

# La Jolla Traffic & Transportation Board

## MINUTES

**Chairman: Mark Broido**

**Vice Chairman: Joe LaCava**

**Secretary: Sherri Lightner**

### MEETING – July 26, 2007

#### CHECK ATTENDANCE PLEASE

**Present:** John Beaver (LJTC), Mark Broido, Mary Coakley (CPA), Jim Heaton (LJSA), Joe LaCava (BRCC), Sherri Lightner (LJSA – alt), Lance Peto (CPA),

**Absent:** Dan Courtney (LJTC-alt), Reza Ghasemi (PLJ), Todd Lesser (LJSA), Deborah Marengo (PLJ), George Sutton (BRCC), Van Van Inwegan (LJTC).

**Guests:** Heather Pollick

**City Staff:** None

The public was welcomed to the meeting and the chair described the Board's composition and purview.

There will not be a meeting in August

**REGULAR MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER 4:06 p.m. by the Chairman Mark Broido**

**The date on the minutes for the July meeting was incorrect. The date was changed and the minutes, as amended, were approved unanimously.**

#### Public Comment;

- Heather Pollick – The usual end of the summer run from La Jolla to Pacific Beach will be held in August. There is a new person in charge of the event this year who was unaware of the need to come to T&T prior to the event. Mr. Broido noted that he had received information related to the run, which he will send out to the Board for review and possibly an email vote.
- Lance Peto – There are two new 15-minute zones of the east side of Fay (across from the Cottage) near Kline. The zones are marked and have appropriate signage. They did not come for review or comment.
- John Beaver – There is a new 15-minute zone outside the Merrill Lynch building at the corner of Silverado and Fay.
- Lance Peto – Spa MD (on Fay Avenue across from Jonathon's) has a passenger zone in front that never came through for comment or review.
- Tom Rice – Lives near Pearl and High Street. Understands that traffic issues related to the Pearl Street Town homes will be on our next meeting's agenda. He stated that the Principal at La Jolla Elementary, Donna Tripp, was unable to attend today's meeting and is concerned about safety issues for the children attending the elementary school. The one-way alley, which will be used as the access for the project, does not have a stop sign where it intersects Pearl Street and because the commercial buildings on the alley seem to come to the edge of the alley, the sidewalk visibility exiting the alley is not good. It presents a safety hazard for children walking to school. There is concern about safety during the construction phase – there will be a lot of excavation.  
Mr. Rice if the stop sign at High and Pearl could be protected, painted or placed elsewhere to make it less likely to be hit or if enforcement could be increased at the intersection. There are a lot of people running the stop sign.

#### Chair's Report:

- Chabad Center – The traffic study is delayed and it will not be heard today.

#### AGENDA ITEMS:

##### 1. Officer Nominations

President – Mark Broido

Vice President – Joe LaCava

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There were no other nominations. The election of Officers will take place at the September meeting and those elected will take office immediately.

A related issue is the term limits for Board members. Two members are termed out – Mary Coakley and Reza Ghasemi. Both were thanked for their service.

**2. Updates from the City – Mark Broido**

**a. 8000 Block of lower Girard – change in signage/timing?**

No Information.

**b. Safety review of new paving/canting of Torrey Pines Road**

No study has been done as yet.

**c. Plan changes from approved plan for Avenida de la Playa commercial district?**

There should be no deviation(s) from that which was approved by the LJSA and T&T.

**d. Elementary school crosswalk construction update.**

The project is still in design – not in construction.

**e. Stop sign installation update on Via Capri/Senn Way**

Still working on this.

**f. Bird Rock Traffic Calming – signage update**

No information.

**3. Princess Street/Spindrifft “Mini-Park” – The Kretowicz Residence is proposing creation of a “mini-park” in exchange for certain property and beach access rights/changes. Our board will her the traffic/transportation/pedestrian safety merits and concerns of building such a mini-park at the intersection of Princess and Spindrifft.**

Several members of the community expressed concern about the placement of a park in the “median”/elevation change between Princess and Spindrifft. The street and the corner at Spindrifft were described as narrow and dangerous with limited visibility. There was concern expressed that the existing railing was a safety hazard. There was concern expressed that the current appearance of Princess Street’s cul de sac leads people to believe it is private and that coupled with the illegal parking by the adjacent resident in the cul de sac is not useable to turn around vehicles. This means backing out of Princess Street onto Spindrifft just past the curve and with the visibility obscured by the new Boards on the railing/guardrail. At least six cars have crashed into the railing and a car parked on the street adjacent to the proposed park was crashed into. There are 15 MPH signs located in each direction on Spindrifft and Princess approaching the curve. These signs have been repeatedly knocked down. Other signage in the cul de sac identifying the Coastal access, the ecological preserve and no parking have been removed.

**MOTION: Deny the Kretowicz mini park proposal due to significant pedestrian and traffic safety issues related to the site. (Beaver/Heaton: 6-0-0)**

**ACTION: Chair to follow-up on prior actions by the Board requesting removal of special paving in Princess cul de sac and signage. Requested by Mr. Heaton and Mr. LaCava.**

**NOTE: The Board was concerned that the action proposed by the California Coastal Commission did not allow for local public comment.**

**4. Olivet Street Vacation – Petition for a vacation of approximately 525 square feet adjacent to the intersection of Olivet and Cabrillo, adjacent to the rear of 1215 Virginia Way. Annie Maciel, Legendry Homes.** Applicant wishes to have the public right of way vacated so that they can add onto the existing home. The area to be vacated appears to be bounded by three parcels – the applicant’s, 1211 Virginia Way and Lot 38. Applicant was asked the size of the existing parcel at 1215 Virginia Way. That information was not provided. The applicant was asked if the subdivision maps were available, since the ROW seems to be at the juncture of two subdivisions. One of the Board member indicated a willingness to support if the applicant had the neighbors support. Another Board member did not support the proposal because the future use of the vacated land is not known. There was concern that the public benefit required for the vacation was not identified. The neighbors at 1211 Virginia Way opposed the application because they will lose access to the rear of their property.

**MOTION: Deny the proposed vacation (at Olivet and Cabrillo) because there is a loss to the neighbors and the loss of street frontage for Parcel 12 is not acceptable. (Beaver/Heaton: 6-0-0)**

**Meeting adjourned at 5:24 p.m. Next meeting at 4:00 p.m. on September 27, 2007. Auditorium at the Rec Center.**

Submitted by Sherri Lightner, 7/27/07