



**Pacific Beach Planning Group
Streets and Sidewalks Subcommittee**

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**Discover PB Office, 1503 Garnet Ave, San Diego, CA 92109
Thursday, July 13th, 2017: 5:00-6:00 pm**

1. 5:01PM The meeting was called to Order and introductions were made. The meeting was attended by Chris Olson, Paula Gandolfo, Jason Legros and later RJ Kunysz. Public: Don Gross, Jason Legros, Josh Kuss, Tom Coat, Jeff Rosan, Ronni Ames and Paul Viani.
2. 5:05 Non-Agenda Public Comments
 - 2.1. Jason: the earlier meeting time requires driving straight from work rather than biking and vehicle parking at DiscoverPB is much more difficult.
 - 2.2. Don: Crown Point Drive, add to agenda (it is already on SSS Monitor so it is possible on agenda if there is time). People should use the Panda@san Diego.gov app to report issues. Speed bumps are a good way to slow things down
 - 2.3. Tom: Thank you PBPG for taking on issues like Foothill corridor and doing follow-up
 - 2.4. Paula: The yellow handicap ramps at street corners cause problems for people in wheeled handicap devices and she almost falls over due to the raised dots on the. Also, please attend the ground breaking of the Community Garden at St. Andrews Church on Sunday at 11:15AM
3. 5:08 Motion Legros/Olson Passed 3-0-0 Approval of previous minutes, Approval of agenda:
4. 5:10 Potential Action items
 - 4.1. Foothill Blvd/Loring St. Traffic Circle: The majority of the meeting was spent on this item since it is currently in process by the city and they are asking for our input. Also, several community residents showed up to talk about this. Each person was allowed to present their concerns and there was discussion. It was generally agreed the issues would be listed and sent to the City for consideration and response. The following is a summary of the issues
 - 4.1.1. Stormwater management: Water pooling is currently a big problem and needs to be addressed in this project. There is a flooding concern. Rain gardens should be employed if feasible.
 - 4.1.2. Landscaping/hardscaping and aesthetics. The group would like to see alternatives for how this will be addressed. The look of this infrastructure improvement is very important and a critical element that must be well defined and understood by the community. Can we employ the SD urban forestry (free trees) initiative? Can we employ low maintenance landscaping and who would maintain? Can we use different layers of attractive hardscape? What about an iconic sculpture like a Balzac?
 - 4.1.3. Bicycle Safety needs to be addressed in the design.
 - 4.1.4. The entire center point of the project should be shifted west and attempt to create more of a circle. The SE bound Foothill to SW bound Loring bypass should be eliminated as it will cause a safety hazard for pedestrian crossings and this routing is rarely used anyway. The East bound Loring to SW bound Foothill appears to be more of a bypass than a traffic circle entry and exit. There is concern of speeding and safety.
 - 4.1.5. Lighting is important and especially for pedestrians at night.

- 4.1.6. Pedestrian activated lighting/signal should be considered. Pedestrian safety as in fencing to prevent peds from crossing in wrong place should be considered.
 - 4.1.7. There was a concern that early morning "sun in their eyes" might cause a safety hazard.
 - 4.1.8. If cost savings on this intersection can be moved to expenditures at Foothill and Vickie then we should make every effort to lower these costs and spend them on the rest of the corridor
 - 4.1.9. Driveway removal/changes need to be addressed with property owners. Specifically, the owner at 4990 Foothill is concerned about losing one of their 2 driveways.
 - 4.1.10. The above items will be presented to the PBPG and sent to the city of San Diego for comment/response
- 4.2. Foothill Corridor traffic calming
- 4.2.1. The PBPG originally approved a conceptual plan for a series of traffic circles along this corridor. The City moved forward with only one at Loring. The community is still in favor of additional traffic calming along this corridor and there continues to be speeding, accidents, pedestrian hazard and a lot of upset people. The city is reluctant to place traffic circles at 3 legged intersections and they would like to be assured of neighborhood support, especially from neighbors impacted by changes like on street parking space removal.
 - 4.2.2. Recently the city installed traffic speed signs as an interim measure. Discussion of how to demonstrate community/neighborhood support.
 - 4.2.3. There is also a discussion about striping and traffic delineators as a temporary measure
 - 4.2.4. There was a suggestion for pedestrian activated crossing signal
 - 4.2.5. Chris suggested the neighbors coordinate a petition for traffic calming in the corridor and especially get signatures from neighbors at the intersections. He offered to help them with editing the wording on the petition to assure it will accomplish the type of support needed.
- 4.3. The issue of safety at West Knowl / Vickie was raised and Chris suggested submitting it to the get it done and then e-mail him with info.

At 5:59 the meeting was adjourned to allow for the next meeting to start. The agenda items below were not discussed due to time lack of time.

Items no covered:

- 4.4. Bike Boulevard/Complete Street build out on PB Pathway
 - 4.4.1. The best chance for a model corridor with Bike, peds, skate safety and vehicle calming is one that overlaps PB Pathways with City of SD Bicycle Master Plan. Also, it should be near or link with bus routes and parks.
https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/legacy/planning/programs/transportation/mobility/pdf/6_2_proposed_network_s1.pdf
 - 4.4.2. Discussion of possible Corridors: Diamond St., Cass St., Others?
- 4.5. Certificate of Recognition for Gary Pence and Linda Marabian
 - 4.5.1. Other issues on the current SSS Monitor