

**LA JOLLA TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION BOARD**  
**Regular Meeting: Wednesday April 18, 2018**

**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:** Darryl Tschirn LJSA, Aaron Goulding LJVMA

**Approve Minutes of:** Wednesday March 21, 2018 **Motion to Approve: Brady, Second: Warwick 6-0-1 (Ryan)**

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

Nancy Manno announced that the ad hoc committee that this Board approved at the March 21, 2018 Meeting for the Hillside Drive Construction Issues has been ratified by the La Jolla Community Planning Assn at their April Meeting but not yet formed as Diane Kane is in Europe and not expected to return until early May. Nancy is referring to Agenda Item 2:

*Motion to Recommend the La Jolla Community Planning Association set up an Ad Hoc committee to develop a traffic management plan for Hillside Drive that is currently experiencing a great deal of construction activity causing numerous negative impacts: Brady, Second: Goulding 9-0-0*

Nancy told the Board that once Diane returns the ad hoc committee will be formed specifically to address the issues on Hillside Drive and she is requesting that one or two members of LJ&T serve on the ad hoc committee to lend value to their group since much of their discussions will be about traffic and transportation issues.

Nancy commented on a download App called Waze (a community based traffic and navigation app) that redirects traffic through surrounding neighborhood streets to avoid traffic congestion on main streets. She believes the traffic conditions on Hillside became exponentially worse due to the possibility that this App may be redirecting traffic to Hillside to avoid the Torrey Pines Renovation Project. This could be a reason why Hillside is suffering from extreme traffic conditions.

Brian downloaded the App on his phone as Nancy spoke but reported that it was not presently redirecting traffic to Hillside. Patrick explained how Waze works. Waze is a mapping tool that uses crowd sourcing so everyone who is driving is actually giving data back about their speed, road conditions, traffic conditions, construction areas and police activity that is shared with other drivers. Waze has ninety million average monthly users so it's getting a lot of data and will change routing depending on what it is getting reported back from other Apps. If traffic conditions on Torrey Pines start slowing down and speeds are reduced it will redirect traffic to other streets. Patrick believes the construction issues on Hillside will actually help them since Waze will not redirect traffic if conditions are slow on Hillside.

Dave asked if there were any volunteers for the Hillside ad hoc committee. Tom (Brady) represents La Jolla Community Planning Association on this Board and he has volunteered to represent LJT&T on the Hillside Dr. ad hoc committee.

**Agenda Item 1: La Jolla Presbyterian Church Fall Festival:** Request for Temporary Street Closure on Draper Ave between Kline and Prospect Streets for the 5<sup>th</sup> annual event on Sunday November 4, 2018. 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 four food trucks to park in front of the Church and the La Jolla Women's Center, extra space for tables and chairs for people to sit and eat on the street, but mostly to safely walk to and from the Rec Ctr without worry of cars driving/parking/etc.

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 7791 Draper Ave 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: 2-5pm

Dave asked if there was any resistance from neighbors about the street closures. Erika responded in the past there were some issues but not currently. La Jolla Presbyterian has offered use of their parking garage for the guests of the Bed and Breakfast and the Women's Center which is appreciated by these two establishments, as their guests can park safely off street for the night before the street closes.

Nancy asked about how many people are expected to attend. Erika believes around 800 people may attend. Last year they tried to keep track of how many wrist bands were sold. They sold 350 wrist bands and they assumed each child was accompanied by one or two adults. Many seniors from their Church and the surrounding churches showed up around lunch time. People wandering in and out of their event makes it hard to keep track of numbers but their events have been successful.

Erika said the one problem she has is trying to get more ponies for the pony ride event this year. Last year the pony line was very slow and drew complaints. She is working with the Kiwanis to find who they use to get more of them for this year.

Patrick asked if any vehicles were towed during the 72 hours that the street was closed and Erika said there were no tows.

Brian asked if Erika was still closing down the street instead of the City and she said yes she is still closing it down. It takes her about an hour to put out the signs. La Jolla Presbyterian purchased their Street Closures Signs from Acme Safety Supply so they are readily available to them. Erika has the date of the Advance Warning of the Closure reprinted by Acme every year.

**Motion to Approve Temporary Street Closure on Draper Ave between Kline and Prospect Street Sunday November 4, 2018 for the 5<sup>th</sup> annual La Jolla Presbyterian Church Fall Festival: Brady, Second Gantzel 7-0-0**

**Agenda Item 2: End of Summer Run-** Request for Temporary Street Closure and No Parking areas related to the 19<sup>th</sup> annual event on Sunday August 26, 2018 on portions of Prospect Street and La Jolla Boulevard. Kathy Loper **Action Item**

End of Summer Run/Walk 4Mile, Sunday August 26, 2018 this is the 19th annual run/walk. The event benefits San Diego Area High Schools, La Jolla High School, Mission Bay High, Clairemont High, University City High, Patrick Henry High along with the Clairemont Hills Kiwanis Foundation.

The Race begins in La Jolla at Prospect and Girard at 8:00am. Runners travel westbound to La Jolla Boulevard, turn south and move into the southbound lanes of La Jolla Boulevard until Mission Boulevard. Runners cross over the street and run south in the northbound lanes. The course ends at Felspar.

Traffic will be closed in the southbound lanes of La Jolla Boulevard from Prospect to Mission Boulevard. Prospect Street from Girard to Fay will be closed from 5:30 to 8:30 am

This is a "rolling" course, once the runners pass the area the Police will allow traffic to flow except for southbound on La Jolla Boulevard from Prospect Street to Mission Boulevard, this will be impacted until 9:30am. There will be 30 San Diego Traffic Controllers and 55 Volunteers throughout the Course to ensure vehicles do not enter the streets the runners would be on.

Race participants are encouraged to come to La Jolla and park their vehicles. After the race they will be bussed back to La Jolla where many stop to have breakfast.

Dave asked Kathy if there have been any issues in past events and Kathy responded that the only issue they seem to have is that the no parking signs that the City puts out go missing, some have been spotted in back seats of cars. Event planners are constantly checking the course route to ensure that the no parking signs are still in place. Police also check to make sure no one is parked on the streets.

Tom asked how much money is raised for the Schools. Kathy responded they donate about \$1,000 to the Schools. It depends on how many volunteers the Schools send them to help out in the event. They will make the donation to the Schools track team according to the number of volunteers from that particular school so the donations vary among the Schools.

**Motion to Approve Temporary Street Closures and No Parking areas on portions of Prospect Street and La Jolla Boulevard on Sunday August 26,2018 for the 19<sup>th</sup> annual End of Summer Run: Earley, Second: Ryan 7-0-0**

**Agenda Item 3: Report from Transit Subcommittee (Cont'd. Item)** Consideration of use of funds for Shuttle Bus to Mid-Coast Trolley and possible changes to La Jolla Bus Routes Dan Allen **Discussion Item**

At the March T&T Meeting Dan suggested LJT&T set up a Transit Subcommittee or ask Community Planning Association to set one up to hold discussions with MTS and Sandag about what best to do with \$288,000.00 that remains in an account to support a shuttle into the Village. Dan is advising us to act now in setting up a committee before the Mid-Coast Trolley is up and running. This sub-committee should address whether La Jolla needs a separate shuttle service or whether the #30 Bus can be rerouted to use as a shuttle service. Currently there is no easy way to get to the Trolley from La Jolla.

The Committee met on the evening of Monday April 16. Attending the first meeting were Dave Abrams, Tom Brady, Erik Gantzel, Glen Rasmussen and Dan. It was recommended that the T&T Board establish the committee as an ad hoc working group on transit issues, particularly the anticipated changes in the transit system affecting the La Jolla community expected with the completion of the Mid-Coast Trolley (Blue Line extension).

The committee will develop questions and recommendations and meet with MTS planners who have scheduled a public input cycle on new bus routings beginning in the Fall 2018. Dan will contact Sheila Fortune of LJVMA to involve the Village Merchants' Association and the La Jolla Coastal Access and Parking Board.

The motive for the Committee is that the La Jolla Community Planning Assn calls for a shuttle to the trolley. Also, there is a sum of approximately \$300,000 held by the City (administered by the La Jolla Coastal Access and Parking Board) made up of developer fees years ago for a shuttle between the "village" and remote parking.

At the meeting there was discussion of possible shuttle origin and destination points, alternatives relative to the present Route 30 bus, parking options for park-and-ride, and the concept of an internal "village" shuttle. The committee also looked at SANDAG's long-range (2035, 2050) transit plans for La Jolla and the neighboring communities.

Brian asked Dan how he is able to confirm that there is \$300,000 held by the Coastal Access and Parking Board. Dan responded that the number is reduced now because the funds have been used to acquire monthly parking passes for La Jolla's private parking lots and underground garages. Tom affirms that the funds can be found in the City's balance sheet although you have to know the code to where to find it in the Financial Reports.

Dan says it is administered in the City by the Business Development Department by the same individual who interfaces with the La Jolla Village Merchants. The La Jolla Merchants administer the BID. Dave asked Dan to contact Sheila and let her know about the group meeting.

**Agenda Item 4: Dockless Bike Issues** - Participation in a Resolution to the City asking for adoption of regulations and announcing the formation of a working group to provide recommendations: Dave Abrams **Action Item**

The La Jolla Traffic and Transportation Board was asked to participate in a Resolution to the City requesting the City implement reasonable and balanced regulatory and infrastructure solutions to the dockless bike and scooter problems that are being left all over the streets of La Jolla. The dockless bikes are being parked on the public right of way, sidewalks, in hedges, on beaches, in parks and in front of other tax- and rent-paying businesses with riders violating the laws by not wearing helmets and riding the electric scooters on sidewalks. The violations are creating a lawsuit waiting to happen and a joint task force was created by La Jolla Town Council to address the issues.

Tom attended the Town Council presentation which he described as very informative and learned that the push for bicycles is not going to stop and the City and Communities need to get ahead of it now. Tom believes the technology for the dockless bikes may someday progress to the point that when a rider rents a Bike they must leave it in a pre-approved spot, which would be confirmed by GPS, or the meter would keep running giving the Rider the incentive to leave the bike in the safe pre-approved place. Patrick pointed out that there is a financial incentive for the Bike Companies to have the meter continue to run on the bikes.

Currently there is nothing in place to motivate the rider to leave the bike in a safe pre-approved place so the communities are asking the City to regulate them.

Nancy asked how many of the bikes are in La Jolla. According to the meeting Dave attended at the La Jolla Villages Merchants Association there are no bikes stationed in La Jolla rather bike users are leaving them here. Bikes are stationed in other parts of the City but so far they have not been dropped off in La Jolla. The bikes being left all over La Jolla come from other parts of the City.

Sally Miller commented that the Bike Companies are Vendors and they are cluttering our streets. They get all the money from them and we get the all their clutter. She reminded the Board that last year everyone in the Community fought to prevent Deco Bikes from entering La Jolla and now it appears that we have to do it all over again with these bike vendors. Sally attended the meetings with the bike vendors last week and has trouble believing that they are not deploying the bikes to La Jolla, that all the bikes we are seeing around here have been ridden in by the users. She asked why is it that La Jolla has to supply parking places for these bikes. Dave responded that maybe we can get it so they have to pay to park their bikes here.

Dave read the Joint Resolution on Dockless Bikes that the Board will be making the Motion to adopt:

*La Jolla Community Joint Resolution on Dockless Bikes and Motorized Scooters*

*Whereas the undersigned community organizations have received numerous expressions of concern about the proliferation of dockless bicycles and motorized scooters, the abandonment of which by short-term users has begun to negatively impact public access to La Jolla parklands, rights of way, and other locations and to impair the aesthetics and safety of our neighborhoods and vistas;*

*Whereas, we recognize that the increased use of bicycles and personal transportation is a positive alternative to automobiles and other means by which residents and visitors to La Jolla access our community, our businesses and our other amenities, and that such forms of transportation are a positive contribution to the San Diego Climate Action and Walkable Cities Plans;*

*Therefore, we are coming together as community organizations to ask the City of San Diego to implement reasonable and balanced regulatory and infrastructure solutions to address the concerns of public safety and aesthetics generated by these forms of personal transportation, including enforcement processes for the thoughtless abandonment of such vehicles, a more extensive system of recognized bicycle racks, as well as consideration of dedicated placement zones for dockless bicycles and other personal transportation vehicles which technically require no racking to be safely abandoned;*

*Therefore, we have resolved to create a working group of volunteers from our community groups to provide a coordinated set of recommendations to the City. We propose to designate the La Jolla Town Council to communicate with the City on our behalf as our shared recommendations evolve. We hope to identify locations and make recommendations for siting dockless vehicle parking sites, which are functional but not obstructive to the public areas and visual amenities of La Jolla.*

*Subject to formal adoption of this resolution by each of the organizations as required by their bylaws, the following organizations have empowered the La Jolla Town Council to transmit this resolution to our elected representatives.*

*Ann Dynes, La Jolla Parks and Beaches, Inc.*

*Janet Stratford Collins, La Jolla Parks and Beaches, Inc.*

*Dave Abrams, Traffic and Transportation*

*Ann Kerr Bache, La Jolla Town Council*

*Cody Petterson, La Jolla Town Council*

*Angie Preisdorfer La Jolla Shores Association*

*Bird Rock Community Council*

*Sheila Fortune, La Jolla Village Merchants Association.*

*Bob Steck, Community Planning Association*

**Motion to Approve La Jolla Community Joint Resolution on Dockless Bikes and Motorized Scooters: Brady, Second Gantzel 7-0-0**

Erik has volunteered to represent Traffic and Transportation on the ad hoc committee.

**Adjournment:** 4:45 pm

Next Meeting: May 16, 2018

Respectfully Submitted: Donna Aprea, Secretary