

LA JOLLA TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION BOARD
Regular Meeting: Wednesday February 20, 2019

Members Present: Dave Abrams (Chairperson) LJCPA, Brian Earley (Vice Chairperson) LJSA, Tom Brady LJCPA, Donna Aprea LJTC, Erik Gantzel BRCC, Patrick Ryan BRCC, Natalie Aguirre, LJVMA, Aaron Goulding LJVMA

Members Absent: Ross Rudolph LJSA, Nancy Warwick LJTC

Approve Minutes of: January 16, 2019 **Motion to Approve: Gantzel, Second: Brady 6-0-2 (Goulding, Ryan)**

Public Comments on Non-Agenda LJT&T Matters: No Public Comments

Due to a scheduling conflict Ann Dynes requested to be heard first for Agenda Items 5 & 6

Agenda Item 5: Placement of New Bike Racks- Request by LJ Parks & Beaches Committee to prioritize locations for installation of bicycle racks. (Ann Dynes) **Action Item**

Ann has funding from the La Jolla Village Merchants Assn and the La Jolla Community Foundation to purchase 6-8 La Jolla branded bicycle racks. The City advised her that if her group paid for them City staff would install them. She is requesting some action from LJT&T on the placement of these bicycle racks throughout La Jolla. She is asking for one of our Board members to act as a liaison for her so that the input of LJT&T is reflected in the locations where these bicycle racks will be placed. Ann is signing an agreement with the La Jolla Community Foundation that LJP&B along with the LJVMA and LJT&T are all in support of this initiative so she needs one of our Board members to work with her on this project.

Ira Parker supports the idea of bicycle racks for the Village but he is concerned they will end up supporting the Scooters as well as other things. Ann wants the bicycle racks to be a place where scooters, and bikes and those other things end up parked in because then they will not be strewn all over our streets. There is an App that lets users know where to find a Scooter but once we have the bicycle racks installed perhaps a GPS type App will let the user know where a bicycle rack is located so they can leave their scooter or bicycle in the rack. Ann sent Barbara Bry a message that in her City Council Proposal to regulate the scooters she should request that these Companies have a designated drop off place to leave their scooters after using them. The goal would be to have the installed bicycle racks a designated drop off place. At the Children's Pool Ann discovered scooters that were perfectly lined up within the bicycle racks.

Aaron began Board comments with his view that sidewalks do not fall under the purview of LJT&T. Dave conceded this is a difficult question. Bicycles would fall under our purview but where to park these bicycles is a gray area within our authority. Tom supports the idea of the bicycle racks; the bike racks down at the Children's Pool are attractive and functional and he supports the idea of finding placements for them. He believes there should be someone astutue with bikes to act as a liaison and he is nominating Patrick to be the lead person from our Board on this project. Patrick mountain bikes and does not have a lot of experience with commuter bikes but he is very knowledgeable about the scooter world so he accepted the role of LJT&T's liaison to LJP&B.

Motion to support the request by La Jolla Parks & Beaches Inc. pertaining to installation of bicycle racks in La Jolla as reflected in an Agreement with The San Diego Foundation – La Jolla Community Foundation, and to appoint Patrick Ryan the LJT&T liaison to La Jolla Parks & Beaches for this project: Brady, Second: Gentzel 7-1-0 (Goulding)

Agenda Item 6: La Jolla Street Repair Priority List- Request to consider Streets needing repair throughout the Community (Ann Dynes) **Discussion Item**

Ann is President of La Jolla Parks & Beaches. She spoke to the Board about how her Board has a Capital Improvement Plan or a wish list of things they wanted to do that they submitted to the City and the City actually used their list to do the things her Board wanted to accomplish. She recommended that LJT&T should devise a street repair priority list; a list of streets that are in desperate need of repair and submit it to the City for consideration. The City recently renovated the concrete streets on Coast South Blvd and Westbourne Street and they were beautifully done. But there are other streets in La Jolla that are in desperate need of repairs: Via Capri, Hillside Drive, end of Via del Norte at the bike path to name a few. Ann believes that if we as a Board create a street repair priority list and submitted it to the City those streets may end up on the City's priority list for repairs. Dave suggested putting together a sub-committee to look into it: Tom, Erik and Dave volunteered for this sub-committee.

Agenda Item 1: Resident Petition for Speed Humps- on Westbourne Street between La Jolla Blvd and Draper Ave (Stephanie Jernigan) **Action Item**

Due to the constant speeding on her street especially during the school year when La Jolla High students are arriving to school and leaving school, she asked the City for 3 speed humps. She lives right next to La Jolla High, Muirlands and very close to La Jolla Elementary and the Gillispie School. The street is used daily by children of all ages and she feels it is just a matter of time before a horrible accident occurs. She petitioned her neighborhood and received approval from 75% of the neighbors in her target area. After about a year of working with the City; the Fire Dept and City staff approved Westbourne St for 3 speed humps between La Jolla Blvd and Draper Ave. City staff has asked for an endorsement by LJT&T on this request.

Melinda Merryweather lives on Westbourne and supports the need for the speed humps. Gail Forbes asked how many humps and how would they be dispersed. Stephanie responded there would be 3 humps between La Jolla Blvd and Draper Ave but she did not know how the City would disperse them. Dave responded the City would probably evenly disperse them. Gail noted the speed humps on one street often shifts traffic to another street less able to handle it. Erik uses Westbourne to drop his children off at La Jolla High and agrees that people are driving too fast.

Motion to endorse Resident Petition for 3 Speed Humps on Westbourne Street between La Jolla Blvd and Draper Ave: Gantzel, Second: Brady 8-0-0

Agenda Item 2: San Diego Food and Wine Festival- SD Junior League request for Temporary No Parking on Coast Blvd adjacent to Scripps Park related to the 19th annual event on May 10-12, 2019 (Gretchen Hopper) **Action Item**

Over 50 of San Diego's best Restaurants and Beverage purveyors will be offering flavorful bites, wines, brews and spirits in the 19th annual fundraiser for The Junior League of San Diego.

Proceeds raised from the Event are used to fund Mission Based Community Programs targeted to improve the lives of San Diego County Transition Aged Foster Youth, Homelessness, and individuals affected by Human Trafficking.

There are no street closures for Coast Boulevard but they are requesting that 15 parking spaces be closed off for two days for their load-in and load-out of Vendors.

Set up: Friday 5/10/19 6:00am
Event Starts: Saturday 5/11/19 1:00 pm
Event Ends: Saturday 5/11/19 5:00pm
Dismantle: Saturday 5/11/19 11:59pm

There are no changes to the timeline of the Event from last year's Event.

Motion to Approve San Diego Junior League Request for Temporary No Parking on Coast Blvd adjacent to Scripps Park related to the 19th annual San Diego Food and Wine Festival event on May 10-12, 2019: Ryan, Second: Gantzel 8-0-0

Agenda Item 3: La Jolla Christmas Parade and Holiday Festival- Temporary Street Closures and No Parking areas related to the 62nd annual event on Sunday December 8, 2019 (Ann Kerr Bache) **Action Item**

The Parade Route and Timeline have not changed from last year's Event. The Parade is being held on Sunday December 8, 2019 from 1:30 pm to 4:30pm.

Last year they had 2,800 Entrants, around 14 Floats, and Horses that participated in the Parade. They are one of just three Parades in Southern California that are allowed to have horses in their Parade.

The only time-line that changed is Photos with Santa and other children's activities. Last year the Christmas Parade and Holiday Festival fell on Chanukah and to accommodate event staff who celebrate Chanukah they held the Photos with Santa and other children's activities in the morning, before the Parade began, so staff could get home early to celebrate the Holiday. They discovered this arrangement was more beneficial to the children who were entertained while waiting for the parade to begin and decided to keep the children's entertainment activities in front of the Athenaeum between 10:30 am-1:00 pm. As a result, it shortened the parade time-line by 2 hours.

Event Set up 12/8/19 7:00 am
Event Starts 12/8/19 1:30pm
Event Ends: 12/8/19 4:30pm
Dismantle 12/8/19 5:00pm

Parade Day No Parking and Tow Away Zones

Vehicles will be towed promptly at 9:30 am

Both sides of Ivanhoe between Ivanhoe East and Torrey Pines Rd.

Both sides of Girard between Torrey Pines and Kline.

Both sides of Kline between Ivanhoe and Fay.

Both sides of Herschel between Torrey Pines and Silverado.

Both sides of Torrey Pines between Herschel and Virginia Way.

Vehicles will be towed promptly at 11:30 am

Both sides of Girard between Kline and Prospect.

*Both sides of Prospect between Girard and La Jolla Blvd.
Both sides of Draper between Silverado and Kline.*

Ann clarified that the Event is completely funded by Community donations and Grants from Foundations, Businesses, and Residents.

Boy Scouts Troop 506 put a special flyer on windshields alerting drivers to the no parking tow away zones in case they miss the no parking signage. Only one driver had their car towed at last years' event. Parade is extremely well organized so that when mishaps occur, they are quickly resolved.

Motion to Approve the La Jolla Christmas Parade and Holiday Festival request for Temporary Street Closures and No Parking areas related to the 62nd annual event on Sunday December 8, 2019: Aguirre, Second: Earley 8-0-0

Agenda Item 4: Request to Remove and Relocate Crosswalk at End of Playa Del Norte-by Neptune Place (Melinda Merryweather) Action Item

The Crosswalk at the end of Playa Del Norte that Melinda is requesting to be removed and relocated is actually a traffic stop line which cannot be removed. However, pedestrians are confusing this stop line for a crosswalk and are using it to cross Playa del Norte ending up in front of a hedge where they are forced to cross at the high curve on Neptune Street. It is a safety hazard. Traffic is very fast rounding that curve at the same time pedestrians have nowhere to go but out on the street. Melinda is requesting 'No Pedestrian Crossing' chains at both ends of Playa Del Norte where the stop line is located to discourage pedestrians from crossing.

In addition to the No Pedestrian Crossing chains Melinda is requesting that two new crosswalks be installed, one across Playa del Norte where the sidewalk ends, (at the end of the condo parking lot) to safely cross to the south side, and another crosswalk that would take pedestrians across Neptune to the stairs leading down to the beach. Melinda consulted with Jim Neri who suggested that installing a new crosswalk at that location is on a safer part of Neptune to cross. Friends of Windnsea have been working on repairing that stairway which has been washed out by the sea but it almost finished.

There are some residents on Neptune here at the Meeting to support what Melinda is saying about the need for safety measures in the form of crosswalks. Pedestrians are jumping out into the middle of the street and there is heavy traffic at certain times of the day.

Patrick asked Melinda about the property line dividing the public land from private property. If we are to approve the no pedestrian crossing signage it has to be installed on public property. Melinda responded that two small posts on either side of the stop line would be on public property.

Dave noted that there would be a need for ADA approved handicapped ramps at the new crosswalks. Patrick responded that it amounts to 4 curb cuts.

Ann Kerr Bache asked if the new crosswalks would need to undergo a petition process much like the speed humps on Westbourne Street. Dave responded that the City has a specific petition for speed humps but he is not aware if there is a specific petition for crosswalks. She is asking because at some point this is going to be on the Agenda for Town Council to ratify and if someone questions it, she wants to know how to respond to it.

Motion to establish two crosswalks with required ADA approved handicapped ramps, one on Playa del Norte and the other on Neptune Street and installing 'no pedestrian crossing' barriers on both sides of the stop line at the end of Playa del Norte: Goulding, Second: Ryan 8-0-0

Adjournment: 4:50pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday March 20, 2019

Respectfully Submitted: Donna Aperia, Secretary