

**La Jolla Traffic & Transportation Board
Meets 4th Thursday Monthly at
615 Prospect Street (Parks & Recreation Building)
Chair: Todd Lesser
Minutes of the January 28th , 2011 meeting**

Called to order: 4:12 PM

Attendees: Todd Lesser (Chair); Orrin Gabsch; Rob Hildt; George Sutton; Patrick Ryan; Keith Kelman, Dan Courtney

Absent: Daisy Fitzgerald E. Van. Inwegen, Joe Dicks

PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Melanie (?) from Junior League of San Diego discussed the upcoming Island Divine event at Scripps Park. Mr. Lesser expressed his apologies for not including the item on the agenda and recommended that this item be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.
2. Esther Viti from the Nell Carpenter Beautification committee called for volunteers to help the committee clean Girard from Silverado to Klein.

AGENDA

1. CONSENT ITEM:

CHANGE IN VALET PARKING ON PROSPECT :

Michael Harth from Sunset Parking presented that he believed that there would be too much congestion coming into the Village on Torrey Pines if the three valet zone spaces were moved east to the Crabcatcher. He presented the Board with 50 signatures of businesses and residents who were against moving the valet zone. He indicated that although he believed this was not a good idea, he would not fight it in the interests of the community and the new restaurant owner.

Keith Jones from Ace Parking indicated that the only way to see if the new valet zone would work would be to implement a 5 month trial and objectively review the results. He also presented an email from City Traffic Engineer Gary Pence that indicated that Mr. Pence was also willing to conduct a 5 month trial and that he did not feel that there would be major adverse effects. He offered to pay the Town Council \$50,000 from the parking revenues.

George Hauer from George's at The Cove indicated that he was against the move of the zone and also that he would not fight it out of respect for the community and the new business owner. He stressed that if there was to be a trial period that it would have a definitive end date so that it would not become permanent by default.

Lincoln Foster asked the board to consider that everyone speaking had some bias, but that he preferred that valet remain where it was. He said that valet and parking in general had to be for the best of the community, not just a few companies and he implored the Board to walk the area carefully before voting.

Chair Lesser requested that Sunset ensure that cars were not being left out all day in that location and also said he liked the idea of multiple valet zones so that people could drop their car in one location and pick it up at another.

Mr. Ryan voiced concern that at the September meeting the Board had asked ACE to reach out to the community and Sunset, but that had not been done. He also raised concern that 50 people appeared to be against moving the zone.

Mr. Gabsch agreed with Mr. Foster and suggested that a compromise would be to move the existing valet zone east to keep it as one zone, but closer to the Crabcatcher.

Ester Viti spoke out that traffic congestion getting in to the village would be terrible and that she thought that one zone would be better.

Motion: To accept the recommendation of Gary Pence and move forward with a 5 month trial of 3 valet spaces moved from in front of George's to in front of the Crabcatcher

Mr. Hidlt. No Second

Motion: To move 4 spaces from the west end of the existing valet zone to the east end of the existing valet zone.

Mr. Gabsch. Seconded by Mr. Kelman.

2 For, 2 Against, 3 Abstentions (Chair Lesser, Mr. Ryan and Mr. Courtney who arrived after discussions)

Motion: For the interested parties to conduct a study or survey that will indicate the number of businesses and residents for or against the following three options:

- 1.) Keep the current valet location "as-is".**
- 2.) Move four spaces from the west end to the east end of the existing valet zone.**
- 3.) To take 3 spaces from the existing valet zone and move them in front of the Crabcatcher.**

Mr. Kelman. Seconded by Mr. Sutton.

5 For, 1 Against, 1 Abstention (Mr. Ryan)

Meeting adjourned 5:15pm (???)