

**OCEAN BEACH PLANNING BOARD
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Monday, May 23, 2022 at 6:00 PM / Virtual Meeting

Call to Order: 6:05 PM

Close of Meeting: 6:41 PM

In Attendance:

Tracy Dezenzo (TD)
Andrea Schlageter (AS)
Craig Klein (CK)
Susan Booth (SB)

Agenda Modifications/Approval:

No modifications. Motion to approve AS, TD, CK

Minutes Modifications/Approval:

TD: No minutes for approval because there has been no meeting for the past nine months.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:

No member of the public in attendance.

CK: Notes the District 2 Candidate Forum will be held at Masonic Center, 6:00-7:30 PM, and OB Library Meeting will be held at New Break Church at 6:00 PM, both meetings scheduled for May 31, 2022.

ACTION ITEM #1: Elect Officers

Discussion:

TD: Briefly explains Office roles for Chair and Secretary positions and nominates herself as Chair for the Transportation Committee.

SB: Nominates herself to fill Secretary position.

TD: Calls for vote to approve Chair and Secretary nominations.

Unanimous vote of approval from: AS, TD, CK, and SB.

ACTION ITEM #2: Review / Edit / Amend Project List:

Discussion:

TD: Provides brief description of the Running Project List provided with the Agenda. She has been monitoring social media discussions and has not heard anything new that might warrant inclusion.

CK: His neighborhood has concerns that Orchard Avenue has potentially become sort of a speedway because there are no stop signs on Orchard Avenue between Santa Barbara Street and Sunset Cliffs Boulevard. This is the last street south of Newport Avenue that doesn't have stop signs for this stretch. Neighbors, especially those with young children have mentioned their concerns about the speed of cars travelling on Orchard Avenue. This is a potential joint concern for both the Ocean Beach and Point Loma communities because the Ocean Beach planning area ends at Froude Street. The issue is whether or not we need intermediate stops signs between Sunset Cliffs Boulevard and Santa Barbara Street and should this potentially be put on the list and shared with the Peninsula Group.

TD: Suggests discussing this with Mandy who is an advocate for traffic safety, adding it to our list, and potentially formulating a letter or request to present to the full board.

AS and CK: There are two-way stops at several cross streets with Orchard Avenue including Guizot, Froude, and Ebers Streets.

TD: We can add this issue to the Projects List.

AS: Wants to start lobbying City about smart traffic lights. She feels this is a better alternative to roundabouts.

TD: Will add this to the Projects List.

CK: Has parking concerns, especially in the commercial zone. Has heard from neighbors about issues with lack of parking for some commercial establishments and there appears to be inequity between some business that have parking requirements or others that do not.

TD and AS: There has been recent changes to some of the parking policy/regulations.

CK: Would like clarification regarding the parking requirement policy rules.

TD: Suggests drafting a letter requesting clarification of the rules and addressing inconsistency in applying the policy.

SB: Question about curbside dining that is currently taking up parking spaces on Newport Avenue and whether this change is permanent.

TD: Believes this will be a permanent option for "streeteries" if they are willing to pay for it. Previous rules required a certain number of parking spaces based on square footage, but rules were changed and now some establishments are now required to have parking and other are not.

SB: Asks about the potential for a dedicated right-turn lane to be added to southbound Nimitz Blvd at West Point Loma Blvd because currently most cars turning right from

Nimitz and heading west on WPL bypass the cars waiting at the traffic light and drive/stop in the bicycle lane which seems like a safety issue. There is plenty of room with a wide frontage with palm trees between Nimitz and the parking lot of Dusty Rhodes Park that could possibly be used for this purpose.

AS: Has this made this specific request but because this area is considered park space for our community, it can't be used for this purpose so the City is unwilling to do anything about this. SANDAG has plans to connect the bike path from the bridge, so maybe the County can do something.

TD: Nicole Burgess might have more information about this.

SB: Suggests then possibly moving the bike lane into the Park space with a more substantial barrier to protect the cyclists.

CK: Question about update on improved signage for Skate Park to prevent cars coming off I-8 from crashing into it.

TD: Has not heard anything even though it has been requested multiple times; however, there are new white barriers in place that stand out more.

SB and CK: Suggests adding solar-powered blinking lights or reflectors to the barrier to alert drivers.

CK: Question about replacing concrete median/barrier with flex posts in middle of Sunset Cliffs Blvd and Voltaire by Plant Power and the gas station.

TD: People hit this concrete barrier all the time and the Fire Department has issues with it so it was a potential suggestion, but doesn't know if the City is willing to do anything about it.

IDEAS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

No separate discussion for future agenda items.

MEETING SCHEDULE:

Meetings are held every other month on the 4th Monday. Next meeting will be via zoom on July 25, 202 at 6:00 PM

Meeting adjourns: 6:41 PM