

Traffic and Trans Notes 12/15/2005

The meeting was called to order at 4:07 pm

In attendance were:

Paul Metcalf

Mary Coakley

Joe La Cava

Earl Van Inwegen

Jim Heaton

John Beaver

Mark Broido

The Minutes of the October meeting were approved unanimously by a motion by:  
second by:

Public Comment: Ken Nordholm, Bird Rock Elem. School Parent brought his concern about the cross walk at La Jolla Mesa and Van Nuys to the committee to investigate. He would like a solution to be an agenda item (maybe a stop sign). The speeds on the street are excessive, and it is dangerous to cross. The representative from Bird Rock Elem. Noted that they would not be able to use parent volunteers in the cross walk because it is too dangerous.

Sherri Lightner, La Jolla Shores intersection at Torrey Pines/La Jolla Parkway. Wanted to know the status of the signs for the median that were discussed over a year ago to discourage homeless people from standing in the median. Chair Broido will look in to the matter.

Penny Bourke, La Jolla Scenic North median is being used by construction trucks and is damaging the tree roots. Need some action to stop the median from being used. Chair Broido will contact the urban forester at the City (Drew Potoki (619) 527-5486 [DPotocki@SanDiego.gov](mailto:DPotocki@SanDiego.gov)) To have him look at the trees.

Comments from the Chair:

Item number 6 on the agenda is an item that might change the way we do business, and Mr. Metcalf has been participating in the City wide discussion, however he is ill and cannot lead the discussion tonight, so this item will be tabled until January.

Item Number 1: Discussion of Valet Parking at 7863 Girard Ave. (Jacks La Jolla/Wall Street Plaza Building)

Sam Hassenin of the City of San Diego made a presentation about the implementation of Valet Parking on Girard Ave. He apologized that the item was not brought through the community in advance of the City taking action on the permit request. Permits are issued to property owners in accordance with the municipal code that governs Valet Parking Permits (MC 88.2201) Since that time, 4 of the spaces have been restored to regular 1

hour parking and the Valet is only operational from 6:00 pm to 2 am, and now it will be 6 pm to 2 am Wednesday through Sat. The committee had a lengthy discussion about the spaces. Jacks is a 550 seat restaurant. At this time only 100 seats are operations, however in 2 weeks 210 seats will go online, and eventually it will seat 550 patrons. The CDP for the Restaurant required Valet parking be available during the hours of operation. However the number of spaces was not discussed. The building has a shared parking agreement with the Saks Fifth Ave. Building for 120 spaces; however the operator of the garage only has the garage open from 9:30 – 6.

Ms. Lightner informed the committee that the CDP made the recommendation to the CPA for only one space and signage was to direct patrons to the garage and that the garage stays open for the hours of the restaurant operation.

The City's policy is to have permit holders have off street parking for the cars that use the valet.

Mr. Gabsch noted that enforcement of his permit conditions is the issue at hand; the Garage needs to be open to accommodate his customers. Mr. Beaver made a Motion to recommend 2 spaces for Valet Parking and ask the appropriate authority to look into keeping the garage open during business hours, Second by Mr. La Cava. Mr. Beaver noted that there is a critical shortage of parking. Vote: 3-3 tie, motion failed. Chair Broido noted that we will put this item on next months agenda.

Davis Cup Parking Plan – Bill Kellogg of the Beach and Tennis Club had previously presented the overall plan for parking during the Davis Cup, Feb. 10-12, 2006. But he came to the committee to ask permission to cordon off about 1/3 of the Kellogg Park parking lot for volunteers and officials of the tournament. The committee thought the idea made sense. **Motion: Heaton/Beaver “The committee approves setting aside the back two rows for Davis Cup parking.” 6-0-0.**

La Jolla Village/Torrey Pines Intersection – Mark Koll from the City said most lanes will be open by Jan 1, 2006 and the project will be mostly finished by the end of January 2006. Many citizens asked for more communication between the planners and construction companies and the community. The public said it is a mess and the City had no excuse for its' lack of communication other than to say they were sorry.

The Princess Street Terminus – there was much discussion concerning the property owner, Ewe Kretowitz having paved over a public roadway and restriction citizen access to the turnaround at the cul du sac. **Motion: Heaton/Beaver, “Ask the city to remove the encroachment permit. Remove the private structure and paver from the public right of way and red stripe the end of the cul du sac. Return the public lands to the public.” 6-0-0.**

Soledad Mountain Road – there were no citizens available to discuss the issue.