



La Jolla Parks and Beaches (LJPB) MEETING MINUTES

August 26, 2025 – 4 pm, La Jolla Riford Library Seminar Room, 7555 Draper Ave., La Jolla, CA 92037

Directors Present: Tom Brady, Alexandra Corsi, Barbara Dunbar (Secretary), Ann Parode Dynes, Bob Evans (President), Brenda Fake, Diane Kane, Melinda Merryweather, Sally Miller,

Directors Absent and Excused: Patrick Ahern, Chas. Dye, Ken Hunrichs, Marie Hunrichs, Phyllis Minick, Tim Seery (Treasurer), John Shannon (Vice President)

Guests Signed-In: Sharon Wampler, Bill Robbins, Kurt Hoffman, Steve Cross, Jim Neri

Also Present: Joaquin Quintero, Ashley Mackin-Solomon, Debbie Adams, Elizabeth Frausto

Verification of Quorum, Call Meeting to Order:

President Bob Evans declared a quorum of 9/16 Directors, called the meeting to order at 4:07 pm, and welcomed attendees. Quorum 9/16 at 5:12 p.m. .

Approval of the Meeting Agenda:

The agenda for the August 26, 2025, meeting was unanimously approved. (9-0-0)

Approval of Minutes of Meeting of July 29, 2025, LJP&B Meeting:

The minutes of the July 29, 2025, LJP&B meeting were approved. (8-0-1)

Approval of July 2025 Treasurer's Financial Reports:

Directors received the reconciled July 2025 LJP&B Financial Statements for review.

The July 2025 LJPB Financial Report was approved. (9-0-0)

Report from Council President LaCava's Office – CD1 representative Joaquin Quintero outlined the three phases of the Community Recreation Needs Assessment by the Parks and Recreation Dept. and the online survey. Phase 3, scheduled late this year, will include La Jolla. Based upon the survey questions, it is not aimed at getting feed-back for coastline parks. Tourism and tourists are seriously impacting the coastline parks in La Jolla, a situation that needs to be addressed by the City.

Report from Mayor Todd Gloria's Office – Community Representative Fatima Maciel was not present.

President's Report – President Evans outlined the CIP items that were included on the joint “La Jolla community group wish list” of La Jolla projects that need high priority projects compiled by LJPB, LJSA, LJCPA, and BRCC. Director elections take place at the 1/27/2026 LJPB meeting. Eight directors are needed to fill six 3-year terms, one 2-year term, and one 1-year term. An updated Director Application form is on the LJPB website. Individuals are eligible to apply to be a Director if they have attended 3 LJPB meetings in 2025, complete an application with documentation by the due date, and complete a proof of qualification. The ability to host or conduct hybrid (remote and in-person) meetings is being investigated although President Evans feels that Directors should attend in person if possible. President Evans noted that the La Jolla Library is back to being open on Mondays, however the next LJPB meeting is scheduled for Tuesday September 30 at 4 pm.

Non-agenda and Public Comments –

A visitor noted the increased trash around La Jolla beach areas, parks, and senior centers/areas and asked for suggestions as to how to get tourists to help keep areas clean.

Minda Merryweather noted that Del Mar is relatively clean and has a beach clean-up system. Sally Miller mentioned that 9/20/25 was I Love a Clean San Diego clean-up day.

President Evans asked everyone to complete the Parks and Recreation Dept. survey and to note litter problems. More individuals weighed in on trash management issues.

Bill Robbins outlined donation issues and several people discussed the City's inability or unwillingness to accept and use private donations and the “red tape” involved and some work-arounds. The city's donation policy needs revision.

Problems with the impact of excessive numbers of tourists was mentioned.

Brenda Fake noted the formation of the La Jolla Coastal Conservancy which will be discussed at the September meeting.



Information and Discussion Item

1. The Association for the City of La Jolla (ACLJ)– Sharon Wampler and Diane Kane gave an update including the filing of an anti-Strategic Lawsuit Against Public Participation (SLAPP) motion by ACLJ to dismiss the lawsuit filed by the City of San Diego against the San Diego County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), noting the lawsuit is a “meritless attempt to obstruct democratic participation and silence public interest efforts through costly litigation.” ACLJ is working towards seeking “an open and transparent assessment of whether La Jolla could operate as an independent city.” ACLJ needs to raise \$800,000 - \$1,000,000 during the upcoming year. See www.cityoflajolla.org.

Working Group Updates

2. Camino de la Costa Stairs Working Group – no report
3. Scripps Park Picnic Grove II Working Group – President Evans and Alexandra Corsi will be meeting virtually with the City staff on 9/2/25 to discuss the status of the project.
4. La Jolla Coastal Trail Working Group – Chas Dye provided a report presented by President Evans. The group has finalized "elevator pitches" to ensure consistent communication with stake holders and others about the plan and objectives. Cléa Shannon developed a pitch deck. The logo design is being finalized. An 8/12/25 presentation to City Parks and Recreation Dept. representatives about the project and maintenance component was met with enthusiasm. City Parks & Rec requested an inventory of existing special signage (digital presence) and suggestions for removal, replacement, improvements, etc.
5. Coast Walk Trail – Brenda Fake gave an update on the Coast Walk Bridge restoration project. Previously existing bridge engineering plans were able to be used along with the existing CDP. Bridge restoration is mostly complete. The bridge should be open by Labor Day weekend followed by some remaining repairs. An Eagle Scout project to provide a cover to protect those seated on one bench has been completed. The Cocktails off Coast Walk fundraiser is scheduled for 9/25/25 at the La Jolla historical Society.
6. La Jolla Park Historic District – no report
7. Windansea Barrier Project/ Belvedere – no report
8. La Jolla Cove Access Work Group – no report
9. Fay Ave Bike Path – Debbie Adams reported that they will participate in the 9/20/25 “I L:ove A Clean San Diego Coastal Clean Up” and will continue efforts to clean up the bike path with emphasis on Starkey Park. Several Scout projects are underway. Felled trees trunks are being turned into seating stools. With the advent of the school year, the San Diego Police Dept. has stepped up e-bike patrols and rules education.
10. Bird Rock Parks – no report

Adjournment **The motion to adjourn at 5:12 pm to the September 30, 2025, meeting at 4 p.m. at the La Jolla Library was unanimously approved. (9-0-0)**

Minutes by Barbara Dunbar