

# La Jolla Traffic & Transportation Board

## DRAFT MINUTES

**Chairman: Todd Lesser**

**Vice Chairman: Vacant**

**Secretary: Vacant**

### MEETING – 24 June 2010

**PRESENT:** Daisy Fitzgerald (PLJ), Rob Hildt (LJTC), Keith Kelman (PLJ), Patrick Ryan (BRCC), George Sutton (LJSA), Earl Van Inwegan (LJTC),

**ABSENT:** Michele Addington (CPA), Dan Courtney (CPA), Joe Dicks (LJSA), Todd Lesser (LJSA)

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Ester Viti reminded everyone of the next community clean-up on July 10<sup>th</sup>.

By acclamation Joe LaCava chaired and called the meeting to order at 4:10 pm.

1. Election of Officers of LJTC – Item deferred until next meeting. Todd Lesser has agreed to chair for another year, Michele Addington and Dan Courtney will share Secretary duties, looking for someone to be Vice Chair.

#### 2. 7411 Olivetas Avenue – White Zone – Voting Item

Presented by Nick Bernal of Preferred Valet Parking. Nick has the contract for valet parking the events at the Darlington House. Notes that there are about 100 events a year primarily on Friday through Sunday. Generally 50 to 100 cars queue up for the valet. Having a dedicated loading zone would reduce stacking into the street as well as avoid double parking. Noted that using the driveway which goes through to the rear alley isn't viable because of narrow dimensions. Group discussed the existing 60 foot loading zone currently in front of League House which hosts a number of residents and perhaps 2 major events a year. Social Service League owns both facilities. Discussion about the shortage of parking in the area and the need for League House residents to have access to on-street parking. This board approved converting this block from 2 hour parking to no time limits earlier this year. There was no one in the audience to speak to this issue.

#### MOTION:

**Recommend reallocating the current length of white curb to serve both the League House and the Darlington House (Ryan/Sutton), 6-0-0.**

**Recommend consideration of special signage at the Darlington House so that the white curb is a loading zone only during events (Kelman/Ryan), 6-0-0.**

#### 3. No Parking Vehicles for Sale Zone – La Jolla Boulevard between Mesa Way and Palomar Avenue

There was no one to present this item. Bob Collins spoke in support of this proposal. The request had been filed directly with the city. General debate about whether this was needed as it did not seem to be a problem. This solution was employed successfully on La Jolla Scenic Drive North. Concern that a resident in this stretch would be prohibited from parking in front of their home and having a for sale sign in their vehicle. Concern re the number of commercial vehicles and oversize vehicles that park in this stretch. Unknown how many signs the City would place to create this zone, but estimated at least 2 signs on each side of the street.

#### MOTION:

**Recommend approval of the proposal for a No Parking Vehicle for Sale Zone on La Jolla Boulevard between Mesa Way and Palomar Avenue (Fitzgerald/Hildt), 4-2-0**

#### **4. Village Street Restriping**

There was no one to speak to this item. This item was not discussed as the decision had been previously made to restripe the village streets on the evenings of July 7th and 8<sup>th</sup>.

#### **6. 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration of the La Jolla Post Office**

Angeles Liera presented this item and offered a sketch of the street closure and ADA parking. La Jolla Historical Society is requesting the temporary closure of Wall Street between the Alley and Ivanhoe for four hours in the afternoon of Sept 11th, 2010 between 1pm and 5 pm. She has spoken to all the merchants on the block between Ivanhoe and Herschel and received enthusiastic support (exception was Burger Lounge who needed to talk with their general manager). She submitted signed petition from the three businesses that front on the street closure as further evidence of their support. She noted the post office would be open for its regular Saturday hours and the celebration would include a tour of the post office. No one in the audience on this item. Queries from the board about the details of the closure.

#### **MOTION:**

**Recommend of the proposed street closure of Wall Street between Ivanhoe and the alley on September 11, 2010 from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm as presented (Sutton/Kelman) 6-0-0.**

#### **6. Tour Bus Loading/Unloading – Non voting Item**

Tim Schenk presented his business proposal to run a tour bus from downtown to bring tourists to the village and La Jolla Shores. Tim has made numerous presentations at T&T, LJTC, PLJ, and LJSA over the past several months. This issue is where to locate a bus loading/unloading zone (30 minutes in the morning, 30 minutes in the afternoon). His original idea was to change about 50 feet of the 15 minute parking at the La Jolla Visitor Center (On Herschel, near Prospect) to a loading zone because of its central location in the business district and proximity to the Cove. Several thought the 15 minute parking is heavily used and critical to the surrounding businesses. Tim noted that the existing private bus parking zone on Kline near Fay was too far from where tourists want to be. He looked into using the apparently oversized city bus zone on Silverado behind Chase Bank but the MTS rejected the idea. He learned that MTS is abandoning the old city bus stop in front of Mary Star of the Sea on Girard. He spoke to the valet at the loading zones in front of Georges and La Valencia and received lukewarm support; however the Board thought this was a great solution since the tour bus loading was for such short duration and on a rigid schedule. The Board encouraged him to talk directly with the owners of Georges and La Valencia. Everyone agreed that bringing tourists into the Village via bus was good for the merchants and reiterated encouragement to consider extending the stay into the dinner hour (he currently schedules departure at 4:00 pm. A couple residing in the Shores commented on their frustration with the number of tour buses in the Shores commercial district including excessive idling, too many tour buses at one time, buses using narrow streets, rude behavior on bus drivers. They were urged to bring their concerns to the La Jolla Shores Association.

Meeting adjourned about 5:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted  
Joe LaCava