

**LA JOLLA TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION BOARD**  
**Regular Meeting: Wednesday May 16, 2018**

**Members Present:** Brian Earley (Acting Chairperson) LISA, Tom Brady LJCPA, Donna Aprea LJTC, Nancy Warwick LJTC, Erik Gantzel BRCC, Patrick Ryan BRCC, Aaron Goulding LJVMA, Sheila Fortune LJVMA

**Members Absent:** Dave Abrams (Chairperson) LJCPA, Darryl Tschirn LISA

**Approve Minutes of:** Wednesday April 18, 2018 **Motion to Approve: Ryan, Second: Gantzel 6-0-2 (Goulding, Fortune)**

The LJT&T Board welcomed Sheila Fortune, representing La Jolla Village Merchants Association. Sheila is temporarily replacing Corey Bailey until a permanent Representative for LJVMA can be seated.

LJT&T also welcomed Alisha Hawrylyszyn Frank the newly elected President of The Village Merchants Association. Alisha is here to learn more about how everything is run at La Jolla Traffic and Transportation.

**Public Comments on Non-Agenda LJT&T Matters:**

Ira Parker of Sea Lane is here to commend Mr. Abrams and Noor Kasto regarding the facilitation of a Stop Sign that was approved for Olivetas at Sea Lane. Mr. Parker wanted to acknowledge their effort. Mr. Parker explained that instead of even assessing the issue they said it was common sense a stop sign should be placed at that intersection, a work order was in and the stop sign will be placed in 60-90 days. Mr. Parker stated they did a great job and they deserve commendation.

Antonio Sacido is present for Agenda Item 2 but is commenting on a previous Agenda Item that was discussed at the November 15, 2017 LJT&T Meeting:

*Agenda Item 6: Creation of All-way Stop at La Jolla Mesa Blvd/ Skylark Drive Intersection. Request for support by La Jolla Mesa Vista Home Owners Assn. (Steve Johnston). In order to get a Stop Sign established the City has a checklist of features and characteristics for the intersection and traffic engineers assign points, called warrants, to these various characteristics. An Intersection needs 20 points to warrant a Stop Sign. The intersection at La Jolla Mesa Blvd and Skylark Drive warranted just 9 points, far short of the 20 points they needed for their stop sign. They are appealing for help from LJT&T. Their goal is to have the Board recommend that the City install the stop sign. The City has already denied the sign but they believe with LJT&T recommendation they can have the District 1 office formally request the installation of the stop sign due to extenuating circumstances.*

*Motion to deny creation of an all-way stop at the intersection of La Jolla Mesa Blvd. and Skylark Drive. City evaluation yields only 9 of the minimum-required 20 warrant points is indicative that an all-way stop is not appropriate for this location. Suggestion is made that the requesting homeowners association pursue a controlled pedestrian crossing at the intersection: Brady, Second: Earley 8-1-0 ( Warwick)*

Mr Sacido updated the Board on the result of the La Jolla Mesa Vista Home Owners Assn pursuit of a controlled pedestrian crossing and after 2 years of multiple studies at the intersection of La Jolla Mesa and Skylark Drive the City agreed that a controlled pedestrian crossing should be installed at the intersection. The problem is that it is now on the unfunded needs list and Mr. Sacido is asking the Board

if there is any way we can expedite the process. Before Brian could respond to Mr. Sacido Karen Marshall who is presenting Agenda Item 3 commented. She also requested a controlled pedestrian crossing for the end of her street, East Roseland at Torrey Pines Rd and asked Oscar Cortez if the city could install one at the same time they are installing the Hawk Signal at Princess Street. Brian responded that it doesn't hurt to ask.

Chef Filippo of Acquavite La Jolla is requesting that the No Right Turn sign on Coast Boulevard by his Restaurant be relocated to a more visible spot. Drivers exiting the underground parking garage on Coast Boulevard cannot see the traffic sign and are turning right to go up the hill to Prospect Street. Chef Filippo showed the Board, on his iPhone, what the driver sees while exiting the garage and the sign is clearly not visible. The sign is very high and the ceiling of the parking garage is very low. If the sign was moved across the street the drivers would see it before making the right turn. There have been no accidents so far but that is because his staff and other pedestrians alert drivers that they cannot make the right turn.

Nancy asked Brian if we should make this an Agenda Item. Brian is not certain if this should be an Agenda item or if the City is going to request it go through a process. Chef Filippo has offered to petition his neighbors, it would not be a problem to get signatures. Brian will make it an Agenda Item for the June Meeting.

Janie Emerson is the newly elected Chair of the La Jolla Shores Association. She is going around to each Community Board inviting participants to their meetings. From June to October, the second Wednesday of each month starting at 6pm, the La Jolla Shores Assn will host a Sunset Reception on the Patio of the Martin Johnson House which is on the Campus of the SIO. They will have special speakers or programs and then start their meeting at 6:30. Everyone who is interested in the Shores is invited to attend.

**Agenda Item 1: San Diego Triathlon Challenge-** Request by Challenged Athletes Foundation for Temporary Street Closure and Temporary No Parking on Coast Blvd between Prospect St and Girard Ave and Lane Closure on Torrey Pines Rd between Prospect and La Jolla Shores Dr for the 25<sup>th</sup> annual event on Sunday October 21 2018 **(Kristine Entwistle) Action Item**

Kristine pointed out this is the 25<sup>th</sup> year they are requesting a permit, it's their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. They are making no changes to the Event, no changes to the street closure or the no parking but they are bringing in other festivities to celebrate their milestone year.

Event comprises a 1 mile swim, 44 mile bike, and 10 mile run. In addition to the race there is an Expo, kids run, stationary bikeathon, 5K and yoga. All Events start and finish at Scripps Park at La Jolla Cove.

Event set up: 10-19-18 at 5pm

Event starts: 10-21-18 at 7am

Event ends: 10-21-18 at 5pm

Dismantle: 10-21-18 at 9pm

Nancy asked Kristine if there were any complaints from last year and Kristine responded that a resident on Coast Boulevard reached out to them concerning access to her home with the street closed. The Event Planner sent her a Pass that she could place on her windshield and the security guards were advised they could escort Residents on the street in and out of the closure at a quiet moment.

Brian asked about the one mile swim at the Shores but Kristine responded that the swim is at the Cove. Event Planners are hopeful the swim can take place at the Cove this year although the past few years the swim took place at the Shores due to the quality of the water at the Cove. The swim will run through the Shores so they will be contacting Janie Emerson.

Tom reminded the Board this is the event Robin Williams participated in and he hopes the Board approves unanimously for the participants and the community.

Brian asked Kristine if their parking plan is adequate to serve the number of people who participate and attend the Event. Kristine responded that yes through a combination of shuttles, contracts with all of the area parking garages, and valet service they can meet the needs of the Event.

### **Traffic and Parking Overview**

San Diego Triathlon Challenge  
Sunday, October 21, 2018

#### **Road Closure**

5:00am to 4:00pm - Coast Boulevard

The closure is from point of split with Prospect Blvd until intersection with Girard (midpoint through Scripps Park). Traffic barricades and traffic monitor personnel posted at each end of the closure

#### **Lane Closure**

8:00am to 10:00am – The number 1 lane of North Torrey Pines road from Prospect to La Jolla Shores Dr. SDPD monitor this lane closure.

**Intersections** 8:00 am to 10:00am - Course Marshalls will be placed in the village of La Jolla at stop sign intersections to help direct cyclists through village: Girard and Prospect St. Girard and Wall St. Wall St. and Ivanhoe St. Ivanhoe St. at Cave St. Cave St at Prospect St.

#### **Parking**

No parking is posted on Coast Blvd. on Friday PM and Saturday for 10 spaces, includes ADA spot relocation, for set up.

No parking on Coast Blvd on Sunday from 4:00 am to 6:00 pm from South Coast Blvd to the end of the 2 way traffic on Coast at the La Jolla Cove.

Two spots reserved for a vendor loading zone on Coast Blvd, the first two spots after the intersection of Coast Blvd and Girard.

A portion of participants are guests at hotels in the village of La Jolla, no parking at race site needed.

Many challenged athletes are guests at La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club and a shuttle will be provided for their transfer over to the Cove

#### **Valet**

The Challenged Athletes Foundation provides a limited number of VIP Valet parking passes to sponsors, top fundraisers and celebrities. Valet drop off is at the corner of intersection with Girard (midpoint through Scripps Park)

**Motion to Approve San Diego Triathlon Challenge Request for Temporary Street Closure and Temporary No Parking for the 25<sup>th</sup> annual Event on Sunday October 21, 2018:  
Ryan, Second: Warwick 8-0-0**

**Agenda Item 2: Parking Time Limit-** Request for 2 hour parking time limitation for sections on the east side of La Jolla Blvd between Midway and Forward Streets:  
**(Antonio Sacido) Action Item**

Mr. Sacido appeared before LJ&T at the November 15, 2017 Meeting to speak about establishing a 2-hour parking restriction for the east side of the 5500 Block of La Jolla Blvd:

*Agenda Item 3: 2-Hour Parking Restriction for East Side of 5500 Block of La Jolla Blvd. Business Owner request (Antonio Sacido) Action Item*

*The block of 5509 to 5575 La Jolla Blvd has rarely any parking spaces open. For some reason this block doesn't have the two hour limit parking restriction the other side of the street has and most blocks of La Jolla Blvd have a parking restriction. The lack of parking is caused by the cars being serviced at La Jolla BMW independent, since they park them in the street for weeks at a time. As a business owner in this block, Mr. Sacido would like to propose a 2 hour parking limit to make his stretch of La Jolla Boulevard homogeneous with the rest of the Boulevard.*

*Dave is going to contact the City for advice on how the Board should pursue this issue. It may require a Petition and the Board will try to minimize any frustration Mr. Sacido may have with the petitioning process.*

Mr. Sacido was successful in petitioning 75% of his neighbors, it was studied and approved by the City, and City Traffic Engineering Staff submitted an aerial photo for the proposed 2-hour parking time limitation on the east side of La Jolla Blvd. between Forward and Midway streets. All existing grey curbs and the existing white curb section (from a defunct restaurant) would be converted to 2-hour time limit from 8am to 6pm. The existing blue, yellow and red curb sections of this block will remain.

Brian asked if the owner of the BMW Dealership (Carl Nelson La Jolla BMW Independent) signed his petition. Mr. Sacido responded that he did not because he would lose some parking spaces on the street however he stated to Mr. Sacido that "if it happens it happens."

A new bakery opened up this morning, Wayfarer Bread and Pastry, at 5525 La Jolla Boulevard and Mr. Sacido said there was a long line of customers down the street for the Opening but there was no parking on the block due to the vehicles parked there by the Dealership. The Owner of the bakery, Crystal White, wrote a letter to the Board which was read by Mr. Sacido explaining how the lack of parking is impacting customer access to her bakery. Customers can not park anywhere near her bakery due to cars being parked on her block for days at a time. It would greatly benefit all businesses on the block to implement the same parking restriction that the rest of the area has. As a small business owner she is asking the Board to approve the request for the parking restrictions on the block.

**Motion to Approve 2 hour parking limitations for sections on the east side of the 5500 Block on La Jolla Blvd between Midway and Forward Streets: Gantzel, Second: Fortune 8-0-0**

**Agenda Item 3: No Right Turn-** Request for posting of 'No Right Turn' from 4pm to 7pm on north bound Torrey Pines Rd at Roseland Dr. **(Karen Marshall) Action Item**

Karen Marshall lives on East Roseland Drive on the corner of Torrey Pines Rd. She has been working with the City for over a year regarding the traffic conditions on her street. Fifteen years ago when she bought her home there was no traffic but now the speeding and traffic conditions have become out of control. She contacted the San Diego Transportation Department and the City Traffic Engineering Department and she asked them to monitor the traffic conditions. The City put down one of the traffic monitoring rubber hoses on the street but it was cut and not an accurate measure of traffic conditions could be taken. Her street is being used as a short cut because of all the gridlock on Torrey Pines Road and she is asking for a No Right Turn sign from Torrey Pines Road onto East Roseland Drive. Resident's quality of life has become affected by the traffic. East Roseland Drive has no sidewalks and it has become unsafe to go out walking or walk the dogs without the fear of being hit. It is the City's responsibility to come up with a solution. Ms. Marshall circulated a Petition for the No Right Turn Sign and 75% of her neighbors signed it. The No Right Turn would be in effect between the hours of 4pm to 7pm. Monday through Friday.

Ms. Marshall introduced Dolores Rojas who lives on East Roseland Place a cul de sac off East Roseland Drive. Ms. Rojas is supporting what Ms. Marshall is saying about the unsafe conditions on her street. Two years ago it was safe to walk the dog in the afternoon now there is utterly no walking the dog on the street. When Ms. Rojas is driving on East Roseland Drive to get to her home on she deliberately drives at 10mph to force drivers behind her to drive slowly but as soon as she turns off to get to the cul de sac to her home the drivers behind her are off like a bullet. She and her husband have to drive to the other side of Torrey Pines Rd to walk their dogs because they cannot walk them in their own neighborhood. When they return home they have to wait in line to make the turn onto their street.

Ms. Rojas advised the Board on what drivers are doing to get on to East Roseland Drive. They are making the turn onto La Jolla Shores Drive, driving through the neighborhoods and turning right on Calle de la Plata and then turning left onto East Roseland Drive. So half the traffic is making a Right Turn and half the traffic is making a Left Turn. Ms. Marshall noted that perhaps it should be a No Left Turn traffic sign because traffic does back up on Torrey Pines to make that left turn and it would flow more freely if drivers could not make that turn.

Patrick is clarifying to Ms. Marshall what that sign would mean to a driver. A No Right Turn traffic sign means that if a driver makes that turn against the sign they are breaking the law and what Ms. Marshall is requesting is to make it against the law to turn on to her street during those times. Ms. Marshall agrees that is what she wants to limit the traffic. Patrick explained to her that what occurs on one street affects another street due to traffic flow reasons and if she has a No Right Turn traffic sign onto her street other streets are going to want one as well and then precedence is set. Ms. Marshall disagrees with the precedence. She sees No Right Turn traffic signs everywhere.

Nancy asked Ms. Marshall if they considered speed bumps and Ms. Marshall responded yes but they were denied. The Fire Dept was concerned the speed bumps would slow down an evacuation.

Tom asked if the No Right Turn traffic sign was approved by the City. Ms. Marshall replied they were all for it. Sheila asked if she had that in writing. Ms. Marshall said she had to go door to door with a petition and get 75% of her neighbors to sign it which she has done. Ms. Marshall submitted to the Board a Petition that had typed Names and Addresses but no authenticated signatures. This Petition she gave the Board is just a copy of the original Petition that does have original signatures that she sent to Oscar Cortez but the Board has no confirmation or any documentation to back up the City's approval for her

traffic sign. She is missing two key components: the signed Petition of her Neighbors and documentation that it was approved by the City.

Erik offered a Motion to either approve or disapprove contingent on the signed Petition and confirmation of approval from the City but most Board Members preferred a continuance. Ms. Marshall does not want a continuance and she will ask Oscar to either call Dave or email him with the approval. Sheila advised Ms. Marshall it still has to be presented to the Board and she needs to return with a signed copy of her Petition and a statement from Oscar showing what the Engineering Department recommended because without those two components the Board has nothing to go by.

#### **No Action Taken - Continued to June Meeting**

#### **Agenda Item 4: Proposal to Construct Parking Garage Under LJ Recreation Center (Tom Grunow) Action Item**

Tom appeared before LJT&T in February when there was not a quorum to hold a regular meeting. Since his Agenda Item was Discussion Only the Board heard his proposal to green up the cultural zone.

The Cultural Zone includes La Jolla Rec Center, The Bishop's School, La Jolla Historical Society, and Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, St. James by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, The Cuvier Club, La Jolla Woman's Club, and Bed & Breakfast Inn. He was reading the article in the La Jolla Light about the Rec Center redoing the entire back playground and it gave him an idea on how to restore some greenery to the zone in the process.

To green up the cultural zone and provide more pedestrian access around La Jolla Rec Center by taking some cars off the streets he is proposing to construct an approximately 100-space, one-level, underground garage underneath the playground area of the Rec Center with an entrance on Cuvier Street and exit to Draper Avenue. It would have to be constructed before the Rec Center remodeled the playground area and the La Jolla Park and Rec Board put their remodel on hold for two years to see if he could get some momentum going for his parking facility.

Tom went to Diane Kane to ask if it was a viable idea and Diane contacted Jodie Brown at the City of San Diego Historical Resources Board. Ms. Brown indicated that if it was done in the right way she would write a Letter offering encouragement to keep going. Tom spoke to the Leaders of the Organizations that make up the cultural zone and they also encouraged him to keep going.

Tom set a date for next week (May 22-24) to hold a design charrette over 3 days with all local volunteers including eleven architects that have agreed to be a part of it as well as the Organizations within the zone. On the first day of the charrette they will collaborate on what are the areas that are important to them and what areas that are not important to them. The second day of his charrette will be a presentation by landscape artists to discuss the historical fabric and the right kind of trees to incorporate in addition to a presentation by a parking garage design expert who is nationally known and is also working on the airport and UCSD garages and can offer them advice on how to expedite the process. With all the feedback from the charrette the architects can begin to walk around the zone for ideas. They will then return to the Rec Center for round table discussions and collaborations. The idea is to develop a vision and then create some renderings of what the project will look like as well as how much it might cost and should they go through private or public funding. Barbara Bry indicated she will attend part of the wrap up presentations on Thursday morning the last day of the charrette.

Board discussions began with questions about the location of the underground parking garage and Tom responded that it will be located far enough away from the Rec Center to not be harmed by the excavation. Drivers will Enter by the Cuvier alleyway and Exit on Draper Ave.

Tom spoke about a former Shell station being located at the corner of Cave Street and Prospect Place that was removed leaving an empty lot that was ideal for parking up to 100 cars but it never materialized and now there is a home built on the lot. He does not want to blow this opportunity for another chance at a parking garage and he will make a Motion to support the underground parking garage.

Patrick asked will there be any additional net green space after the garage is built underneath compared to what is there now. Tom reminded that there will be a playground above it and the intent is to keep the playground as close to the original Scripps Era as possible. There will be trees surrounding the green area but they will be planted around the perimeter so as not to interfere with the playground. Tom noted shade structures will probably be installed to keep the children out of the sun which is a concern to their mothers. Patrick also asked about funding this project. Tom explained that if he looks at public funding everything from design to construction will have to be bid out and the lowest bidder would win the projects vs if he looked at private funding he knows some people who expressed interest in being part of the project.

Nancy asked if the parking would be free or paid parking and Tom cannot answer for that right now it may depend on what kind of funding he receives for it. Nancy noted this is a public facility and he may not be able to charge for parking here.

A question from the audience asked if he will have electric charging stations in it and Tom responded he believes he will be required to install them.

Fran Zimmerman, a former LJCPA Trustee, is in the audience. She has lived in La Jolla since 1970. She noted that it was in the early 80's that this area was designated as a cultural zone but it was not referred to as a cultural zone before then. The Museum and Bishops were considering moving out of La Jolla and the sense around town was that they would move and sell off their property. They were blocked from doing so by community activism who got the area designated as a cultural zone. Fran believes that the woman who pioneered the effort has since passed away, but left documents at the City that state the uses of this area. She believes that this should be explored further before plans go forward with major changes to the area.

Additionally, Fran asked him when he plans to restore the playground to original grade does that include plans for the Bocce Court and Café. Tom responded that after attending a meeting with Mary Coakley Munk he believes she no longer wants a Café but is looking at an inexpensive Bocce Ball Court. Bill Robbins sits on the Park & Rec Board and he clarified that they did have plans for a Bocce Court but the City put that on Hold because it has to go through City Engineering. Bill also clarified about the shade structures, the P&R Board approved two temporary shades, it was funded but the City put that on Hold as well because that also has to go through City Engineering. Bill says his Board is trying but the City is preventing them from moving forward with anything. Fran does not want a Bocce Ball Court on the front Lawn of the Rec Center and that may run afoul with the rules and regulations of the cultural zone which need to be looked into. Fran asked Tom where the Charrette will be held and can the public attend. Tom

responded that the Charrette will be held at the Rec Center next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and he will email an Agenda to her.

Nancy advised that if the parking garage is free and time unlimited area employees would park in it all day. Tom responded that he is working with Keith Jones on different models of parking structures. Tom noted that the La Jolla Presbyterian has open parking and some area employees are parking in it so it's something that has to be looked at. Nancy also asked what Tom imagines the Charrette will be discussing at their meeting and Tom responded that there is delineation within the borders of the cultural zone on maps that he has seen and the Group will be looking at the delineation of those borders and possible expansion of them.

There is some uncertainty from the Board on the wording of the Agenda Item- *Proposal to Construct Parking Garage Under LJ Recreation Center*. The Board has no real details of the parking garage per se and the parking garage would be built under the playground area not the Rec Center itself. Tom clarified that it's the greening up the cultural zone, creating more green areas by taking more parking off the streets that is his objective; the parking garage is simply a means to the end. Patrick responded that it's the parking garage that is under the purview of LJT&T. At this point it is all just a concept of the project. Nancy suggests approving the concept of the Charrette which includes the discussion of a possible parking garage. Tom will amend his earlier Motion.

**Motion to Support the concept of the Charrette which will include the possibility of Building a Parking Garage underneath the playground area of the La Jolla Rec Center: Brady, Second: Warwick 8-0-0**

**Agenda Item 5: Report from Transit Subcommittee (Cont'd. Item) - Status update from group exploring possible use of funds for shuttle bus to Mid Coast Trolley and possible changes to La Jolla bus routes (Dan Allen) Discussion Item**

Dan advises that there will be a Meeting between the MTS design committee and our subcommittee on May 30, 2018 between 3:30-4:30pm (at the SDMTS Administration Building at 1255 Imperial Ave Suite 1000)

Dan noted several other Community Groups are starting to look at the MTS changes that will occur when the Trolley is activated. Pacific Beach, Mission Beach, Clairemont are some of the other communities that are starting to take an interest in shuttle services connecting to the Mid-Coast Trolley. At one time a Sunrunner Shuttle transported from the parking lot of Mission Bay to Mission/Pacific each and those communities will like to have it back and connect with the Trolley.

There is a project in the late stages of environmental review planning for the Balboa transit station. The Pacific Beach Planning Group has a committee reviewing this document and preparing a response. We are welcome to participate. This is related to our issue of shuttle service between La Jolla and the Mid-Coast Trolley, because for some of La Jolla (probably Bird Rock and south) the way to the southbound Trolley will be via the Balboa Station. Also, the Balboa Station might be a terminus for a shuttle bus that runs from there back and forth (along Grand, Mission, La Jolla Blvd., Torrey Pines Rd – like the Route 30) to the Nobel Station, providing connection between transit options and serving La Jolla and Pacific Beach. The topic should be on the agenda at next Pacific Beach Planning Group meeting, Wednesday, May 23, 2018, 6:30 - 9:30 PM at Oakmont Pacific Beach, 955 Grand Ave. Tom said he will attend that meeting.



**Adjournment:** 5:25 pm

Next Meeting: June 20, 2018

Respectfully Submitted: Donna Aprea, Secretary