



MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

July 24, 2023 – 4:00 PM, Seminar Room, 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, Sally Miller, Phyllis Minick, Jane Reldan, Tim Seery, and John Shannon.

Directors Absent: Melinda Merryweather (excused).

Guests Signed-In: Larry Asakawa, Ashleigh Palinkas, Kay Stafford, Volker Hoehne

Guests Present: Ashley Mackin-Solomon (La Jolla Light), Steven Hadley.

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

Approval of the Agenda

The agenda for the July 24, 2023, meeting was approved unanimously (15-0-0).

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the June 26, 2023, meeting were approved unanimously (15-0-0).

The minutes of the June 26, 2023, emergency meeting were approved unanimously (16-0-0).

Treasurer's Report

The reconciled financial report for June 2023 was approved unanimously (15-0-0).

President's Report

President Bob Evans spoke about the July 20 San Diego City Council Environment Committee meeting's agenda item #4 "*Proposed amendment to the San Diego Municipal Code §63.0102 'Use of Public Parks and Beaches Regulated, Item (f) – Regulations for the Use of Point La Jolla' changing the seasonal closure period (May 1st to October 31st) to a year-round closure.*" The proposed full-time closure of Point La Jolla received public comments for and against the closure. Mr. Evans noted his opposition to the year-round closure. The Environmental Committee voted 4-0-0 [Joe LaCava (Chair), Marni von Wilpert (Vice Chair), Jennifer Campbell, and Raul Campillo] in favor of recommending the amendment to the full San Diego City Council.

Mr. Evans and others noted deteriorating conditions at Scripps Park, increased sea lion presence at the Cove and elsewhere, concerns about the ecology in and around the marine preserve, decline of the kelp beds and tidepools, worsening water quality, increased water pollution, and needs for a formal wildlife maintenance strategy, enforcement of laws, an updated Federal Marine Mammal Act, and an Environmental Impact Report.

Steven Hadley, Community Outreach Director for the Office of San Diego City Council District 1 Councilmember Joe LaCava, announced his impending retirement and replacement by Emily Lynch (ERLynch@sanidiego.gov) and thanked community members for their volunteer work. Mr. Hadley was applauded for his long-term efforts. Mr. Hadley mentioned ongoing efforts to improve pedestrian and vehicle safety and lifeguard access at Neptune Place adjacent to the work area at Windansea Beach where an emergency storm drain, sidewalk, and eroded bluff repair project is underway. Repair work cannot commence until after the end of the summer work moratorium. Mr. Hadley fielded comments and questions. In response to a question, Mr. Hadley noted that information about correspondence between Councilmember LaCava and NOAA can be obtained by filing a Public Records Act request. Full enforcement of the new vending ordinance begins July 31.

Non-agenda and Public Comments

Ann Dynes discussed the need for fence post and chain repairs, maintenance, and/or installation at Whale View Point. She requested establishment of a project working group and discussion of the proposed project at the next LJP&B meeting.



Action Items to be Voted Upon

1. A comprehensive presentation was made by Volker Hoehne and Ken Hunrichs who requested support and approval for placement of a 14" x14" bronze plaque at Scripps Park near Point La Jolla in honor of members of the "Bottom Scratchers" and their noteworthy contributions to marine conservation and diving. The Bottom Scratchers, founded in La Jolla in 1933, was the first spearfishing and diving club formed in La Jolla and is the oldest skin diving club anywhere. There was general approval of the wording on the plaque and the concept of placing a plaque on a boulder near Point La Jolla. The plaque will read: "Beyond this beach access, Memorial markers have been placed in name and honor of San Diego's most heralded underwater pioneers. Members and Affiliates of The San Diego Bottom Scratchers Dedicated every dive to preventing the waste of sea life and to helping others appreciate the wonders of the sea. All who enter the sea here Fall under oath, to do the same. Plaque donated by San Diego Freedivers Club."
A motion was passed 13-1-1 to support and approve, in concept, a memorial plaque in honor of the "Bottom Scratchers" to contain the exact language presented July 24; to support plaque placement somewhere at Scripps Park near Point La Jolla; and to establish a La Jolla Parks and Beaches working group to finalize the details for a final review and vote at the next LJP&B meeting.
The working group will consist of Ken Hunrichs, Marie Hunrichs, Volker Hoehne, Ashleigh Palinkas, Phyllis Minick, and John Leek.
2. Council District 1 requested a short list of high priority, much-needed Capital Improvement Projects within the La Jolla community for consideration by the City as part of the FY 2024-2025 budget process. Previously, CIP priority requests have been submitted by the La Jolla Community Planning Association on behalf of La Jolla with endorsements from LJCPA, La Jolla Shores Association, La Jolla Parks and Beaches, and BRCC. LJP&B directors reviewed the La Jolla CIP and Budget Priority List to be submitted to the office of San Diego City Council District #1 for CD1 budget hearings for fiscal year 24-25.
A motion to endorse and co-sign the joint "La Jolla Community Groups CIP and Budget Priority List - Fiscal Year 2025" for submittal to San Diego City Council District #1 was approved (14-1-0).
Further CIP discussion included a future request regarding the Fay Avenue Extension Bike Path.
3. Following discussion, **a motion to hold the regular August 28 meeting and to reschedule the September meeting to September 18 due to a religious holiday conflict was approved unanimously (15-0-0).**

Information, Discussion Items and Working Group Updates

4. The Project Charter for the Scripps Park Picnic Grove #2 maintenance project was presented by Rev. Seery and included the steps involved to begin and complete the repair and maintenance of the second picnic grove area at Scripps Park that is adjacent to the existing, larger picnic grove honoring Selma Malk.
5. An updated list of LJPB Projects will include the LJPB "Connect" project and a newly proposed Whale View Point fence post and chain repairs and maintenance project.
6. Children's Pool Working Group – no report
7. Mr. Evans reported that City review of a Right-Of-Entry permit for further fence repairs and "coastscares" work along Coast Blvd. from Goldfish Point southward to the Children's Pool is near completion.
8. The Eagle Scout project to replace two benches at Calumet Park in the Bird Rock neighborhood is back on track. A triangular section of landscaping that mysteriously appeared at La Jolla Hermosa Park in May is being evaluated by the Parks and Recreation Dept.
9. Coast Walk Trail – Ms. Fake thanked and praised the efforts of Troop 4 Boy Scouts. The annual Friends of Coast Walk fundraiser is Sept. 28, followed by the Cocktails on Coast Trail event on Sept. 29.
10. Windansea Barrier Project (#0666879) – no report

Adjournment **The motion to adjourn at 5:52 p.m. to the August 28, 2023, regular meeting at 4 p.m. at the La Jolla Riford Library was unanimously approved (15-0-0).** Minutes taken by Ms. Dunbar.