



## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

**August 28, 2023 – 4:00 PM, La Jolla Riford Library, Community Room | In-person**

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**Directors Present:** Patrick Ahern, Tom Brady, Alexandra Corsi, Barbara Dunbar, Ann Parode Dynes, Bob Evans, Brenda Fake, John Leek, Melinda Merryweather, Sally Miller, Phyllis Minick, Tim Seery, John Shannon.  
**Directors Absent:** Ken Hunrichs (excused), Marie Hunrichs (excused), Jane Reldan (absent).

**Guests Signed-In:** Ashley Mackin-Solomon (La Jolla Light), Emily Lynch (CD1 Representative), Veronica Shaw, Robyn Davidoff; **Guests Present:** Volker Hoehne, Kurt Hoffman, Debbie Adams.

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 4:04 p.m., and welcomed all attendees. Quorum 13/16 at 4:04 p.m.; quorum 12/16 at 5:07 p.m.; quorum 12/16 at 5:53 p.m.

### Approval of the Agenda

**The agenda for the August 28, 2023, meeting was approved unanimously (13-0-0).**

### Approval of Minutes

**The amended minutes of the July 24, 2023, LJP&B meeting were approved unanimously (13-0-0).**

### Treasurer's Report

**The reconciled financial report for July 2023 was approved unanimously (13-0-0).**

### President's Report

President Bob Evans met with City officials and representatives of other coastal communities to discuss vending at or near shoreline parks and sidewalks. Despite new vending regulations, illegal vending, impaired access, blocked views, and increased grassy park area destruction have worsened recently due to lack of enforcement and proliferation of illegal vendor activities. The City is amending the vendor ordinance for greater clarity and improved enforceability. The City Attorney is reviewing the amendments.

Mr. Evans met with CD1 Councilmember Joe LaCava and City staff regarding the proposal to close Point La Jolla and concerns that sea lions are proliferating and taking over expanded locations. Reported errors in the City's California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA, enacted in 1970) Negative Declaration and other issues were discussed. The City contends that there are NO significant impacts to the environment, biodiversity, other marine species, pollution, water quality, and more. Mr. Evans will send the City's CEQA document to Directors.

Closure of Point La Jolla is being heard at the CA Coastal Commission hearings in September.

Some attendees responded to the President's report. There will be a Beach clean up along the coast.

### Non-agenda and Public Comments - issues not on the agenda within the LJP&B jurisdiction (2 minutes or less)

Volker Hoehne expressed concern about unlicensed/unpermitted food vendors at Scripps Park and pollution and fecal contamination in the ocean off of Scripps Park.

Debbie Adams noted that the Bike Path suffered damage from several storms and that another Bike Path clean-up event is scheduled for Sept. 23 from 9 a.m. to noon as part of the "I Love a Clean San Diego" events. She commented that beaches are a free recreation resource for the public and lamented the sewage problems affecting coastal waters and beaches at Imperial Beach and Coronado.

Several people discussed prior and upcoming CA Coastal Commission agenda items and public attendance and participation at those hearings.

Patrick Ahern provided an update on the hand-railing issue/project at the Sprindrift Dr. ocean access corridor south of the Marine Room and various repair or replacement options to make the pathway safer.

Underwater Photo Society photos are prominently displayed in the Library's Community meeting room.

Brenda Fake praised the epic work done by the La Jolla Historic Society. The La Jolla Historic District was approved by the City Historical Society and the state. More community cooperation and collaboration is needed.

Additional comments and opinions were expressed regarding special interest groups, community harmony, the Children's Pool, seals, sea lions, ocean access, historical district designation, and community efforts.



#### Report from Council District 1

Emily Lynch ([ERLynch@sandiego.gov](mailto:ERLynch@sandiego.gov)), representative for the Office of San Diego City Council District 1 Councilmember Joe LaCava, introduced herself and gave a brief update on construction and repairs at Neptune Place and adjacent work areas at Windansea Beach where an emergency storm drain, sidewalk, and eroded bluff repair project is underway. Repair work will commence after Labor Day which marks the end of the summer work moratorium in the coastal zone.

#### Request to Amend the Agenda (required a 2/3 approval vote)

**A motion to request hearing the Scripps Park Picnic Grove II Item at the beginning of the Action Items List was approved unanimously (13-0-0).**

#### Action Items for Vote

##### 1. Scripps Park Picnic Grove II Working Group

Rev. Tim Seery and Alexandra Corsi discussed the estimated \$6,000 needed for the proposed Scripps Park Picnic Grove II project's initial landscape development phase. A project feasibility evaluation is required to obtain a project cost estimate from a contractor. Project cost estimates range from \$40,000-\$75,000. An initial \$1,000 donation has been received for the preliminary phase of the project with additional promised smaller donations and a larger \$25,000 donation.

**The motion to authorize expenditure of up to \$6,000 for the initial preparatory work to evaluate the feasibility of the project was approved unanimously (13-0-0).** Further fundraising discussions ensued.

##### 2. "Bottom Scratchers" Plaque Design and Placement at Scripps Park – Phyllis Minick/Volker Hoehne

The "Bottom Scratcher" plaque project was summarized including revised plaque wording and possible installation locations. The working group recommended approving plaque wording and placement.

Placement is subject to a decision by the City Park and Recreation Dept. The proposed location was discussed further.

**The Motion to accept the proposed wording for the "Bottom Scratchers" plaque was approved (11-1-0).**

##### 3. Neri Landscape Architecture Invoices # LJP 2001-09 & # LJP 2001-07 & The Branding Iron Invoice R10995:

a) **The motion to pay \$15,000 for Neri Landscape Architecture Invoice LJP 2001-09, dated 8/23/23, from the restricted Windansea account for Windansea Barrier Project (#0666879), for prepaid building materials, was approved unanimously (12-0-0).**

b) **The motion to pay \$2,700 for Neri Landscape Architecture Invoice LJP 2001-07, dated 8/17/23, from the restricted Windansea account for Design Prep Services regarding the Windansea Barrier Project (#0666879), was approved unanimously (12-0-0).**

c) **The motion to pay \$247.02 for The Branding Iron Invoice R10995, dated 8/23/23, from the restricted Windansea account for T-shirts/screening was approved unanimously (12-0-0).**

##### 4. Establish Working Group for Fence Repair and Maintenance at Whale View Point/ Coast Blvd.

Ann Dynes summarized the background and proposed fence/railing repair and maintenance project at Whale View Point/Coast Blvd and replacement of temporary fencing with more permanent post and chain barriers. The estimated cost is \$27,000.

**Motion to establish a working group for fence repairs and maintenance at Whale View Pt/Coast Blvd and adjacent areas was approved unanimously (12-0-0).**

The working group will include Ann Dynes, Brenda Fake, Tom Brady, and other volunteers. Further discussion ensued regarding permits, post and chain barriers, etc.

#### Information, Discussion Items and Working Group Updates

5. LJPB Projects and Development Workshop – no report

6. Children's Pool Working Group – no report



7. Coast Blvd White Fence – no report

8. La Jolla Hermosa Park and Bird Rock Area – no report

9. Coast Walk Trail – Brenda Fake

The Monthly Bishop's Trail Squad clean up of Coast Walk is Sunday, Sept. 17. The annual Friends of Coast Walk Cocktails on Coast Trail fundraiser event is Sept. 29, 2023, from 6-9 p.m.

10. Windansea Barrier Project (#0666879) –

Melinda Merryweather reported that an anonymous \$25,000 donation and a \$500 donation were received and were specifically earmarked for construction of the belvedere portion of the project. The previously existing belvedere was constructed in 1920 and illegally torn down/vandalized in 1982. These two donations complete the funding requirement for that portion of Project #0666879.

An additional \$475,000 needs to be raised to complete the entire Windansea Barrier project which is funded by the Friends of Windansea. The project includes installation of roughly 1800 feet of protective post and rope barrier fencing adjacent to Windansea Beach Park and along the sidewalk on the west side of Neptune between Palomar Ave. and Westbourne St. Two public benches and concrete bench pads are to be relocated for safety and accessibility reasons.

Adjournment    **The motion to adjourn at 5:53 p.m. to the /September 18, 2023, regular meeting at 4 p.m. at the La Jolla Riford Library was unanimously approved (12-0-0).**    Minutes taken by Ms. Dunbar.