



La Jolla Parks and Beaches (LJPB) MEETING MINUTES

September 30, 2025 – 4 pm, La Jolla Riford Library Seminar Room, 7555 Draper Ave., La Jolla, CA 92037

Directors Present: Patrick Ahern, Tom Brady, Alexandra Corsi, Barbara Dunbar (Secretary), Ann Parode Dynes (arr. 4:13 pm), Bob Evans (President), Brenda Fake (dep. 4:09, back 4:13 pm), Ken Hunrichs, Marie Hunrichs, Diane Kane, Melinda Merryweather, Sally Miller, Phyllis Minick, John Shannon (Vice President) (left 6:15 pm)
Directors Absent and Excused due to hybrid meeting connection problems: Chas. Dye, Tim Seery (Treasurer)

Guests Signed-In: Kay Stafford, Bill Robbins, Fatima Maciel, Keith Perreault, Jim Mittermiller, Kurt Hoffman
Also Present: Joaquin Quintero, Ashley Mackin-Solomon, Elizabeth Frausto

Verification of Quorum, Call Meeting to Order:

President Bob Evans declared a quorum of 13/16 Directors, called the meeting to order at 4:08 pm, welcomed attendees, and noted the hybrid meeting connection was not working and two directors were unable to connect to the meeting. Quorum 12/16 from 4:09-4:13 pm; quorum 14/16 at 4:13 p.m.; quorum 13/16 at 6:15 pm.

Approval of the Meeting Agenda:

The agenda for the September 30, 2025, meeting was unanimously approved. (12-0-0)

Approval of Minutes of Meeting of August 26, 2025, LJP&B Meeting:

The minutes of the August 26, 2025, LJP&B meeting were approved. (12-0-0)

Approval of August 2025 Treasurer's Financial Reports:

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

The August 2025 LJPB Financial Report was approved. (12-0-0)

Report from Council President LaCava's Office – CD1 representative Joaquin Quintero stated that Council President Joe LaCava and San Diego Fire-Rescue were inviting residents to attend the Northern District 1 Fire Safety Fair on Saturday, October 11 from 10 am - 2 pm at the Pacific Highlands Ranch Library. Residents can learn about planning and preparing for wildfires, home hardening, insurance, evacuation, and how to protect oneself, family, pets, and property from fires. Registrar of Voter and paid parking issues were discussed. Attendees were not in favor of paid parking at Balboa Park or beach locations. Other mentioned parking concerns included 72-hour rule violations, daylighting, and lack of red-painted curbs in no-parking zones.

Report from Mayor Todd Gloria's Office - Community Representative Fatima Maciel noted that parking violations should be reported via the Get-It-Done app and that there is increased enforcement in certain beach areas. Phase one (of 3) of the Community Recreation Needs Assessment by the Parks and Recreation Dept. is ongoing. Phase 3 includes La Jolla and is scheduled late this year. The online survey will end 2/28/2026. Recently implemented paid parking and parking enforcement were further discussed. Paid parking limits access for those who cannot afford it and who most need access to City parks.

President's Report – President Evans announced openings on the LJPB Board of Directors with elections in January and asked qualified candidates to apply. The President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer will term out as officer; two term out as Directors. Director and officer 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. Eligible individuals can apply and must attend 3 LJPB meetings in 2025 and complete an application with documentation by the due date and a proof of qualification.

President Evans announced that a new non-profit entity, the La Jolla Coastal Conservancy, had been formed to help address or assist with fundraising, maintenance, repair, and other projects within the historical coastal district from Coast Walk southward to Whale View Point. Potential Scripps Park projects could include re-landscaping and improved maintenance. Funds for the new entity were raised during the Off Coast Walk event at the La Jolla Historical Society in September. Ann Dynes requested that there be conversations between La Jolla Parks and Beaches and the La Jolla Coastal Conservancy regarding Scripps Park and other LJPB projects and how both non-profit entities can complement each other. Additional clarification is needed and further discussions will happen. The Conservancy could get a master ROE permit for repairs at multiple locations.

Non-agenda and Public Comments – none



Discussion Item

1. La Jolla Coastal Legacy – an Online Exhibit [<https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/lajollahistory>] of the La Jolla Historical Society – Seonaid McArthur was unable to attend but provided the following: *“The La Jolla Historical Society celebrates the history and culture of this region along the water’s edge through interdisciplinary programs, exhibitions, and research that challenge expectations. It balances contemporary and historic perspectives to create understanding and connection.”* *La Jolla’s coastal legacy: nature, culture, & conservation (Part I) – Curated by Seonaid McArthur & Molly McClain with contemporary photography by Nick Agelidis.”* *“Part 1. A coastline inspires a town (current story). Part II. The sea: leisure and discovery. Part III. Century of tourism & preservation.”*

Action Item

1. Discussion of Action Item “1a,” a request to transfer \$17,148.81 from LJPB Historical District Account to La Jolla Coastal Conservancy regarding the Whale View Point Stairs project, and Action Item “1 b,” a request to transfer \$2,500 from the LJPB General Account to La Jolla Coastal Conservancy for the Whale View Point Stairs project, was brief. A decision was tabled to a future meeting due to need for more information. [A motion to table an item is neither debatable nor amendable and requires a majority vote.]
The motion to table Action Item 1a and Action Item 1b was approved 11-1-2
2. Discussion of DSD Project # 1137775, Vercio, being reviewed at the 10/2/2025 La Jolla Community Planning Association meeting regarding Vacation of Excess Right of Way at 1510 Soledad Ave and Public Park Use was initiated by Diane Kane. Ms.Kane said La Jolla’s Parks Master Plan suggests the City encourage new park spaces where parks are most needed, improve underused sites and infrastructure, create new green space for recreation and gathering space, and encourage establishment of pocket parks. She noted the opportunity to add a needed pocket park to the community instead of giving away the property without review and discussion. Many LJPB Directors supported converting the entire excess easement and Cowrie St. (a paper street), denoted as excess right of way, into a much-needed pocket park.
The motion (resolution 2a) to request that the public easement/paper street known as Cowrie Ave., which is excess public right of way adjoining 1510 Soledad Ave., be considered for conversion to a public pocket park was approved unanimously by La Jolla Parks and Beaches, Inc. Approved 14-0-0. The motion (resolution 2b) that La Jolla Parks and Beaches, Inc. does NOT support vacation of the excess public right of way for the 1510 Soledad Ave. project was approved. Approved 13-1-0.

Working Group Updates

1. Camino de la Costa Stairs Working Group – Patrick Ahern noted a meeting with Parks and Recreation Director Andy Field is scheduled for October.
2. Scripps Park Picnic Grove II Working Group – Per Alexandra Corsi, a productive meeting with Parks and Recreation Dept. representatives took place in September. The existing Right of Entry permit has been extended to June 2026. Funds (\$20,000) need to be raised to finish the project. _____
3. La Jolla Coastal Trail Working Group – Chas Dye was unable to attend due to hybrid meeting connection problems but sent an advance report outlined by President Evans. The signage inventory spreadsheet was reviewed on 9/24/25 with Parks and Recreation Dept. representatives who agreed that signage needed improvement and the plan for consistent and tasteful, wayfinding, interpretive panels, and other information is welcome. They are supportive and will include the working group during stakeholder meetings with entities such as the Coastal Commission, NOAA, etc. Inventory of signage is continuing from Children’s Pool to the Cove. In the future, the project will fall under the oversight of the La Jolla Coastal Conservancy.
4. Coast Walk Trail – Brenda Fake reported that the completed bridge repair ran slightly over budget but that a generous donation was received. She noted a great relationship with the City. Stair repairs and re-plantings are underway and two additional Eagle Scout benches have been added into Scripps Park..
5. La Jolla Park Historic District – The project is almost fully approved.
6. Windansea Barrier Project/ Belvedere – Ms Merryweather reported they are waiting for the City ROE permit.
7. La Jolla Cove Access Work Group – no report
8. Fay Ave Bike Path - A great clean-up effort at Starkey Park adjacent to the Bike Path was reported.
9. Bird Rock Parks – no report

Adjournment **The motion to adjourn at 6:18 pm to the October 28, 2025, meeting at 4 p.m. at the La Jolla Library was unanimously approved. (12-0-0)** Minutes by Barbara Dunbar