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ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

January 27, 2025 – 4 pm, La Jolla Riford Library Community Room, 7555 Draper Ave., La Jolla CA 92037

Directors Present: Patrick Ahern (arr. 4:18 pm), Tom Brady, Alexandra Corsi, Barbara Dunbar (Secretary), Ann Parode Dynes (dep. 6:20 pm), Bob Evans (President), John Leek, Melinda Merryweather, Sally Miller, Phyllis Minick, John Shannon (Vice President).

Directors Absent/Excused: Diane Kane, Stephanie Kelly, Brenda Fake, Ken Hunrichs, Marie Hunrichs, Tim Seery (Treasurer).

Guests Signed-In: Chas. Dye, Jessica Hill (CAF), Amber Pleiss, Patti Garay, Dorothy Herman, Debbie Adams, Ernie Casco, Kurt Hoffman, Beth Murray, Emily Dye, Bill Robbins, Jean Spence, Robyn Davidoff

Guests Present: Emily Lynch, Ashley Mackin-Solomon, Seonaid McArthur, Fatima Marciel

Verification of Quorum, Call Meeting to Order:

President Bob Evans declared a quorum of 10/17 Directors, called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm, and welcomed attendees. Quorum 11/17 at 4:18 p.m. Quorum 10/17 at 6:20 p.m.

Approval of the Meeting Agenda:

The agenda for the January 27, 2025, annual meeting was approved unanimously. (10-0-0)

Approval of Minutes of Meeting of December 9, 2024:

The minutes of the December 9, 2024, LJP&B meeting were approved unanimously. (10-0-0)

Approval of October, November & December 2024 Treasurer's Financial Reports –

Directors were sent reconciled October, November, and December LJP&B Financial Statements to review.

The October 2024 LJPB Financial Report was approved unanimously. (10-0-0)

The November 2024 LJPB Financial Report was approved unanimously. (10-0-0)

The December 2024 LJPB Financial Report was approved unanimously. (10-0-0)

Approval of 2025 LJPB General Account Operating Budget –

The proposed balance budget was sent to Directors for review.

The proposed LJPB budget for 2025 was approved unanimously. (10-0-0)

Annual Operating Expenses (upon receipt of invoices not to exceed 10% of expected amounts, including: USPS PO Box \$200, Tax Prep \$1,100, Liability Insurance \$1,600) – B. Dunbar

Approval annual anticipated and recurring operating expenses

Pre-approval of payment of known annual projected and recurring operating expenses was discussed.

Payment of annual known and recurring operating expenses, not to exceed 110% of expected amounts, including, but not limited to, USPS Post Office Box rental (\$200), tax preparation (\$1,100), General Liability and Directors and Officers Insurance (\$1,600), were approved unanimously. (10-0-0)

Report from Councilmember LaCava's Office – Emily Lynch, Community Representative for the Office of San Diego City District 1 Councilmember Joe LaCava, announced that Councilmember LaCava was unanimously elected as the City Council President, will chair the 2025 Council Rules Committee, and will serve on the Environment Committee. A Townhall meetings is scheduled at the La Jolla Recreation Center on 3/5/25 at 5:30-6:30 pm. Due to the huge City Fiscal Year 2026 budget deficit, public input meetings will be held.

Report from the Mayor's Office - Fatima Maciel, Community Representative, Office of Mayor Todd Gloria, discussed the budget deficit and the implementation of the Daylighting Law which prohibits parking within 20 feet of an intersection or pedestrian crossing and efforts to reduce pedestrian injuries and deaths. The City has started painting curbs red, but the law applies whether the curb is painted or not. Brush abatement and storm drain clearance will be expedited. Fire safety meetings will be scheduled. Ms. Merryweather asked for a follow up regarding the high cost of permit fees for maintenance work and improvements being done on City Property and funded by private non-profits for projects that the City cannot afford to do itself. She requested a response about potential reduction or elimination of the fees.

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

Ernie Casco raised concerns about Torrey Pines Gliderport commercialization and privatization issues and noted a petition at MoveOn.org. [The Gliderport is outside of the purview of LJP&B and is in the University City Planning Group area.]

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Action Items

1. Challenged Athletes Foundation Community Weekend Event at Scripps Park, La Jolla – Event Manager Jessica Hill presented an overview of the Oct. 24-26 Challenged Athletes Foundation (CAF) expo, clinics, and racing events scheduled for October 24-26 at Scripps Park. The triathlon event takes place on October 26 and includes a 1 mile swim at the Cove, a 44 mile bike leg with transitions at the park, and a 10 mile run leg which finishes at Scripps Park. Scripps Park will remain open to the public except for the racing event start, course, transition, and finish areas and a few other small event and staging areas.
The motion to approve the Challenged Athlete Foundation event for October 24-26, 2025, was approved unanimously. (11-0-0)
2. La Jolla Concours d'Elegance 2025, an elite, luxury car show in La Jolla and at Scripps Park – Laurel McFarlane outlined the proposed La Jolla Tour D'Elegance for April 25-27, 2025, a fundraiser for the La Jolla Historical Society. The Porches & Power on Prospect St. event is Saturday, April 26, 6-9 p.m. The main event in Scripps Park is scheduled for 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Sunday April 27 with approximately the same footprint as last year except where there is existing or proposed construction. Pre-event set up starts 4/23. Breakdown starts at 4 pm on 4/27 and continues to Monday morning (daylight, to ensure total clean up).
The motion to approve the April 25-27 La Jolla Concours d'Elegance car show event at Scripps Park was approved unanimously. (11-0-0)
3. Reimbursement of \$406.40 to Debbie Adams for Fay Avenue Path Maintenance Expenses –
The motion to approve reimbursement to Debbie Adams from the LJPB Fay Avenue Bike Path account for \$406.40 in expenditures consisting of \$129.00 for plant protection cages and \$277.40 for weed barriers and staples was approved unanimously. (11-0-0)

Discussion and Update Item

4. Information about the proposed Fay Ave Bike Path Cell Tower project was presented by Patti Garay who is part of the "Save the La Jolla Bike Path" coalition which opposes the 30 foot tall AT&T Cell Tower at its proposed location in the middle of a large heavily used open space and scenic natural habitat area along the bike path and near residences, a playground, and senior living facility. The City wants to lease the space to AT&T for a 30 foot tall cell tower with 9 antennae and a large walled compound with a backup diesel generator and warning and restricted access signage. Concerns about fire issues, potential harmful impacts upon bike path users, and reduced public access to open spaces were noted. The possibility of AT&T sub-leases to Dish or other entities was raised. A Town Hall meeting hosted by the La Jolla Town Council is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Feb. 13 at the La Jolla High School Parker Auditorium.

Annual Elections: 7 LJPB Directors and LJP&B Officers (Preseident, Secretary, and Information Administrator

5. Annual election of LJPB Directors for seven open 3-year terms (1/28/25 to Jan, 2028) –
 - A. Qualified candidates with completed applications included: Chas. Dye, Ann Dynes, Brenda Fake, Marie Hunrichs, Melinda Merryweather, Tim Seery, and Peter Wulff. A candidate must receive at least 9 votes (a majority of the entire Board) to be approved as a Director. Quorum was re-verified.
The motion to approve holding secret ballot elections to elect seven LJPB Directors for 3-year terms from 1/28/2025 to the end of January 2028 from qualified Director candidates was approved unanimously. (10-0-0) (AC briefly not present for vote)
 - B. A secret ballot election was held and results were tallied and verified. Each of the seven candidates received at least 9 votes. The following Board of Directors candidates were elected to the La Jolla Parks and Beaches Board for the seven open 3-year term Board positions commencing on January 28, 2025, and expiring at the end of January 2028: Chas. Dye, Ann Dynes, Brenda Fake, Marie Hunrichs, Melinda Merryweather, Tim Seery, and Peter Wulff.
 - C. **A motion to approve the La Jolla Parks and Beaches Director election results for seven 3-year Board terms running from 1/28/2025 through the end of January 2028 and to approve Chas. Dye, Ann Dynes, Brenda Fake, Marie Hunrichs, Melinda Merryweather, Tim Seery, and Peter Wulff as LJPB Directors for terms expiring January 2028 was approved unanimously. (11-0-0)**
 - D. Comments and discussion ensued regarding candidate applications, qualification, and status.



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6. The Nominating Committee presented the slate of nominees for La Jolla Parks and Beaches Officers positions at the December 9, 2024, meeting for a vote during the annual meeting.
 - A. Qualified officer nominees included Bob Evans for President, Barbara Dunbar for Secretary, and Ken Hunrichs for Information Administrator.
A motion to hold officer La Jolla Parks and Beaches officer elections for President, Secretary, and Information Administrator for two-year terms effective following the 1/27/2025 Meeting was approved. (10-0-0)
 - B. A secret ballot election was held. Ten ballots were returned, and results were tallied. Each candidate received 10 votes.
 - C. **A motion to confirm the election of Bob Evans as LJPB President effective following the January 27, 2025, meeting was approved. (11-0-0)**
 - D. **A motion to confirm the election of Barbara Dunbar as LJPB Secretary effective following the January 27, 2025, meeting was approved. (11-0-0)**
 - E. **A motion to confirm the election of Ken Hunrichs as LJPB Information Administrator effective following the January 27, 2025, meeting was approved. (11-0-0)**
 - F. **A motion to confirm the results of the votes and to destroy the ballots 30 days after the elections was approved. (11-0-0)**

Working Group Updates

7. Scripps Park Picnic Grove II Working Group – Alexandra Corsi announced that the Right of Entry (ROE) permit had been approved after a solid year of efforts. Construction for Picnic Grove II is anticipated to run from mid March through May 26 and will include the repairs to Picnic Grove I. Securing funds will be a top priority as cost estimates are refined.
8. La Jolla Park Historic District – no report
9. Windansea Barrier Project/ Belvedere – no update
10. La Jolla Cove Access Work Group – an upcoming meeting is scheduled.
11. Fay Ave Bike Path – Debbie Adams reported earlier in the meeting regarding the need for hand watering of newly planted native vegetation along the bike path to help establish plants and due to the lack of measurable rain. Brush abatement, bike path clean up, and Starky Park and Via del Norte Park cleanup efforts continue. With the forecast for rain, there is concern about potential mud slides in the sloping areas that have seen increased off-trail biking, loss of ground cover, and erosion. Problems with e-bike riders have improved. An E-bike safety presentation is scheduled 1/27/25 at La Jolla High School.
12. Bird Rock Parks – Barbara Dunbar reported December improvements at La Jolla Hermosa Park (5780 Chelsea Ave.) that included completion of pruning and massive clearance of dead vegetation by several dedicated Park and Rec Dept. employees and clearance of vegetation on the bluff on the outside the fence for the first time since at least 2012. The lower fence along the bluff was repaired and repainted white. Stair treads on all descending stairs to lower area of the park were replaced, improving safety and accessibility. Retaining boards were put in place on the ocean side (outside) of bluff fence at an erosion-prone section to mitigate soil erosion and water run-off damage. The bench that was removed from the lower southwest viewing area more than 4 year ago, due safety concerns and extensive park damage and bluff erosion, been replaced with a longer-lasting, backless, concrete bench. Irrigation timers were installed and will be set to water very early in the morning primarily during the hot, dry summer months. For 2025, a request has been made for replacement of the Helene F. Henkel dedication bench with an all cement bench similar to the ones at street level which are more resistant to the heavy marine sea air conditions. A proposed planting plan for the large, empty dirt planting area has been submitted to the Parks and Rec Dept. for review, and a local resident plant donor has been identified.
13. Coast Walk Trail – Brenda Fake (no report)

Announcements and Adjournment

The motion to adjourn at 6:24 pm to the February 24, 2025, annual meeting at 4 pm at the La Jolla Riford Library, 7555 Draper Ave. was unanimously approved. (10-0-0)

Minutes by Barbara Dunbar

