



LAJOLLA
PARKS &
BEACHES

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING

January 22, 2024 – 4:00 PM, La Jolla Riford Library, Community Room | In-person

Directors Present: Patrick Ahern, Tom Brady, Alexandra Corsi, Barbara Dunbar, Ann Parode Dynes (left 5:50 pm), Bob Evans, Brenda Fake, Ken Hunrichs, Marie Hunrichs, John Leek, Melinda Merryweather, Sally Miller, Phyllis Minick, John Shannon.

Directors Absent and Excused: Tim Seery.

Guests Signed-In: Seonaid McArthur, Stephanie Kelley, Charles Dye, Kay Stafford, Diane Kane

Present: Ashley Mackin-Solomon (La Jolla Light)

Verification of Quorum, Call Meeting to Order: President Bob Evans declared a quorum of 14/15 Directors, called the meeting to order at 4:07 pm, welcomed attendees. Quorum 14/15 at 4:07 pm; quorum 12/15 at 5:04 pm; quorum 13/15 at 5:05 pm; quorum 14/15 at 5:06 pm; quorum 13/15 at 5:50 pm.

Approval of the Agenda

The agenda for the January 22, 2024, meeting was approved unanimously (14-0-0).

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the December 4, 2023, LJP&B meeting were approved with three abstentions (11-0-3).

Treasurer's Report

The November LJP&B Financial Statement was sent to Directors for review. There was one amendment.

The amended reconciled financial report for November 2023 was approved unanimously (14-0-0).

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Approval of 2024 LJPB Operating Budget – The proposed budget was sent to Directors for review. Expenses exceed income. There are sufficient general account funds to cover the proposed deficit. In the future, it will be necessary to generate additional general account income which is a topic for later discussion and action.

The motion to approve the proposed LJPB budget for 2024 was approved unanimously (14-0-0).

President's Report

President Bob Evans thanked all of the Directors for their hard work in 2023 to help improve LJPB and make a positive impact on La Jolla parks and beaches. He added thanks to the officers for their administrative work.

President Evans recapped the accomplishments of LJPB during 2023 and other notable happenings.

January – Engineering report from Matt Mangano on Structural Observation and Assessment of Children's Pool (funded by LJPB with liaison by Phyllis Minick); Coast Blvd White Fence repair project announced and draft ROE submitted to City; new City Sidewalk Vending Ordinance to be enforced on Feb. 1 along the coast.

February – Fay Ave. Bike Path presentation by Debbie Adams; new informal Coastal Coalition includes beach community leaders for review of common beach community problems and to work with City Council and Mayor.

March – La Jolla Coastal Historic District presentation by Seonaid McArthur.

April – Disclosure of City plans to permanently close Point La Jolla to protect sea lions; shoreline vendors return to a noticeable presence as City does not or is unable to enforce its vendor ordinance.

May – Ellen Browning Scripps statue/tribute presentation heard; Scripps Park Picnic Grove II project starts.

June – LJPB Projects and Development workshop; support for La Jolla Coastal Historic District; California Coastal Commission denies appeal and upholds Windansea bluff project allowing it to go forward.

July – Efforts made to convince the City to retain public access and not close Point La Jolla year-round; "Bottom Scratchers" presentation regarding proposal to recognize free-dive history and community contributions; a community Capital Improvement Project list (LJPB, LJCPA, LJSA, BRCC) is endorsed for City submission.

August – Update on Windansea project; donation received to pay for re-construction of Windansea belvedere; new Whale View Point fencing repair and area maintenance project outlined.

October – Reports on Bike Path Clean Up project and completion of Calumet Park Eagle Scout project.

December – Outline of new City Sidewalk Vending Ordinance to allow some coastal area vending; new grass installed around perimeter of Scripps Park Picnic Grove I; progress being made on Picnic Grove II.

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Regular Meetings: 4th Monday of the month, 4:00 PM



Report from Councilmember LaCava's Office, Council District 1 – Emily Lynch (ERLynch@saniego.gov), Community Representative for the Office of San Diego City Council District 1 Councilmember Joe LaCava, was unable to attend. Her monthly "Connect with Your Community Representatives" event takes place monthly on the 3rd Friday at the Riford Library to allow the public to share problems, ask questions, or make comments.

Non-agenda and Public Comments on issues not on the agenda within the LJP&B jurisdiction -

Alexandra Corsi reported that teenagers were ignoring traffic rules and signs while riding on e-bikes, creating dangerous situations. John Shannon, Diane Kane, Melinda Merryweather, and others also commented on dangerous e-bike usage.

Mr. Evans expressed concerns about and disapproval of City Council efforts to revive the failed Shared Mobility Device program which resulted in nuisance and safety issues, were mostly used by tourists, endangered pedestrians and sidewalk users, and were not a viable business model. Stephanie Kelly expressed concern as well and suggested inviting District 1 Councilmember Joe LaCava to a LJPB meeting.

Ms. Minick announced a recent \$10,000 donation for a new Children's Pool Project from philanthropist Tommy Carroll and a donation of \$250 from Dan and Nancy Murphy. A grant request by Ms. Minick for a Children's Pool Maintenance project is undergoing preliminary discussion and review. Members of the Children's Pool Maintenance committee include Ms. Minick, Ken Hunrichs, Marie Hunrichs, and John Leek.

Seonaid McArthur, chairwoman of the Landmark Committee of the La Jolla Historical Society, presented an update of efforts to add La Jolla Park Coastal Historical District to the National Register of Historic Places. A request to add more properties to the proposed district is being reviewed. Future maintenance projects could include an extensive Scripps Park landscape project.

Ann Dynes announced the 5th Anniversary of the San Diego Parks Foundation.

Action Items for Vote

1. Discussion of reimbursement to Jim Neri for payment of City Permit Fees (\$6,852.79) regarding Windansea Barrier Project #PRJ-1109410.

The motion to approve reimbursement to Jim Neri of \$6,852.79 from the LJPB Windansea sub account for payment of City of San Diego invoice #361763 regarding Project # PRJ-1109410 for Preliminary Review, Mapping, and Preliminary Records Fees was approved unanimously (14-0-0).

2. Discussion of reimbursement to Debbie Adams (\$20.43) for Fay Ave Path Printing Expenses.
The motion to approve reimbursement to Debbie Adams of \$20.43 from the Fay Avenue Bike Path sub account for printing costs regarding the Fay Ave. Path was approved unanimously (14-0-0).

3. Discussion of LJPB anticipated annual operating expenses and pre-approval of expense payments upon receipt of invoices not to exceed 110% of expected amounts, including: USPS PO Box (\$200), Tax Preparation (\$1,100), Insurance (\$1,500), and other normal operating expenses. Discussion of fundraising for the General Account including grant requests.

The motion to approve payments of annual anticipated and recurring operating expenses not to exceed 110% of expected amounts, including, but not limited to, USPS Post Office Box rent (\$200), tax preparation (\$1,100), and General Liability and Directors & Officers Insurance (\$1,500) was approved unanimously (14-0-0).

4. LJPB selection of two new Directors and election of incumbent Directors to second 3-year terms.
 - a. **The motion to approve holding secret ballot elections to add two new LJPB Directors and to approve second 3-year terms for five existing directors whose first terms expire following the 1/22/2024 meeting was approved unanimously (14-0-0).**

The motion was followed by a 5-minute break for the elections and tally of results. Ballots were distributed, and Directors voted on whether or not to approve 1) election of Stephanie Kelly as LJPB Director; 2) election of Diane Kane as LJPB Director; 3) re-election of each of 5 LJPB incumbent Directors (Tom Brady, Alexandra Corsi, Bob Evans, Ken Hunrichs, and Sally Miller) whose first terms expire 1/22/2024. The results of the elections were tallied. The break ended at 5:06 pm.

- b. **A motion to approve the addition of Stephanie Kelly as an At-Large Director to the LJPB Board to fill the empty director position that expires January 2027 was approved unanimously (12-0-0).**



- c. **A motion to approve the addition of Diane Kane as an At-Large Director to the LJPB Board to fill the empty director position that expires January 2027 was approved unanimously (13-0-0).**
 - d. **A motion to approve the vote results regarding second 3-year terms for the five LJPB Directors whose first term expires 1/22/2024 and to approve election of Tom Brady, Alexandra Corsi, Bob Evans, Ken Hunrichs, and Sally Miller as LJPB Directors for terms expiring January 2027 was approved unanimously (14-0-0).**
 - e. **A motion to confirm vote results and destroy the ballots was approved unanimously (14-0-0).**
5. The Nominating Committee (Ms. Dunbar, Mr. Hunrichs, Ms. Merryweather) presented the slate of officer nominees for election at the annual meeting: John Shannon - Vice President and Tim Seery - Treasurer.
- a. **A motion to hold open ballot elections to elect LJPB Vice President and LJPB Treasurer for new two-year terms effective following the 1/22/2024 meeting was approved unanimously (14-0-0).**
The motion was followed by a 5-minute break for the elections and tally of results. Ballots were distributed, and Directors voted on whether or not to approve 1) election of John Shannon as Vice President; and 2) election of Tim Seery as Treasurer. The results of the elections were tallied. The break ended at 5:13 pm.
 - b. **A motion to approve the vote results regarding the election of John Shannon as LJPB Vice-President effective following the January 22, 2024, meeting was approved unanimously (14-0-0).**
 - c. **A motion to approve the vote results regarding the election of Tim Seery as LJPB Treasurer effective following the January 22, 2024, meeting was approved unanimously (14-0-0).**
 - d. **A motion to confirm the vote results was approved unanimously (14-0-0).**

Information, Discussion Items, and Working Group Updates

6. Scripps Park Picnic Grove #2 - Ms. Corsi noted the City is reviewing Picnic Grove #2 construction plans and the Right-Of-Entry (ROE) permit application. The donors have been updated regarding progress.
7. Scripps Park Picnic Grove #1 - The City Parks and Recreation Dept staff installed sod around the perimeter to replace missing grass. The one-year, post-installation review of the GraniteCrete walking surface is underway. The durability and performance were not quite as expected. This was an important field-test of the new GraniteCrete materials. The manufacturer wants a successful outcome and will be making no-cost repairs to the surface after a ROE permit is obtained.
8. "Bottom Scratchers" Plaque Working Group - Mr. Hunrichs reported progress. The plaque will be attached to a boulder positioned between the sidewalk and wall. Additional approvals may be needed.
9. Whale View Point/Coast Blvd Fence Repair and Maintenance - Ms. Dynes summarized the project to install "non-permanent" post and chain fencing in stages to deter pedestrians from walking on sensitive bluff areas. The more-eroded northern section needs to be completed first. Some native vegetation seedlings were unintentionally removed by the City. Both the Transportation Dept. and Parks and Recreation Dept. need to review and/or approve aspects of the project. The estimated project cost is \$30K-\$40K.
10. Coast Blvd White Fence - Mr. Evans reported that the project continues to undergo City legal review. An approved ROE permit is expected in a couple of months. Mr. Evans has asked for cost estimates from a contractor for repair, maintenance, and paint. Funds will need to be raised to pay for the project.
11. Fay Ave. Bike Path - Debbie Adams reported heavy pruning was taking place to remove fire hazards. A generous donation is funding clean up projects. Ms. Adams met with the City Traffic and Transportation Dept. regarding new bike path signage, speeding e-bikes, damage to native vegetation, and pedestrian safety issues. Dangerous areas include adjacent to Starky and Del Norte Parks and near street crossings. She noted huge erosion at the north end of the bike path. More educational outreach is needed.
12. Bird Rock Parks (La Jolla Hermosa, Calumet, Bird Rock Joint Use) - Ms. Dunbar noted that the Parks and Recreation Dept. removed a memorial dedication plaque bench from the sidewalk at Calumet Park and replaced it with a new bench, but minus the memorial plaque. The original donor noted the missing plaque and is following up. Another Calumet Park bench was replaced recently by the Parks and Recreation Dept.



13. Coast Walk Trail – Ms. Fake announced that Boy Scout Troop 4 Eagle Scout bench projects are underway to add new benches. The wooden slats on other benches are being replaced. Vegetation has been trimmed back at Devil's Slide and in other sections of the trail. Water control efforts are succeeding, and erosion has been reduced. The ROE permit application to repair the bridge is under City attorney review and is for repair and maintenance of the existing walkway and bridge, neither of which can be widened with this ROE. Ms. Fake thanked community members and groups who help clean up and maintain Coast Walk. Due to rains and weed growth, a weeding party is tentatively scheduled for March 23.
14. Windansea Barrier Project (#0666879) – Ms Merryweather reported that the project is advancing and fundraising by Friends of Windansea (FOW) is underway.
15. The City has acknowledged a mistake with repairs at the Westbourne Stairs and will be fixing the problem properly. Progress continues on the Emergency Storm Drain and Bluff Repair Project in the 6900 block of Neptune Place scheduled for completion before summer.
16. Brenda Fake was thanked for her service as Vice President. President Evans welcomed Stephanie Kelly and Diane Kane as new Directors on the La Jolla Parks and Beaches Board of Directors.
17. The next La Jolla Parks and Beaches meeting is on February 26, 2024, at the La Jolla Riford Library.
18. A special, closed LJPB Board Meeting immediately follows the January 22 annual meeting.

Adjournment **The motion to adjourn at 5:55 pm to the special January 22 Special Closed meeting and subsequently to the February 22, 2024, regular meeting at the La Jolla Riford Library was unanimously approved (13-0-0).**

Minutes taken by Ms. Dunbar.