

La Jolla Traffic & Transportation Board

DRAFT MINUTES

Chairman: Mark Broido

Vice Chairman: Joe LaCava

Secretary: Vacant

MEETING – June 26, 2008

Present: John Beaver (LJTC), Mark Broido, Mary Coakley (CPA), Joe Dicks (LJSA), Joe LaCava (BRCC), Lance Peto (CPA), Tiffany Sherer (PLJ-alt), Van Van Inwegan (LJTC).

Joe LaCava recorded the minutes of the meeting.

REGULAR MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER 4:05 p.m. by the Chair Mark Broido

Minutes: Seeing no objection the minutes of the meeting of April 24 were deemed approved.

Public Comment:

- Dan Allen – Comments re public transit, slow erosion of bus service (less stops, then cut one line, the raised fares). Concerned that no one in our community is pursuing this issue. Dan no longer has the time.
- Tiffany – Wants to be on the next agenda for La Jolla Motorcar Classic.
- Pat – Likes the traffic calming in Bird Rock but concerned that folks are not following the yield signs.
- Ed Ward - Wants to be on the agenda with the “No Paid Parking Plan,” dated 3/01/2008 for those items within T&T’s jurisdiction.
- Joe Dicks – Concern re the recent vandalism in the Via Capri neighborhood, notes the easy freeway access, wants to get the word out.
- Bob Collins – Talked about combining “speeding signs” with cameras to catch scofflaws.

Chair’s Report:

- We are dark in August. Also November and December meetings are combined for a single meeting in mid December.
- At the July meeting we will open for officer elections. The Chair will resign, so all positions are open. The Chair will contact the sponsoring organizations as well.
- The US Open routed shuttles through La Jolla and apparently all went smoothly. There was concurrence from the audience.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. **Taste of Bird Rock (for Vote):** Presentation for vote of a plan to impact parking and traffic during this annual event on Thursday, July 17th. Joe LaCava described that this street closing is the same as last year, closing La Jolla Boulevard from Midway to Camino de la Costa from approximately 3:30 to 9:30 p. There will be plenty of signage in advance of the closure, although no signage on La Jolla Hermosa and Chelsea where the traffic will be diverted.

MOTION: To approve the closing. (Sherer/Coakley: 7-0-0)

2. **Calle de la Plata @ Torrey Pines Road (proposed no left turn):** Presentation by City in response to petitioner's request. Board will consider options to limit (hours) or restrict turning left from Calle de la Plata onto Torrey Pines Road. Since City staff was not here to discuss this item, the Chair provided background information. The problem is that cars queuing waiting to make a left turn onto Torrey Pines Road are blocking cars wanting to make a right hand turn which is much easier. The initial idea is to simply prohibit left turns during peak hours. An alternative is to restripe the southbound, if there is room, to allow lanes for each turning movement. Martin Mosier noted that whatever is done, should be done similarly at the other approaches to Torrey Pines road.

Tiffany Sherer left the meeting.

3. **Avenida de la Playa:** Discussion of commercial parking. This item was taken next. This item will not be heard because Jim Heaton is not able to attend this meeting. The purpose is to explore locating a loading zone at the west end of the commercial area. The east end is well served.

Lance talked to Dave DiPierro regarding grinding off the crosswalk near Camino del Oro since some drivers are interpreting it as a stop bar. It creates confusion for both drivers and pedestrians. DiPierro agreed to do this during the other curb painting and striping work.

4. **Hillel of San Diego (info only):** Review of changes to the parking, traffic plan, and street vacations/adjustments to rights-of-way at Site 653, in upper LJ Shores. Note, this is for information only with the intent for final questions/answers/vote at the July, 2008 meeting; the Board will only focus on changes to past-submitted plans. (Joshua Richman, Hillel Representative)

The Chair opened the discussion by giving a summary of previous T&T action on this project. Moved denial of the project due to lack of findings. Move denial of the project since it doesn't meet parking and doesn't conform to parking in the Muni Code and La Jolla Shores PDO. The Chair does not want to rehear the original project since T&T has already acted. Only wants to discuss new aspects as it relates to T&T. Original project is currently in litigation. Applicant has filed a new application which is generally the same but some changes worth talking about.

Bob Collins – Point of Order. Can't hear this item because T&T has already heard the item and it would be an improper reconsideration under Robert's Rules of Order

Sue Moore – Concerned by the lack of notice (City's Notice of Application has not yet been received); no info re environmental analysis.

Bob Collins – Felt that the agenda item did not discuss "new" plan and therefore is out of order.

Joe LaCava – Thought agenda description was clear to a reasonable standard. Thought hearing item as "information only" was productive since there was a number of folks did turn out.

John Beaver – Concerned that lack of public notice may have reduced turnout.

Joe Dicks – Concerned that Collins comment is valid and that public has been confused between “changes to the old plan” versus “new plan.”

Bill Sigrist – Doesn’t think there is a new plan.

Mary Coakley – Concern that turnout doesn’t reflect public interest. This is an important project in the Shores.

Lance Peto – Felt agenda description was adequate and will allow media coverage to get information out sooner to the rest of the community. Noted that this is “information only.”

Joshua Richman – Technically is a new project. Submitted new environmental reports. New project is substantially the same project as the old. Had intended to limit presentation only to changes in the project (old versus new) but willing to talk about overall project. Willing to meet with any other groups such as La Jolla Shores Association.

The Chair is swayed by the various comments and feels this is a new project and may not have been properly noticed.

Joshua Richman – Had intended to be heard as information item and thought that there was benefit to get information out sooner to the public.

MOTION: To not hear the item today until it has been heard by LJSA but to allow the applicant 2 minutes as Public Comment. (LaCava/Coakley: 6-0-0)

Joshua Richman – Resubmitted new application. Submitted new traffic study with new consultant; that is with a new look at the traffic issue. Comprehensively relooked at traffic, circulation, and parking. Major design change is that the subterranean garage same size but added 28 mechanical lifts increasing capacity from 40 spaces to 68 spaces. Therefore they are no longer asking for a deviation on parking. Majority of users will walk from UCSD. Don’t expect users from other than UCSD. New study includes these facts and concludes there are no traffic impacts. Heaviest use is Friday evening and special events through out the year. Number of special events is limited to 6 in the first year and then 9 thereafter.

Meeting adjourned at about 5:10 p.m.

Next meeting at 4:00 p.m. on July 24, 2008, La Jolla Rec Center. No meeting in August.

Submitted by Joe LaCava, 6/28/2008.