

LA JOLLA TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION BOARD
Regular Meeting: Wednesday March 15, 2017

Members Present: Dave Abrams (Chairperson) LJCPA, Tom Brady LJCPA, Donna Aprea LJTC, Nancy Warwick LJTC, Erik Gantzel BRCC, Patrick Ryan, BRCC, Brian Earley LJSA

Members Absent: John Kassar LJSA, Corey Bailey LJVMA

Approve Minutes of: Wednesday January 18 2017 **Motion to Approve: Warwick, Second: Gantzel 4-0-1 (Abrams), not available to vote: Ryan, Earley**

Public Comments on Non-Agenda LJ&T Matters: Dave announced that Richard Walker former Representative for LJVMA is no longer serving on the Board with a replacement yet to be selected. LJ&T currently has 9 Board Members with 5 Members constituting a Quorum.

Nancy Lowe resident of Ardath Rd spoke of need for street lights on her Street. For a quarter mile there are no street lights and it is very dark. She attended the La Jolla Shores Assn Meeting last Wednesday to speak on this issue and she met Brian. Brian Earley represents La Jolla Shores Assn on LJ&T. He was at the Meeting when Nancy spoke and he put her in touch with Dave. Dave gave her a contact at City Hall and now someone from the street light division is evaluating the need for street lights. She is here to thank Brian and Dave for their help.

She also spoke on another issue. At the Stop Sign from Ardath Rd at Ardath Lane, a Neighbor requested a No Outlet sign be installed; facing west so cars will not mistakenly continue traveling east on Ardath Road which dead ends.

Finally, she often rides her bike to the Children's School and then crosses over to the pedestrian bridge. Years ago there was a crosswalk leading to the entrance of the pedestrian bridge that somehow became paved over when they paved the path to the bridge. Now there is no crosswalk there; also there used to be a red curb on either side of the bridge entrance that meant no one could park but now the red is covered over with grey paint that still reveals much of the underlying red and people are parking there.

She is bringing these issues to LJ&T because Dave is so good he will contact the right people to come out and take a look at them. Tom suggested for future reference she use the City of San Diego App 'Get it Done' whenever she sees issues like the ones she presented to LJ&T. The App connects directly to city staff and Tom advises they are very responsive. It is in the City of San Diego's website. Dave confirmed that the City will be out to investigate the issue with the Street Lights on Ardath Rd and have an answer in about a month.

Angie Preisendorfer, of the La Jolla Shores Assn and President of the La Jolla Shores Business Assn, informed the Board that there are 84 street lights in the La Jolla Shores area and 30 of them are completely out. She is obsessed with street lights because she is working on a banner

program to get recognition for the Shores. This is the Beach area that is full of construction and pedestrians. She has contacted Barbara Bry's Office and Dave will also contact Barbara's Office. Dave asked her about the Get it Done website and she responded that she has used it in the past but there are still unresolved issues with their street lights.

Agenda Item 1: La Jolla Athenaeum Gala: Request for Temporary Street Closure and No Parking areas related to 28th annual event on Friday Sept 8, 2017 on a portion of Wall Street in front of the Athenaeum Building. **Erika Torre. Action Item**

The Athenaeum's annual Gala is a benefit event that provides critical funding for the nonprofit's schedule of cultural programs, concerts, art exhibitions, art classes, and library services. The Gala includes a cocktail reception, a sit-down dinner, live entertainment, and dancing.

In previous years, the Gala has been held entirely within the property of the Athenaeum at the corner of Wall Street and Girard Avenue. Last year for the 27th annual event held on September 9, 2016 they requested street closure for Wall Street in the area in front of the Athenaeum between Girard Avenue and the La Jolla Cove Alley. This year they are requesting that the same streets be closed. Ms. Torre informed the Board that nothing is being changed from last year's event and she hopes that the Board will grant her permission to do it again this year. Last year over 300 people attended the event and the Fire Marshall told her she could have even more people attend this year.

Patrick asked her if she received any complaints from last years' event and Ms. Torre did not receive any, in fact neighboring businesses were pleased with the number of people the Gala brought into the Village because many people who attended the Gala patronized their businesses.

Nancy asked her if the date of the Gala was earlier this year from last year and Ms. Torre responded that the Gala goes by Labor Day, it is always held on the first Friday after Labor Day.

Brian attends the Gala. Two years ago he attended when Wall St in front of their Building was not closed down and Event Ballet Dancers were competing with drivers on the Street. He saw the situation as chaotic. Last year with Wall St closed for the first time it was safer for the Hawaiian dancers who were on the Street so he agrees Wall St needs to be closed. For this Event there will be Mexican Dancers in the street.

Motion to Approve La Jolla Athenaeum Gala Request for Temporary Street Closure and No Parking areas related to 28th annual event on Friday Sept 8, 2017 on a portion of Wall Street in front of the Athenaeum Building: Brady, Second: Warwick 7-0-0

Agenda Item 2: Increase Parking Capacity on Coast Blvd adjacent to Scripps Park through Redesign. Proposal by City Staff for conversion of diagonal parking spaces to head-in on the north side of Coast Blvd adjacent to Scripps Park that will yield 7 additional spaces and a Commercial parking zone.

At the September 21, 2016 LJT&T Meeting the Board Approved Agenda Item 5 with a condition attached:

Conversion of Angle Parking to Commercial Loading Zone on Coast Blvd adjacent to Scripps Park. Request from City Parks and Recreation Dept to convert four angle spaces to Yellow Zone parking at Scripps Park near restrooms.

Motion to recommend that one angled parking space on Coast Blvd by the La Jolla Cove and Scripps Park be converted into a yellow curb space, with the standard restrictions associated with commercial loading zones including being not applicable on Sundays and holidays. The recommendation is to institute the commercial parking space for a one-year trial period: Kassar, Second: Walker 7-2-0 (Bailey/Gantzel).

City Staff determined that if the current diagonal parking spaces adjacent to Scripps Park was reconfigured to head-in parking spaces it will yield seven additional parking spaces and a commercial parking zone as previously approved by LJT&T.

Both Brian and Erik brought up safety hazard issues; drivers will have to pull further out onto the street but Dave advised that city traffic engineers have anticipated that and because Coast Blvd is wide enough it may not be an issue. Tom brought up the value of having the seven additional parking spaces cannot be overlooked.

Bill Robbins believes that the city will take four of those seven new spaces for the commercial parking zone that they requested in September. The Board granted them one commercial parking space for a one year trial period but Bill believes they are back trying to get more from the Board.

Tom recommends going back to our original motion and limiting them to just one commercial parking space. Bill informed the Board that the City did not do anything with the one parking space the Board granted them to use for commercial parking for the one year trial period. Dave noted the length of the commercial parking space on city design plans is 40' but Brian believes that is more for a truck to parallel park so it is not sticking out in traffic.

Nancy proposes that the Board grant them two commercial spaces instead of one since there will be additional parking spaces that were not anticipated in September. Brian asked if anyone can recall a commercial parking space being the same width as a regular parking space and there are commercial parking spaces in the Village that are the same as a regular parking.

Patrick read the Motion that was approved in September 2016 for the one commercial parking zone and the Board agreed to honor the vote.

Motion to Approve the conversion of diagonal parking spaces to head-in on the north side of Coast Blvd adjacent to Scripps Park that will yield seven additional spaces and the one provisional Commercial parking space as approved in September 2016: Ryan, Second: Brady 7-0-0

Agenda Item 3: Proposed Traffic Circle at La Jolla Mesa Drive/Cottontail Lane Intersection- City recommendation to install a traffic circle at this intersection as a traffic calming measure due to travel speeds exceeding the posted 30mph limit. **Stacy Canan. Action Item**

Stacy Canan, a resident of La Jolla Mesa Drive, first appeared before LJT&T at the August 17, 2016 Board Meeting to discuss the heavy speeding on La Jolla Mesa Drive. Residents on the Street held a Neighborhood Association Meeting and between 12-15 people attended to discuss the traffic conditions. The speed of traffic has never abated despite the fact that the City installed a Stop Sign at La Jolla Scenic South and there was a fatality at the end of La Jolla Mesa Drive by Turquoise St. Neighbors were all in agreement that something had to be done to calm the traffic down and a roundabout was discussed for the intersection of La Jolla Mesa Drive and Cottontail Lane. At the Meeting Dave had advised Ms. Canan that he would notify City traffic engineer Gary Pence about the traffic conditions at La Jolla Mesa Drive and he pledged that City Staff would do some investigative work to determine what will calm the traffic down.

Ms. Canan received an email from the City's Noor Paulos with the results of that evaluation: *'We have evaluated your request for a traffic circle at La Jolla Mesa Drive & Cottontail Lane intersection. After ordering the necessary studies and a field investigation, we recommend installing a traffic circle at this intersection. We have a conceptual design of the traffic circle and we are currently working with the Fire Department on obtaining their approval. In order for us to proceed with the installation, we need you to circulate the petition to have the affected resident's signatures approving the installation.'*

Noor Paulos attached the required petitions that Stacy Canan needs to circulate to neighbors affected by the traffic circle. The City Petition must have support of 75% or more of affected properties within 200 feet of the proposed intersection from all directions. As of this Meeting Ms. Canan has 7 of the 10 signatures that she needs from the Residents closest to the traffic circle and she is working on gathering signatures from additional Residents who will be affected by it to satisfy the Neighborhood Petition that show 75% of Residents are onboard with the roundabout.

Tom Sparrow a resident on La Jolla Mesa Drive supported Stacy Canan's effort to make the Street safer. Mr. Sparrow spoke of police enforcement being a deterrent but they cannot be on the Street enough times to slow traffic down and drivers caught on to that. The Roundabout was discussed at Neighborhood Meetings as an ideal solution to their traffic calming efforts and they have 70% of the required signatures. They need just one more signature on the petition to comply with the city guideline.

Bob Collins is in the audience and speaks for the pedestrians who must cross La Jolla Mesa Drive on their walk down to Pacific Beach. With the Street being 102' wide it does not give the pedestrians much time to cross the Street before the cars travelling at 50-60 mph are right on them so it's a very unsafe situation.

Dave advised the Board and the Public that the City has the funding needed to install this Roundabout.

Brian asked how the traffic circle on Cottontail Lane will accommodate pedestrians trying to cross and asked if there would be some kind of walkway for them. Bob responded that the traffic circle is strictly for traffic calming to slow the traffic down. By slowing the traffic down it gives the pedestrian a chance to get safely across the Street.

Ms. Canan mentioned that the design of the traffic circle has not been finalized because the Fire Dept has not yet approved it. The designer will determine the diameter of it and if it is possible to install pedestrian stripes across one or both of the Streets; at this point it is still in the conceptual stage.

Patrick alluded to the fact that they do not have all the required signatures needed to move forward and he asked Ms. Canan if the roundabout was going to affect residents further up and down the Hill. Ms. Canan responded that they have a large level of support from neighboring streets of Deer Hill and Germaine, as well as Cottontail and La Jolla Mesa Drive. Getting the necessary signatures to satisfy guidelines for both petitions will not be a problem.

Erik asked if the traffic circle will have plantings but Dave responded plantings would require continual maintenance and upkeep that the City will not fund. The city will pay for hardscape but not landscape.

Motion to Approve the installation of a Roundabout on Cottontail Lane at La Jolla Mesa Drive: Brady, Second: Gantzel 7-0-0

Agenda Item 4: Conversion of Time Limit for Parking Spaces- Request for change in time restriction from 2 hours to 15 minutes for two parking spaces in front of incoming Waters Catering at 7441 Girard Ave. **Leslie Morra Action Item**

Leslie Morra speaking for Waters Fine Foods and Catering explains that they are a Deli/Sandwich Shop with deli meats that customers can take home for dinner. They are relocating from Solana Beach to La Jolla and hope to open in May. There are several 2-hour time limited parking spaces in front of their new location at 7441 Girard Ave and their business does not require 2-hour parking. Their clientele are more 'pick up and go' and they are requesting that the two hour time limit on two of the parking spaces be changed to 15 minute parking which would best serve their needs in this location.

Ms. Morra would ideally prefer two parking spaces be changed but she will settle for just one 15 minute parking space. She has noticed the heavy traffic conditions in the Village and that there are other 15 minute parking spaces across the street from her business. She does not want her customers to jaywalk across Girard to pick up their food or have Uber Eats, Postmates

or Amazon delivery drivers blocking traffic to get in and out of the Shop. She would prefer they have a safe place to park in front of the Shop.

Nancy spoke of Waters Fine Foods and Catering being truly gourmet and healthy food and there is nothing like it presently in La Jolla. They are going to bring a lot of business to upper Girard and overall they will be really good for La Jolla. Nancy walked along upper Girard and mapped out the Businesses and corresponding parking spaces in front of them. Across the street from Waters Catering is Lola's who has one 15 minute parking space in front of her business. Lola is a retail shop and the 15 minute space is not preferred for her customers but a 2-hour parking space would be ideal for her.

Patrick would look into shifting some time limited parking spaces around but he is reluctant to give up a two hour parking space.

Tom would support a Motion to convert one two-hour time limit parking space to 15 minutes because Ms. Morra would settle for just one. If the Board agreed to convert two parking spaces it would set precedence and LJ&T would be inundated with requests to switch everyone to 15 minute parking zones. There was not a Second to Tom's Motion

Nancy offered to speak to the Businesses on the opposite side of Waters Catering and ask them if they had any issues with their 15-minute parking zones and if they would prefer a 2-hour time limited parking space. The Board is trying to reach a compromise to give Waters Catering the two 15-minute parking spaces they are requesting while preserving a two hour time limited parking space for another business who may need it.

Motion to Approve conversion of one 2-hour time limited parking space to 15 minutes in front of 7441 Girard Avenue, with a second parking space being converted only if an existing 15 minute space on this block is converted to two hour time limit: Warwick, Second: Brady 6-1-0 (Ryan)

Nancy is going to survey the businesses on upper Girard to ask how they would feel converting a 15 minute parking zone in front of their business to a 2 hour parking zone and perhaps no two hour time limited parking spaces would be lost.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm
Next Meeting is on April 19, 2017
Respectfully Submitted: Donna Aprea, Secretary