La Jolla Parks and Beaches, Inc.
June 22, 2026 - Minutes
La Jolla/Riford Library

Directors in Attendance: Ann Parode Dynes, Chas. Dye, Rev. Tim Seery, Ken Hunrichs, Marie Hunrichs, Brenda Fake, Bob Evans, Sally Miller, Melinda Merryweather, Diane Kane, Seonaid McArthur, Kurt Hoffman

Directors Absent: Alexandra Corsi, Beth Murray, Tom Brady

Guests Present: Joaquin Quintero (Council Member La Cava's Office), Ashley Mackin-Solomon (media), Elisabeth Frausto (media), John Leek, Barbara Dunbar, Debbie Adams, Patrick Ahern, Mark Diercks, Kay Stafford, Eric Fletcher

Meeting Called to Order by President Ann Parode Dynes at 4:06 pm with a quorum of 11 directors present. Kurt Hoffman joined the meeting at 4:40 pm, bringing total number of Directors present to 12

Approval of Meeting Agenda

A motion was made to approve the meeting agenda by Seonaid McArthur and seconded by Sally Miller and was approved 11-0

Approval of Meeting Minutes

A motion was made to approve the April meeting minutes by Chas. Dye and seconded by Bob Evans and was approved 11-0

Financial Report

Chas. Dye presented the May financial report and a motion was made to approve by Brenda Fake and seconded by Ken Hunrichs and was approved 11-0.

Report of Council Member Joe La Cava

Joaquin mentioned that starting July 1, City Council will be shifting how presentations are made by groups to City Council in order to be in compliance with state law—namely that those groups wishing to present need to sign up in advance. He provided a handout that detailed the changes. In the new fiscal year budget the La Jolla library will be moving to half-time, while the LJ Recreation Center will maintain its 40/hr per week levels—a shift from the April draft budget.

Presidents Report - Ann Parode Dynes

Ann mentioned that she would use her report to allow time for the group to share remembrances of long time member of LJPB, Phyllis Minick. Patrick Ahern was invited to read a memorial. Ann mentioned

receiving several emails commending Phyllis and invited members of the board to provide memorial remembrances. Board members will be invited to Sammy's after the meeting to celebrate Phyllis' life.

Ann mentioned that Chas. dedicated benches today with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Chas. acknowledged all of the community partners who played a part in making this happen.

Non-agenda and Public Comments

Ann introduced her neighbor, Mark Diercks , who brought to her attention the issue of cacti, pots, plants, and signs appearing in blocks of dirt at Whale View Point functioning as private gardens on public parkland— an issue which has now been going on for a couple of years. While initially a smaller and isolated issue, it is rapidly expanding. The issue being that rapidly expanding private gardens on public parkland is a potential issue as the problem expands and now there are some cacti that are uprooted and overturned pots etc occupying this space. The group discussed the issue and decided that there is good energy and intention behind the efforts of this individual and that would be best to tap into that energy with collaboration. The group acknowledged that the garden is charming but that the concern is around precedent setting.

Kay Stafford mentioned the City's decision to increase efforts to excise excrement on the bluffs and wonders if the City would extend that effort to the area located near the Children's Pool.

Eric Fletcher expressed his opposition to the La Jolla Bluffs spraying program. He provided a statement that called into question the narrative that the substance is harmless and he stated it should not wash into waterways. He cited several human and animal complications that the European Union have identified with this specific substance. After a lengthy discussion, Melinda suggested adding it to the agenda next month, and the idea of a working group was raised. The working group will examine the potential hazardous impacts of the substance that the City of San Diego is using to excise excrement on the La Jolla Bluffs. The process of a potential working group will begin with conversation between Kurt Hoffman and Eric Fletcher.

LJPB Agenda Items

1. Authorize New Higher-Yield Bank Account, Chas. Dye

Chas. reported that via his recent conversations with US Bank, LJPB could move $50,000 into a 3.9% interest-baring money market account so that LJPB's financial resources can be employed to earn more interest. Ann mentioned the need for clear policies outlining that interest earned be credited to the General Account.

Chas Dye made a motion to move $50,000 into this interest-baring account. It was seconded by Tim Seery. It was approved 12-0

2. Approve Execution of LJPB/Friends of Windansea Maintenance Documents, Ann Parode Dynes

Ann provided a historic summary of the Windansea Maintenance Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding, explaining the rationale behind this arrangement and the insurance and liability concerns that yielded this conversation. She outlined the potential liability risks to which LJPB is exposed via this agreement. It was mentioned that it would be a good idea to include an exhibit/illustration of the area covered under this agreement.

Melinda Merryweather made a motion that LJPB approve Ann Parode Dynes' execution of the of the Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding and Encroachment Maintenance and Removal Agreement, it was seconded by Tim Seery. It was approved 12-0.

3. Authorize Reimbursement form LJPB Windansea Sub-account to Jim Neri for two invoices ($999.19 and $1,179.47) Paid to City DSD, Melinda Merryweather, Bob Evans

Invoices were provided to all Directors. A motion was made by Bob Evans and seconded by Melinda Merryweather. It was approved 12-0.

LJPB Working Group Updates

Windansea Slope Barrier & Belvedere Project—Melinda Merryweather, Jim Neri, Ann Dynes
Melinda mentioned that it will not be started until likely next summer

Picnic Grove II
Alexandra, Bob, and Tim are working with contractor to assemble documents for the ROE and is very much on schedule after going off schedule, conversations continue with the contractor.

La Jolla Coast Trail Work Group—Chas. Dye
Chas. mentioned that the LJ Village Merchants Association's desired placement of their way finding signs. He has been in conversation with Jodi Rudick to ensure their signs are in keeping with the overall holistic plan.

Fay Ave Path—Debbie Adams
Debbie showed images of some of the native plants at Starkey Park and provided a general update about the cleaning and efforts that are being provided by City staff.

La Jolla Park Historic District/Whale View Point—Seonaid McArthur, Bob Evans
Seonaid mentioned there is a hearing this week with the Development Services Officer regarding the Whale View Point Stairs—hopefully paving the way for the project approval.

Commercial Use of City Parks Policy Working Group—Brenda Fake
There have been two big events and one coming. The working group was tasked with examining the process for approval for these events in the park. The group wants to learn before advocating.They came up with a series of questions that could be used to gather information regarding the conditions of approval the City puts in place. They found a 74-page special event approval document from the City. Brenda reviewed several of the questions that the working group came up with.

La Jolla Coastal Conservancy—Brenda Fake

Brenda reported several projects that have been underway and the significant success of them. One of which is the South Casa Stairs, a project in which a donor became interested. Brenda procured a contractor, worked with the City, developed a concept plan, which has been approved by the Coastal Commission so now it can progress to permitting. She reviewed the hard labor that goes into the back-process on projects before there can even be a project concept. She thanked the team that supports Coastal Conservancy—which is not even a year old and already has an approval. She talked about the Cove shutter project which has raised $10,000 of $18,000. Instead of repairing just two lifeguard tower shutters, they will repair all four. She reviewed walking Whale View Point and mapping out further post and chain locations, which will be reviewed next week with the City. She mentioned OluKai's opening in La Jolla and their selection of La Jolla Coastal Conservancy as the organization that shares their values and will donate $7,500 which will go to the white fence. It's a $20,000 fix and repair.

Adjourned at 5:45 pm to Monday, July 27, 2026 at 4 pm, La Jolla Riford Library