

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING December 4, 2023 – 4:00 PM, La Jolla Riford Library, Community Room | In-person

Directors Present: Patrick Ahern, Tom Brady, Barbara Dunbar, Ann Parode Dynes (left 5:15 pm), Bob Evans, Brenda Fake, Melinda Merryweather, Sally Miller, Phyllis Minick, John Shannon.

Directors Absent and Excused: Alexandra Corsi, Ken Hunrichs, Marie Hunrichs, John Leek, Tim Seery.

Guests Signed-In: Emily Lynch (CD1 Rep.), Stephanie Kelley,

Present: Mark Coleman (LJPB webmaster), Bill Robbins, Ashley Mackin-Solomon (La Jolla Light)

<u>Verification of Quorum, Call Meeting to Order:</u> President Bob Evans declared a quorum of 10/15 Directors, called the meeting to order at 4:07 pm and welcomed attendees. Quorum 10/15 at 4:07 pm; quorum 9/15 at 5:15 pm. Eight directors are required for a quorum.

Approval of the Agenda

The agenda for the December 4, 2023, meeting was approved unanimously (10-0-0).

Approval of Minutes It was noted that the September LJPB Meeting was canceled. The minutes of the October 30, 2023, LJP&B meeting were approved unanimously (10-0-0).

<u>Treasurer's Report</u> The reconciled financial report for November was not available. The reconciled October LJP&B Financial Statement was sent to Directors for review. **The reconciled financial report for October 2023 was approved unanimously (10-0-0).**

President's Report

President Bob Evans reported that the City revision of the Sidewalk Vending Ordinance is ongoing and expected to go before the San Diego City Council in January 2024. It should improve enforcement and contain First Amendment definition revisions. La Jolla Parks and Beaches and others do not want any vending activity at shoreline parks resulting in maximized public views and usage. Ordinance enforcement will be crucial. President Evans described a landscape environmental enhancement project at the La Jolla Cove "swim deck" adjacent to the lifeguard station on the mid-level proposed by the La Jolla Cove Swim Club to refurbish and add native landscaping in that area and to develop funding for long-term maintenance. The La Jolla Cove Swim club has begun discussions with the City Parks and Recreation Department.

Report from Councilmember LaCava's Office, Council District 1 – Emily Lynch (ERLynch@sandiego.gov), Community Representative for the Office of San Diego City Council District 1 Councilmember Joe LaCava, noted that the first monthly "Connect with Your Community Representatives" event took place on 11/17/23 from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm in the La Jolla Library. Future events will take place monthly on the 3rd Friday to allow the public to share problems, ask questions, or make comments. December 15 is the next one. Ms. Lynch responded to a question about the implementation plan for the utility undergrounding projects.

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

Mr. Bill Robbins reported on various activities at Scripps Park including water line replacement, vandalized construction barriers, and scheduled new sod additions at the perimeter of the Picnic Grove I site. Mr. Robbins was profusely thanked for his dedication and many volunteer efforts at Scripps Park. Mr. Brady commented that cameras could help reduce vandalism and illegal activities at Scripps Park.

Progress is being made on the Emergency Storm Drain and Bluff Repair Project in the 6900 block of Neptune Pl. scheduled for completion before summer.

The need to clear overgrown and encroaching ice plant from sidewalk areas at Windansea was reported. Ms. Fake requested discussion at a future meeting about funding LJPB's general administrative expenses such as tax preparation costs from donations raised for various projects since funds raised for those projects impact LJPB's ongoing overhead of tax preparation and charitable trust fees. A working group (Ms. Fake, Rev. Seery, Mr. Brady, and Mark Coleman) was proposed to investigate fair allotment of tax preparation costs and report back at the January meeting.

There was a suggestion to add a donation button/link to the LJPB website and other donation alternatives to encourage and enable more people to donate.



Action Items for Vote

1. The April 19-21, 2024, La Jolla Concours d'Elegance presentation was made by event coordinator Laurel McFarlane and volunteer Mike Dorvillier. The Scripps Park event usage map is similar to prior years. Sections of the Park will be closed only on Sunday April 21. The event attracts high-end cars, is a major fundraiser for the La Jolla Historical Society, and generates substantial revenue for local hotels and businesses.

The motion to approve use of Scripps Parks for the April 2024 Concourse d'Elegance was approved unanimously. Approved 10-0-0

Information, Discussion Items, and Working Group Updates

- 2. Scripps Park Picnic Grove #1 The City Parks and Recreation Dept staff installed sod to replace missing grass around the picnic grove perimeter. These efforts highlight the partnership of LJPB with City staff.
- 3. Scripps Park Picnic Grove #2 President Evans presented an update and noted that Jim Neri had completed the latest topographical work. The updated Right of Entry (ROE) Permit application is under CEQA and other reviews by the City and has been shared with project participants. The City has been helpful with the process.
- 4.The LJPB Officer Nominating Committee (BD, MM, and KH) The committee was tasked with choosing the slate for the two officer elections at the January 22, 2024, LJPB annual meeting and has been working on the slate for Vice President and Treasurer. Tim Seery has agreed to be the nominee for Treasurer. Ms. Fake is not able to continue as Vice President. At the meeting, John Shannon expressed a willingness to serve as VP. The committee will finalize the proposed slate. Per the Bylaws, any other nominations must be submitted to the chair of the Nominating Committee (BD) by the date of the January 22, 2024, annual meeting.
- 5. "Bottom Scratchers" Plaque The project is progressing. The plaque will be affixed to a boulder.
- 6. Whale View Point/Coast Blvd Fence Repair and Maintenance Ms. Dynes reported that the Right of Entry Permit has been drafted and sent to Ms. Fake for review and will be submitted to the City (Transportation, Streets Division) for review and approval. The estimated project cost is \$35,000. Competitive bids will be solicited, and the project could be done all at once or in phases.
- 7. Coast Blvd White Fence Mr. Evans reported that the project continues to undergo City legal review.
- 8. Fay Ave. Bike Path There was no report update from Debbie Adams.
- 9. Bird Rock Parks (La Jolla Hermosa, Calumet, Bird Rock Joint Use) Ms. Dunbar noted possible replacement of another Calumet Park bench and one or two benches at La Jolla Hermosa Park via Eagle Scout Projects. A sporadic vendor problem was reported at Calumet Park since mid October via Ask Parks and Get-It-Done.
- 10. Coast Walk Trail Ms. Fake thanked all who attended the Coast Walk Fundraiser, Donations will fund resurfacing of trails and walkways damaged or washed out in last year's heavy rains. Newly installed plants are taking hold. A plaque about Kumeyaay Native Americans was installed. An application for a ROE permit to repair the bridge is under City attorney review. Benches have been either re-stained or replaced. Ms. Fake also thank community members and groups who help clean up and maintain Coast Walk.
- 11. Windansea Barrier Project (#0666879) Ms Merryweather reported that the project is advancing and fundraising is underway. Four plaques will be installed as part of the fundraising process. Parks and Recreation Director A. Field is being consulted. D. Beacham was thanked for installing the surf shack holiday wreath. The fully funded belvedere will be constructed off-site for spring installation. Friends of Windansea (FOW) have raised substantial funds for Windansea maintenance and improvements over the years.
- 12. The annual La Jolla Parks and Beaches meeting is on January 22, 2024, at the La Jolla Riford Library. A special, closed LJPB Board Meeting immediately following this December 4 meeting.

Adjournment The motion to adjourn at 5:25 pm to the special December 4 Special Closed meeting and subsequently to the January 22, 2024, regular meeting at the La Jolla Riford Library was unanimously approved (9-0-0). Minutes taken by Ms. Dunbar.