-6a to 10p-7a

Presented by Clark Straw, President of the La Jolla Summit HOA. HOA agreed to support the homeowners potentially affected by this change. The HOA board voted to support this proposal. Clark also brought petition signed by the 6 homeowners in the area supporting the change. The signage is along the frontage of one vacant lot that offers a spectacular view of the ocean. It has become a de factor view point attracting tourists by day and partiers by night. Residents are cleaning up trash and graffiti. The feeling is that the greater restriction will discourage partying. They don't think this will push parking to adjoining areas. One resident, Candace Carroll, wrote in strong opposition stating the problems were overstated and opposed further restrictions. Dicks concerned that the property owner was not consulted about this change and was not being held responsible for the "attractive nuisance." Others agreed. LaCava opined that the parked cars provided screening for partiers and they would likely not congregate if they were exposed to passing cars; further, we don't want to encourage the property owner to put a fence to keep trespassers out and block the view.

MOTION: To deny the request to change the no parking restriction (Dicks/Addington), 4-3-1.

7. El Paseo Grande at Ave de la Playa – Remove green curb in 90-min time zone

City discovered that as part of the reconfiguration of time limited parking in the Shores merchant area that one old green curb was not scrubbed clean when the time limit was changed to 90 min.

MOTION: To remove the green curb (Kelman/Addington), 8-0-0.

Meeting adjourned about 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Joe LaCava