

## **La Jolla Traffic and Transportation Board**

### **Minutes February 24, 2005**

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

Vice Chair Susan Goulian made introductions explained that she would be chairing this meeting and brief explanation of the roll of the Traffic and Transportation.

Secretary Marengo asked for clarification on board members and who was representing the Town Council. Last month the board was informed that Mr. Ward was replacing Mr. Van Inwegen. Mr. Van Inwegen was not aware that he was not on the committee, and stated he would continue to hold his seat. Ms. Lightner stated that Town Council seats are Van Van Inwegen, Sherri Lightner and Ed Ward as alternate. Chair asked that the board have further discussion on bylaws and appointee with Chair Mark Broido, when he returns.

Chair also explained that Joe Gusfield has resigned and being replaced by Fran Doolittle to represent the Shores Association.

**Roll Call - Present: Chair – Susan Goulian (LJSA), Deborah Marengo (PLJ), Paul Metcalf (BRCC), Chris Hickman (BRCC), Mary Coakley (LJCPA), Fran Doolittle (LJSA), Sherri Lightner (LJTC), Van Van Inwegen (LJTC), Ed Mracek (LJCPA), Yvette Marcum (PLJ), Reza Gashemi (PLJ)**

#### **Approval of the Minutes**

Ed Ward commented that he felt the minutes were not complete and requested that comments he submitted on behalf of the La Jolla Town Council public forum be added to the record. Secretary noted that Chair Broido did email distribute comments to the board. The minutes to reflect that those comments have been added to the record.

#### **Motion to Approve the minutes and Amend the minutes**

**Maker: Metcalf/Mracek**

**Vote: 6/0/3 (not at last meeting)**

#### **Comments from the Police Department – Scott Morrison**

SDPD have been dealing with land slides and just came by to see if there were any concerns or questions.

None noted.

## **Public Comment - none**

### **Comments from the Chair**

Sam Hasenin who has served La Jolla as a traffic engineer from the City is leaving the La Jolla area and Gary Pence is his replacement.

Sewer pump #33 at Coast Blvd. - Scripps Park and the Bridge Club will be undergoing construction for the next week for three months. Some parking may be inconvenienced.

Torrey Pines Road north of the throat, residents are having difficulty leaving their homes and traveling south. They will be coming to us with some suggestions.

Residential parking programs will be discussed at the March meeting.

Chairman Broido asked that the board be reminded terms for the TNT board are two years beginning in July and if you have been on the board for 2 two year terms then you are termed out. And please review the bylaws for later discussion.

Chair received a Notice from the City regarding the Intersection of Avenida del la Playa and Paseo del Ocaso the city is looking at bulb outs which will be landscaped, and additional parking. This also will be reviewed at a later date.

City had proposed at Genter and Girard an all way stop sign. Suggestions have been made for the installation of a round about from residents. This will be reviewed at a later date.

Update on the La Jolla Village Drive widening and Ramp to Gilman should be completed by July rest of project completed September.

Scott Peters will be holding a Public Forum on the formation of a Parking Management District on March 10, 2005 at the Rec Center at 7 pm. It is open to the public.

## **Agenda**

### **Item 1. Parking Management District – Martin Mosier and PLJ representatives.**

D. Marengo pulled this item from the agenda and postponed the actions of the board since Councilmember Peters will be holding a forum of March 10<sup>th</sup> for further public comment. She had delayed the LU&H hearing until April 20<sup>th</sup> giving TNT an opportunity to vote at the March meeting and the CPA at the April meeting.

Since TNT's hearing was an advertising hearing on this matter the audience was asked if there were attendees which came to hear this item and if so it can presented on an informational basis only.

M. Coakley said she appreciated that PLJ was willing to postpone this hearing for additional public comment at the upcoming forum. That the Executive Board of the CPA agreed and supported the efforts of PLJ to obtain as much community input as possible and the CPA would hear this in April and take action. Mary, asked that people take the time and educate themselves and make comments.

Chair concurred with comments.

**Motion to continue agenda Item 1 to the next TNT meeting with priority on the agenda to item 1.**

**Maker: Lightner/Hickman**

**Vote: 8/1/0**

Discussion on the Motion

R. Weiss stated that he had seen an agenda from Scott Peters will be taking a room.

D. Marengo read an email from B. Brennan stating that the forum was information only and should not interfere with any community hearings and no votes will be taken.

E. Ward and R. Weiss commented that they did come to speak on the issue.

L. Wade - information announcement, we have received comments from E. Ward on behalf of the Town Council. If anyone else has comments please send them to [Tiffany@lajollabythesea.com](mailto:Tiffany@lajollabythesea.com) or visit the website for more information [www.lajollabythesea.com](http://www.lajollabythesea.com)

**Item 2. Petition for traffic calming along Via Capri - Information Only Item**

**Presenter Jim J. Heater – Via Capri Resident**

The residents of Via Capri have been dealing with safety concerns and property damage due to the high volume of traffic traveling at high rates of speed for years. Also there is no room for a bike lane. They have had several meetings with Scott Peters which have yield many different recommendations but none have gained support within the community. They are attempting to form a group of residents to look at further traffic calming options. Sam Hasenin stated that the V calming signs are very effective in these types of situation. The V calming signs are digital out put and display the speed of travel of vehicles and can also display digital messages telling vehicles to slow down. The cost is \$12,000 per sign and the residents are proposing 2 signs.

R. Gashemi asked if the City had done a survey on the actual rate speed.

City estimates that only 50% of the traffic goes the posted speed limit of 25 per hour.

Chair stated that this is information only asked that anyone having any other recommendation to contract Mr. Heaton - email is [JamesJHeater@yahoo.com](mailto:JamesJHeater@yahoo.com) or phone number 858-456-1603.

### **Item 3. Camino del Oro and Calle Frescota**

**Presenter – City of San Diego – Sam Hasenin**

The installation of a three way stop sign at the intersection near Kellogg Park. In 2004 Shores Vote unanimously to approve the installation.

**Motion to Approve the installation of the 3 way stop sign.**

**Makers: Coakley/Gashemi                      Vote: 10-0-0**

### **Item 4. Petition for traffic calming West Muirlands Drive – Information Only**

**Presenter: Andy Nelson – West Muirlands resident**

The residents of West Muirlands Drive between Nautilus and Fay are concerned about the high volume of traffic and speed on a street that was originally designed as a collector street. The current speed limit is 25 and most vehicles travel in excess of 35 miles per hour. It was originally designed to handle 1,500 cars per day and now sees as many as 4,000 per day. The street is surrounded by two schools, La Jolla High and Muirlands Middle. It is dangerous and many residents have experienced accidents and property damage. SDPD said they can not control the speed on this street. Most people view this street as a short cut, but it is not. Many pedestrian are in danger, a count of at least 100, walk this street per day on the weekends and there are no sidewalks for safety.

The street was closed 15 years ago with much opposition in the community and then reopened. The residents would like to see some traffic calming measures such a speed humps and/or speed lumps. They would like to see them installed but there are issues with the Fire Dept. and they have been unable to gain their approval.

P. Metcalf pointed out that speed lumps were recently approved by the Fire Dept.

Vice Principle from the Muirlands Middle School agreed that the residents do have a traffic issue, but the school does not permit any drop offs and has closed its drop off on West Muirlands for some time. A lot of the issues he believes stems from kids going to the high school. He recommended that bus turn outs be explored to handle student drop offs.

Sam Hasenin stated the City's recommendations were a partial street closure or limited right turn coming down Nautilus and the left turn go up Nautilus during peak traffic times. He has not been able to get support from the Fire Dept. to achieve this.

R. Gashemi said his personal experience is that most of the traffic is coming down Nautilus and making a right turn as a short cut.

S. Lightner recalled that the last time humps were explored there was a issue with grade and site lines and they could not be used.

Sam looked at the grade and there are two areas which lumps could be installed.

S. Lightner - this was a hot button for the community and the schools and if we are taking any action the community needs to be notified.

Y. Marcum feels that people should be able to access the road, it is a pretty drive along the golf course but something needs to be done about the speed and student drop off to alleviate the congestion.

P. Metcalf informed the committee that the Fire Dept.'s Boman and Oates both approved the new design for speed lumps

Chair suggested that P. Metcalf work with Andy to resolve this issue. Needs to return to TNT with notice to the schools.

S. Lightner - need to see if the school can provide money for a sidewalk to get the children off the street.

Chair suggested that everyone form a committee including the schools and make recommendations.

#### **Item 6 tabled – request for a 30minute zone**

#### **Item 5 - Information only – Request to relocate bus stop on Draper**

##### **Presenter - Elaine Leerhoy**

Request to relocated the school bus drop off on Draper to Nautilus. Chair's understanding that the City may not be able to do this and it is the school district responsibility.

Petition from residents that would like to see the bus stop move to the other side of the school property on Nautilus across the street from Fire Station was submitted. This location on Nautilus was its original location. Residents keep being referred back to the school's Principle from the School Board and he is not responding to them.

Y. Marcum suggests that she speak with fire department to see if you had support.

Chair said the Principle asked that this be continued since he could not attend the meeting.

S. Lightner, M. Coakley and Chair Broido will work on this issue with the School.

**Item 7. Re-stripping at Nautilus Street and La Jolla Blvd.**

Gary Pence, City of San Diego – Presenter

Re-stripping to include the addition left hand turn lanes on La Jolla Blvd to Nautilus in turning east and west with single lanes of traffic in both directions, lanes to be 17' wide..

Marengo recommended approval there are several accidents at this intersection

**Motion to approve the re-stripping as presented.**

**Maker: Marengo/Marcum Vote 8-1-0 (Lightner does not agree with 17' lanes)**

**Motion to Adjourn**

Respectfully submitted.

Deborah Marengo  
Secretary