

LA JOLLA TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION BOARD
Regular Meeting: Wednesday May 15, 2019

Members Present: Dave Abrams (Chairperson) LJCPA, Brian Earley (Vice Chairperson) LJSA, Tom Brady LJCPA, Donna Aprea LJTC, Nancy Warwick LJTC, Erik Gantzel BRCC, Patrick Ryan BRCC, Natalie Aguirre LJVMA, Robert Mackey LJVMA, Ross Rudolph LJSA

The Board welcomed Robert Mackey who is replacing Aaron Goulding as second representative to LJVMA.

Members Absent: None

Approve Minutes of: March 20, 2019 **Motion to Approve: Brady, Second: Gantzel 6-0-3 (Ryan, Earley, Mackey) Rudolph not available to vote.**

Public Comments on Non-Agenda LJ&T Matters:

Sally Miller- has lived in La Jolla 50+ years and has been a member of La Jolla Parks & Beaches for over 30 years to protect the Fay Avenue Bike Path. The Bike Path has always been 'no motorized vehicles' of any kind on the Fay Avenue Extension. It is there for pedestrians, joggers and bicyclists and they do not want the Bike Path to become the Boardwalk of Pacific Beach. Sally contacted Dave and he gave her some City contacts. She wants to get it on the Record that there is to be no motorized vehicles on the Fay Avenue Extension.

Dave asked Sally if there was any signage prohibiting no motorized vehicles. Sally responded there was signage but its in code. The Segway people were notified there are no motorized vehicles on the Bike Path but they disregarded it with a 'try and stop us' attitude.

Sally is working with City staff on getting the signage updated. At the time the signs went up there were no segways, scooters, or motorized bicycles cluttering our streets, parks and roadways but now signage has to be updated in specific areas to enforce it more easily.

Informational Presentation: Brad Elsass of Ace Mobility Solutions. Mr. Elsass and his group Ace Mobility Solutions were enlisted by the La Jolla Village Merchants Association to look at different parking solutions and determine where they can make some positive impacts on parking in the Village. Ace Mobility Solutions is a division of Ace Parking Management, Inc. They are the largest operator within the Village but their services go well beyond just parking management; they are also a mobility solutions company. Pedestrian traffic, parking issues, moving people around the Village through autonomous shuttles are some of the schemes they do consulting on and can be a resource for all Community Groups within the Village.

They provided the LJVMA with an extensive report on Parking in the Village that was also shared with LJ&T. Their Report focuses on the Merchant side of the parking issue. Mr. Elsass

noted just a key highlight of his Report. Previous parking studies did not necessarily account for all available parking within the Village. Their data shows that in the Monday through Friday 9-5 timeline there are 6,000 employees in the Village and that is the most impactful time period in the Village but there are 6,500 parking spaces. There is some tightness in the overall parking capacity but there is also available capacity in off-street parking and the technology that can show people where parking is available. Their Report covers various solutions for parking, scooters and pedestrian traffic. Mr. Elsass wanted to make LJ&T aware that this Report is out there and can assist us or any community board whenever a need arises.

Jodi Rudick, Executive Director for the LJVMA, is not present at this Meeting. Dave asked Mr. Elsass if he knew what their next step is and Mr. Elsass responded that LJVMA has not yet approved the Report. He will be working with that Board to approve the Report and then to identify some of the things that can immediately be put into place to start making an impact.

Dave noted that two LJVMA Representatives sit on LJ&T and this Board will coordinate our efforts with the LJVMA on anything that may require an Action Item and a Vote from LJ&T.

Agenda Item 1: Report regarding City Action on Board Recommendations: a) Add Keep Clear Zones at Nautilus intersections: *proposed by Sally Miller Jan 2019 Meeting*; b) Elimination of Parking Spaces on Fay Ave approaching Pearl Street intersection: *proposed by Fran Zimmerman Jan 2019 Meeting*; c) Right Turn Arrow for Southbound N. Torrey Pines Rd at LJ Shores Dr intersection *proposed by Simon Andrews Dec 2018 Meeting (Dave Abrams)* **Discussion Item**

City Response:

This is in response to your traffic request for the intersection of Aranda Ave @ Nautilus St, Avenida La Reina @ Nautilus St. You made requests for "KEEP CLEAR" pavement markings for Aranda Ave @ Nautilus St, Avenida La Reina @ Nautilus St, and removal of one parking space, Fay Ave @ Pearl St before the right turn lane pocket for northbound and southbound right turn traffic on Fay Ave.

We typically do not recommend "KEEP CLEAR" pavement legends for any intersection. Also, from the assessment of the intersection of Fay Ave @ Pearl St, we found that removing one parking space for northbound and southbound directions will not help improve queue storage capacity for the right lane pocket. Also, removal will have an adverse impact due to parking demand for this location. Therefore, we do not recommend removing parking for the requested location at this time.

Dave forwarded to the City an excerpt from the meeting minutes of Jan 16, 2019 Agenda Item 1 providing background information on the request to remove the parking spaces on Fay Ave, as a result the City may reconsider their response.

As for the Right Turn Arrow for South bound North Torrey Pines Rd at La Jolla Shores Drive:

It is an old issue that the City has evaluated many times. About 20 years ago, a previous right turn arrow was removed and the NO TURN ON RED restriction was installed facing southbound

traffic on North Torrey Pines Road in order to provide more gaps in traffic for people exiting La Jolla Farms Road onto La Jolla Shores Drive. We don't recommend any changes at this time.

Dave responded if it was evaluated 20 years ago perhaps it should be looked at again but the City traffic engineer advised him it was just looked at prior to the City response.

Agenda Item 2: Resident Request to Eliminate Parking Spaces- south side of Torrey Pines Rd east of Park Row (Robby Robinson) **Action Item**

Robby Robinson, a La Jolla Resident, is requesting to eliminate three parking spaces on Torrey Pines Rd between Exchange Place and Park Row heading towards Girard Ave. There was some confusion on what side of Torrey Pines her accident with a parked car took place as there is parking on both sides of Torrey Pines in that section where the accident occurred. Robby clarified she was heading towards Girard Ave from La Jolla Shores Dr. She was travelling between Exchange Place and Park Row when she hit the parked car resulting in minor injuries. Residents who live in the area and heard the crash told her there are always sideswipes, near misses, and car crashes because of the location of those parking spaces. Drivers coming upon the parked cars have to cross the line almost into the next lane to avoid hitting them in that narrow parking lane. LJT&T received a letter from Residents who used to live on Torrey Pines Rd directly in front of the parking spaces and moved to another location due to the traffic conditions on Torrey Pines Rd. For safety reasons Robby is requesting that the parking spaces be removed.

Sally Miller commented that Torrey Pines Rd has always been treacherous during the 50 years she has lived in La Jolla. The speed of the cars and the location of parking spaces along the Road has always made driving it dangerous and she would like to eliminate all of the parking spaces along the Road.

Patrick commented that the parked cars act as a buffer and choke the road as a traffic calming measure to reduce the speed of the traffic. It really needs a traffic engineer to look at it. Dave responded that we could alert the City and ask them to do an analysis to provide some accident history and see if there is a way to eliminate the three parking spaces Robby is requesting but realign Torrey Pines on the other side to accommodate wider parking spaces. Torrey Pines between Exchange Place and Park Row, heading towards Girard Ave, has three parking spaces but across the Road, the other side has six parking spaces.

Erika Hill, in the audience for another Agenda Item, asked Dave that if he does request a traffic engineer for Torrey Pines can the traffic engineer look at Pearl Street as well because Pearl Street has the same issues that Torrey Pines has especially at Draper Ave. Cars parked a little too far out onto Pearl cause accidents when car doors open as drivers are making the turn onto Draper. Erika suggests the traffic engineers look at the mile between Torrey Pines and Pearl Street. Dave will ask the City if they will do an analysis for us.

Motion to contact the City Traffic Engineers and request they investigate the accident history from the parking spaces on Torrey Pines Rd between Exchange Place and Park Row, with the

feasibility of realigning the road to eliminate the three parking spaces on the North side of Torrey Pines Rd: Ryan, Second: Brady 9-0-0 (Rudolph not available to vote).

Agenda Item 3: Report from Concrete Streets Subcommittee (Tom Brady) Discussion Item:

At the February 20, 2019 Meeting, Ann Dynes President of La Jolla Parks & Beaches presented Agenda Item 6 La Jolla Street Repair Priority List. Ann believes that if we as a Board created a street repair 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 committee.

Tom updated the Board that the subcommittee met on April 22 and it is still a work in progress. They received help from Council Member Barbara Bry's Office with City data but it is quite voluminous at almost 600 pages listing streets in San Diego the City is responsible for maintaining. Some of the streets in La Jolla clearly need to be repaired. Neptune and Hillside were two of the streets Tom mentioned would be recommended to the City to get in the queue to be repaired. The City did a nice job on South Coast Boulevard, Belvedere and Westbourne using concrete. Natalie asked him if the concrete streets on their list would be replaced with concrete and Tom responded that is the goal. If the street was concrete it should be concrete again. Dave clarified that the subcommittee is focusing on deteriorating streets that are concrete and should be replaced with concrete. They are not looking at replacing concrete with asphalt although that is the preferred solution from a cost perspective because the expense is not nearly as great.

Natalie took the opportunity to advise the Board of a sinkhole becoming wider on Torrey Pines Rd as drivers are leaving La Jolla. It is near the Coast Walk intersection. Mauricio Medina is in the audience and will report it to City staff. He advised the Board that they are repaving Torrey Pines Rd the week of the 20th. Dave mentioned the subcommittee will be meeting again to continue their efforts on the street repair priority list.

Agenda Item 4: La Jolla Presbyterian Church Harvest Festival- Request for Temporary Street Closure and No Parking on Draper Ave between Kline and Silverado Streets for the 6th annual event on Sunday November 3, 2019 (Erika Hill) Action Item

This is a Community Outreach Event for La Jolla Presbyterian Church. They are requesting to close Draper Ave between Silverado and Kline Street to allow space for six food trucks to park in front of the Church and the La Jolla Women's Center, as well as provide safe accessible street crossing for all individuals having lunch on the street or walking to the Rec Center for activities. Last year they had 354 children participate and this year they estimate about 800 families will attend the Festival.

Erika booked the Rec Ctr for the event and also has documented email agreements with the Bed and Breakfast Inn at 7753 Draper Ave and La Jolla Women's Club at 715 Silverado Street to close the street down in front of their establishments for the day.

Setup: 6 am
Event Starts: 11am
Event Ends: 2:00 pm
Clean up: 2-4pm

Dave asked Erika if there are any changes from last years event. Erika responded that instead of the basketball tournament they are having a Rockwall to reach out to the older demographic of children. The Rec Ctr was fine with the Rockwall event. Sunday November 3rd is the Fallback time change which would help in the early start to set up.

Last year Brian asked Erika who is setting up the street closure signs and Erika responded that she does it. Brian asked her if she was setting up the street closure signs this year and she responded that she is still doing it. Erika explained for financial reasons the Church purchased the street closure signs from Acme and just store them in their Church Garage for this event. Brian asked if the City ever offered to provide the signs for them or offer to close the street off themselves and Erika replied No. Erika explained it cost the Church about one thousand dollars to rent the signs for the day and it cost three thousand dollars to purchase them so by purchasing them they already received a return on their investment. Two weeks before the event Erika will set up the large No Parking advance warning Sign and then 3 days before the event she will set up the small 3-day warning no parking signs along every two parking spaces within the closure.

Motion to Approve La Jolla Presbyterian Church Harvest Festival request for Temporary Street Closure and No Parking on Draper Ave between Kline and Silverado Street for the 6th annual event on Sunday November 3, 2019: Brady, Second: Mackey 10-0-0

Agenda Item 5: Taste of the Cove- Request by San Diego Sports Medicine Foundation for Temporary No Parking on Coast Blvd adjacent to Scripps Park for the 18th annual event on Thursday September 5, 2019 (Kira Finkenberg) **Action Item**

The 18^h Annual Taste of the Cove will be held on Thursday, September 5, 2019. The event is the signature fundraiser for the San Diego Sports Medicine Foundation. The mission of the San Diego Sports Medicine Foundation is to provide a medical safety net for injured youth with limited financial means in order to return them back to health, life and sports.

Set-up 9/4/19 12pm
Starts 9/5/19 5pm
Ends: 9/5/19 10pm
Dismantle 9/6/19 6am

Ms. Finkenberg advised the Board that nothing has changed from previous years' events. La Jolla Parks & Rec asked them not to do everything on the day of the Event so they unload the larger equipment the night before and the remainder of the load in and load out on the actual day of the event. The Street will remain open but they request No Parking on Coast Boulevard adjacent to Scripps Park beginning the afternoon of Wednesday Sept 4 from 12PM - 8PM for

set up of the larger equipment; Thursday Sept 5, the actual day of the event beginning 6 AM until Friday afternoon September 6, 12:00 PM for load out and final clean up. Valet Service by Ace Parking is used for everyone.

Kira provided a map documenting where the no parking will be located. Natalie informed the Board and Kira that there may be construction vehicles in that area of their request for no parking due to renovations of the Cove Public Restrooms scheduled at that time. Kira was already informed that might be a possibility and they would use whatever they have available to them.

Tom noted that they estimated revenue of around \$150,000 and asked if that was received at last year's event. Kira responded that last year they received between \$125-130,000.00 for the San Diego Sports Medicine Foundation.

Motion to Approve Taste of the Cove request by San Diego Sports Medicine Foundation for Temporary No Parking on Coast Blvd adjacent to Scripps Park for the 18th annual event on Thursday September 5, 2019: Earley, Second: Rudolph 10-0-0

Adjournment: 4:45pm

Next Meeting: June 19, 2019

Respectfully Submitted: Donna Aprea, Secretary