



LA JOLLA
PARKS &
BEACHES

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

May 22, 2023 – 4:00 PM, La Jolla Riford Library | In-person

Directors Present: Patrick Ahern, Tom Brady, Alexandra Corsi, Barbara Dunbar, Ann Parode Dynes, Bob Evans, Brenda Fake, Ken Hunrichs, Marie Hunrichs, John Leek, Melinda Merryweather (arrived 4:07 pm), Sally Miller, Phyllis Minick, Tim Seery (arrived 4:13 pm), and John Shannon.

Directors Absent: Jane Reldan (excused).

Signed-In Guests: Mark S Brown, Bill Robbins, Stephanie Kelly, Kathleen Neil

Others Present: Steven Hadley, Ashley Mackin-Solomon, Myriam Miedzian, Gary Ferdman, Trace Wilson, Diane Kane

Verification of Quorum, Call Meeting to Order: President Bob Evans declared a quorum of 13 Directors to be present, called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m., and welcomed all attendees. Quorum 14/16 at 4:07 p.m.; quorum 15/16 at 4:13 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda

The order of the agenda was discussed per request from Ann Dynes to deal with action items requiring disbursement of funds near the beginning of the meeting.

The amended agenda for the May 22, 2023, meeting was approved unanimously (14-0-0).

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the April 24, 2023, meeting were approved unanimously (14-0-0).

Treasurer's Report

The financial report for April 2023 was approved unanimously (14-0-0).

President's Report

Enhance La Jolla Day on Saturday May 13 was a success with about 50 community leaders present representing different local organizations including La Jolla Parks and Beaches. Highlights included the La Jolla Foundation's proposed Village Streetscape plan. Mr. Evans noted increased illegal vendor presence at various La Jolla shoreline areas including the Cove and Children's Pool, other coastal communities like Pacific Beach and Mission Beach, and Balboa Park. Concerns were expressed about reduced views, blocked shoreline access and public right of ways, illegal vending activities, and damage to grassy park areas and landscaping.

Report from San Diego City Council District 1 Councilmember Joe LaCava's Office

Steven Hadley responded to the illegal vendor complaints. He hopes the City Attorney will draft an amended ordinance with clearer language to deter illegal vending and allow enforcement. Roadway repaving and restriping is underway in La Jolla. Mr. Hadley noted that the emergency repair process is underway regarding the storm drain, sidewalk, and eroded bluff situations at Windansea Beach. He will provide further updates. The San Diego City Council unanimously approved modifications to Spaces As Places amendments to the San Diego Municipal Code and Local Coastal Program as suggested by the California Coastal Commission. The revisions include a requirement to obtain a Coastal Development Permit and the need to replace or provide nearby parking equivalent to any parking spaces that are converted to outdoor dining or other uses. The ordinance needs to go back to the CA Coastal Commission for final approval. There was no update about the Spindrift Drive public beach access walkway and deteriorating handrail issue (south of the Marine Room).

Non-agenda and Public Comments

Bill Robbins reported completion of repairs of the Cove comfort station drain and further repairs to the Cove light pole and cell phone relay station. The successful Kiwanis La Jolla Half Marathon and 5K events on May 20 exceeded entry expectations and were well-run. It was noted that the La Jolla Half Marathon and the La Jolla Historical Society's Secret Garden event took place on the same date.



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Action Items Requiring Funds Disbursements

1. A motion to pay the San Diego Development Services Department \$1,031.37 invoice for the Windansea Barrier Project #06668799 from the Windansea restricted account was approved unanimously. (15-0-0)
2. A motion to reimburse Jim Neri for Windansea Surf Shack thatch (\$43.01) and for DG (\$208.10) from the Windansea restricted account was approved unanimously. (15-0-0)
3. A motion to reimburse Bill Robbins for Scripps Park/Cove Street Light repair expenses in the amount of \$178.57 from the general account was approved unanimously. (15-0-0)

Information, Discussion Items and Working Group Updates

4. Myriam Miedzian and Gary Ferdman presented a vision for a Statue of Ellen Browning Scripps in Scripps Park or another La Jolla location. They are co-founders of Monumental Women, a nonprofit which placed the first statue to celebrate women in New York City's Central Park on August 26, 2020 (Women's Rights Pioneers - Susan B Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and Sojourner Truth). Ellen Browning Scripps had a major impact upon La Jolla in addition to her numerous and impressive achievements throughout her life. There is no statue of Ellen B Scripps in La Jolla and only a few statues of women within San Diego Parks. A statue of Ms. Scripps would be a reminder of her contributions and accomplishments. The statue of a young girl and a 1997 plaque stating "dedicated to the memory of Ellen Browning Scripps" on the lawn of the [La Jolla Recreation Center](#) is inadequate. They propose an Ellen B Scripps sculpture in Scripps Park or nearby, selected via a rigorous, competitive process. Many attendees noted the influence, numerous accomplishments, and donations of Ellen B. Scripps and applauded the efforts to add a statue of Ellen B. Scripps to a La Jolla location. Formation of a working group, community input, and funding were discussed.
5. Trace Wilson and Diane Kane gave a presentation on cityhood for La Jolla and answered questions. See Association for City of La Jolla, a 501(c)(6) non profit organization, website <https://CityOfLaJolla.org/>.
6. The LJPB Board Development and Project Chartering workshop is Tuesday June 6, 1:30-5 pm, at the Riford Library. A proposed agenda was handed out.
7. Children's Pool Maintenance Working Group – The storm damaged railing is being repaired and replaced.
8. Coast Blvd White Fence – Mr. Evans reported City Transportation Dept. crews were repairing or replacing fences near Goldfish Point. He anticipates receiving a Right-Of-Entry (ROE) permit in the fall for further coastline fence repairs and "coastscares" work from Goldfish Point southward to the Children's Pool.
9. Coast Walk Trail – Brenda Fake noted plans to expand the educational docent trail program and the need for additional weeding, post and chain fence repairs, native plant maintenance, and trail retreading. A fundraiser is scheduled for September 28, followed by the Cocktails on Coast Trail event on Sept. 29.
10. Windansea Barrier Project #0666879 – The appeal of the approved project is being heard at the California Coastal Commission meeting on June 8.
11. GraniteCrete repairs (about \$250) at the Scripps Park Picnic Grove will be discussed at the June meeting.

Additional Action Item

11. A new Scripps Park Picnic Grove #2 Project was discussed by Tim Seery and Alexandra Corsi and is a proposal by potential donors to refurbish the second picnic area in Scripps Park. A topographical survey will be needed as well as a landscape development plan and ROE permit. A motion to form the Scripps Park Picnic Grove #2 Project working group was approved unanimously (15-0-0). The working group will include Tim Seery (group leader), Alexandra Corsi, Bob Evans, Ann Dynes, and non-Director Mark Brown.

Adjournment The motion to adjourn at 6:15 p.m. to the June 26, 2023, regular meeting at 4 p.m. at the La Jolla Riford Library was unanimously approved (15-0-0). Minutes taken by Ms. Dunbar.