



LAJOLLA  
PARKS &  
BEACHES

## MEETING MINUTES

Monday September 23, 2024 – 4pm, La Jolla Riford Library

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**Directors Present:** Patrick Ahern, Tom Brady (arr. 4:07 pm), Barbara Dunbar (Secretary), Bob Evans (President), Brenda Fake (arr. 4:36 p.), Ken Hunrichs, Marie Hunrichs, Diane Kane (arr. 4:07 pm), Stephanie Kelly, John Leek, Melinda Merryweather, Sally Miller (arr. 4:07 pm), Phyllis Minick, Tim Seery (Treasurer, arr. 4:19 pm), John Shannon (Vice President).

**Directors Absent and Excused:** Alexandra Corsi, Ann Parode Dynes.

**Guests Signed-In:** Robyn Davidoff, Kay Stafford, Mary Soriano (La Jolla Town Council President), Chas. Dye, Seonaid McArthur, Peter Wulff

**Present:** Ashley Mackin-Solomon (La Jolla Light), Elizabeth Frausto, and others who did not sign in.

### 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 13/17 at 4:07 p.m. Quorum 14/17 at 4:19 p.m.; quorum 15/17 at 4:36 p.m.

### Approval of the Meeting Agenda:

**The agenda for the September 23, 2024, meeting was approved unanimously (10-0-0).**

### Approval of Minutes of Meeting of July 22, 2024:

**The minutes of the July 22, 2024, LJP&B meeting were approved unanimously (10-0-0).**

Approval of July 2024 and August 2024 Treasurer's Reports – Tabled to next meeting

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

The Sierra Club Seal Society participated in "I Love a Clean San Diego" 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Coastal Clean Up event on 9/21/24 and picked up 27 lbs of trash from Scripps Park, La Jolla Cove, the Children's Pool, and Whale View Pt La Jolla Town Council President Mary Soriano spoke about working together with other community groups to deal with common problems. The Pacific Beach Town Council's candidate forum is 9/25/24. John Shannon commented that beach parking in San Diego is free, while other coastal communities charge. Diane Kane discussed opportunities to recommend or submit projects for the 5 year Planning Dept CIP plans and outlined examples. Melinda Merryweather noted recent pruning to maintain certain coastal view corridors. Others thanked those who help maintain view corridors.

Report from Councilmember LaCava's Office – Emily Lynch (Community Representative for the Office of San Diego City District 1 Councilmember and President Pro Tem Joe LaCava) was unable to attend. Ms. Lynch holds community "office hours," 9am-12pm monthly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday at the Riford Library Community Room.

### Action Items to be Voted Upon

1. Establishment of a new La Jolla Parks and Beaches working group regarding the La Jolla Cove Access Project was discussed. The motion was followed by questions and additional discussion.  
**The motion for La Jolla Parks and Beaches to establish a La Jolla Cove Access Project Working Group to work with various governmental agencies and other organizations to take action to protect the pinnipeds, conserve the local marine environment, and preserve the access and recreational use by human beings in La Jolla Cove was approved unanimously. Approved 14-0-0.**
2. Ratification of invoice payments to ARK Ramos from the LJ Park Historical District account was discussed.  
**The motion to ratify payment of \$4,337.70 from the restricted LJPB Historical District Account to A.R.K. Ramos Foundry & Manufacturing for invoice # 128671 regarding three 15" x 18" x 3/4" bronze plaques was approved unanimously. Approved 15-0-0.**  
**The motion to ratify payment of \$1,903.80 from the restricted LJPB Historical District Account to A.R.K. Ramos Foundry & Manufacturing for invoice # 128673 regarding one 21" x 20" x 3/4" bronze plaque was approved unanimously. Approved 15-0-0.**  
Plaques will be installed at Children's Pool, Whale View Point, Scripps Park, and the Cave Store.

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### Discussion and Information Items and Working Group Updates

#### 3. Scripps Park Picnic Grove II Working Group –

The contractor and LJPB submitted the insurance requirements to City staff for final approval. City staff is completing environmental assessment to be included on ROE permit. Parks and Recreation Dept Interim Deputy Director Mayra Mendel (Mission Bay and Shoreline Parks Div.) will provide an update by week end.

#### 4. La Jolla Park Historical Designation Update –

Many things have been accomplished but it is concerning that it takes the City so long to complete tasks. A group has walked the historical areas with Parks and Recreation Dept. Director Andy Field and other key City officials and representatives to evaluate and document the conditions, problems, and needed maintenance and repairs. Follow-up meetings are scheduled. A lot of human access to the coast and beaches is being lost due to poor or no maintenance.

A thorough assessment of 35 identified historical resources includes conditions and photos. The La Jolla Park Coastal Historic District issued a report in July titled “Concern for Historic Infrastructure, Status Report on Cultural Resources Listed in the National Register, National Park Service, U.S. Dept of Interior.” It was prepared by the La Jolla Historical Society Landmark Committee and La Jolla Parks and Beaches, Inc. and can be found at July 2024 <https://lajollaparksbeaches.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/LJ-Park-Coastal-Historic-District-Concern-for-Historic-Infrastructure-July-2024.pdf>.

The La Jolla Historical Society and La Jolla Parks and Beaches are dedicating and celebrating the new La Jolla Park Coastal Historic District on Thursday, November 7, 4-6:30 pm at the La Jolla Cove Hotel & Suites rooftop. Event proceeds go towards restoration and repair of the cobble stairs leading to the beach at Whale View Point; stairs originally designed and installed by Ellen Browning Scripps.

5. Whale View Point Fence Repair/ Maintenance Working Group – Repairs in this area are being addressed.
6. Coast Blvd White Fence – Repairs in this area are being addressed.
7. Fay Ave Bike Path – A successful recent cleanup cleared out more dead brush along the bike path. Additional monthly cleanups are scheduled due to concerns about a potentially bad fire season.
8. Bird Rock Parks, La Jolla Hermosa Park/ Bird Rock – The BRCC Bird Rock Coastal Overlooks Committee is investigating the possibility of another Eagle Scout project at La Jolla Hermosa Park (5780 Chelsea Ave.) to refurbish or replace a dedication plaque bench and to replace the southwest viewing bench that was removed by the Parks and Recreation Dept. during prior emergency bluff repairs.
9. Coast Walk Trail – Brenda Fake thanked attendees at the Coast Walk Trail fundraiser. Eagles Scouts were recognized for 7 Eagle Scout projects completed from May through August that benefitted the Coast Walk Trail. Repair of the bridge is facing continued challenges with City permitting, liability concerns, and excessive permit fees for a project to repair City property and provide public access and public benefits
10. Windansea Barrier Project (#0666879) Windansea Barrier/ Erosion Control and Belvedere – Melinda Merryweather noted that Friends of Windansea have paid more than \$102,000 in permit fees so far, before any work has started, on a project that will repair and protect City property and enhance public access.
11. Scripps Park Sidewalk Project Working Group – no report

The next La Jolla Parks and Beaches meeting will take place at 4 pm on October 28 in the La Jolla Recreation Center, 615 Prospect St. This is a change of address from the usual meeting location.

**The motion to adjourn at 5:31 pm to the October 28, 2024, regular meeting at 4 pm at the La Jolla Recreation Center, 615 Prospect St. was unanimously approved (15-0-0).**

Minutes by Barbara Dunbar