

Minutes, LJT&T Board, 25 Sep 2008

Meeting called to order 4:08 pm by Chair Mark Broido: Quorum present

July minutes approved after changed “double negative” in Motion

Public Comment:

Mr/Mrs Kelly resident at 6222 Cardino Drive/Fanuel commenting about speeding, showing two accidents where autos crashed into his driveway/garage.

Ed Ward – commented on request to present results of an ad hoc alternate parking plan to the Board. Requested that the Board hear the request to conduct a street by street review/assessment of parking areas/time limits. Requested Board member head the review by a working group/ad hoc committee.. Mr Collins provided information on a previous study/survey. Chair commented that individual businesses may request special interest parking from city without local review/approval. Statement to put on agenda next month.

Comments from Chair:

Agenda Item #1: No candidates for election, previous officers to continue if interested parties do not come forward.

Previous comments on curb cuts when they have been maintained when no longer needed – requirement is in code, but enforcement is lacking.

Two way stop @ Kline/Ivanhoe-will be addressed at October Meeting

Agenda Item #2: Christmas Parade-Darcy Ashley: 51st parade will be scaled back from last year, starting at 2:00pm, vice 1:30; no early craft fair, but free family festival at the Rec Center. Streets will close at 10am rather than earlier to facilitate shopping. Parade will end with tree lighting at Rec Center. **Program approved 9-0** (LaCava/Coakley).

Agenda Item #3: Proposed changes @LJ Mesa/Van Nuys – Gary Pence: Pedestrian fatality in cross walk when auto turned after stopping. Not qualified for 4-way stop sign. Discussion about flashing beacon and/or flashing crosswalk. Previous striping and signs did not prevent accident. Flashing crosswalk would help and is being considered, but money does not exist/has not been approved. Need to work with the City Council for funding. Concerns were mentioned about reliability of flashing crosswalks- comment was that technology is improving. **Motion to approve flashing crosswalk and seriously consider “bulb-outs” approved 9-0** (LaCava/Coakley). Request was made for a list of approved flashing crosswalks which could be prioritized by Board. City website exists with all projects in La Jolla. Gary Pence will provide link to a “Needs List” of traffic calming projects for La Jolla. Comment was made that City managed projects are more expensive than if done by private funds/contractors.

Agenda Item #4: Waverly Ave south of Colima – notice of ADA changes of this area linked to larger project –Item deferred, city change not prepared.

Agenda Item #5: Chabad of La Jolla-traffic/parking issues only. Parking was increased to 37 – (36 required) 33 underground & 4 above (two Handicapped), which would be “legally” adequate for the stated

maximum attendance of 96 people in the synagogue at any given time. This number was based on the synagogue seating. The facility is “multi-use”, synagogue, child care center, office, social center, pre-school and Rabbi housing. (Statement was made that the parking complies with the city requirement 1510.0107, which was stated that “only attendance at the “maximum” single use is considered when developing the parking plan.”) It was stated that this Traffic Study was reviewed by the city staff and followed city guidelines and traffic generation criteria. Subsequently in a presentation by the “Friends of Hidden Valley”, a copy of the PDO was circulated which stated: ‘...off-street parking requirements for two or more uses on the same premises shall be the “sum” of the requirements for each use computed separately.’”

Much discussion followed on the validity of traffic generation studies presented and whether they represented the “worst case” scenario. Summer traffic was used during week days (not on post-sundown Fridays and Saturdays when services are held). Counts were made Feb 15-17 and Aug 28 @ 6-8am and 4-6pm at the Hidden Valley/La Jolla Parkway intersections. “Project” traffic was added to measured flows and while a two-second delay (due to the increased project flow) was considered “critical”, a one second delay was measured which was considered “0” impact. Counts were redone in the summer and were ½ to 1/3 less. It was stated that City staff concurred with the study. Board comments questioned whether there would be “construction” impacts and whether a coastal development permit was required. There was much discussion over the traffic studies which were stated to have been conducted by “manual, automatic and video” means. It was also stated that “none of the uses of the facility would be conducted during “peak traffic times”. The above presentation was made to the La Jolla Shores Association and public forum. Committee voted to “deny” and a room vote was 144-4 against the proposal.

A presentation was made by a representative (Richard Adams) of the “Friends of Hidden Valley” group who passed out several pages of photos and documentation which highlighted the traffic congestion, PDO requirements, accident records, data from the 2007 Torrey Pines Corridor Study, damage reports, citation data with the conclusions that the impact of the facility would increase already heavy congestion, quality of life of the existing residents and present increased danger to an already dangerous intersection.

The motion was made by John Beaver, seconded by Lance Peto to “deny the project due to inadequate parking, increased traffic flow, traffic hazards and accidents. Vote: 6 to 0 in favor of the motion with 2 abstentions.

Meeting was adjourned by Chair without addressing **Agenda Item #6 – “Standardizing Village Parking Time Limits”**, due to lack of time.