



La Jolla Parks and Beaches (LJPB) MEETING MINUTES

October 28, 2025 – 4 pm, La Jolla Riford Library Seminar Room, 7555 Draper Ave., La Jolla, CA 92037

Directors Present: Patrick Ahern (dep. 6 pm), Tom Brady, Alexandra Corsi, Barbara Dunbar (Secretary), Chas. Dye, Bob Evans (President), Brenda Fake, Ken Hunrichs, Melinda Merryweather (dep. 5:14 pm), Sally Miller, Tim Seery (Treasurer) (dep 6:07 pm), John Shannon (Vice President)

Directors Absent and Excused Ann Parode Dynes, Marie Hunrichs, Diane Kane, Phyllis Minick,

Guests Signed-In: Haley Duke, Patrick Vercio, Steve Cross, John Leek, Kurt Hoffman, Larry Asakawa, Volker Hoehne, Debbie Adams, Bill Robbins, Janette Williams, Jim Mittermiller, Lyndee Logan, Kathleen Neil

Also Present: Joaquin Quintero, Ashley Mackin-Solomon, Seonaid McArthur

Verification of Quorum, Call Meeting to Order:

President Bob Evans declared a quorum of 11/16 Directors, called the meeting to order at 4:04 pm, welcomed attendees. Quorum 12/16 from 4:05-5:14 pm; quorum 11/16 at 5:14 pm; quorum 10/16 at 6:00 pm.

Approval of the Meeting Agenda:

The agenda for the October 28, 2025, meeting was approved unanimously. (12-0-0)

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

The minutes of the September 30, 2025, LJP&B meeting were approved unanimously. (12-0-0)

Approval of August 2025 Treasurer's Financial Reports:

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

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

Barbara Dunbar noted that at several LJPB meetings during the past year, there was general agreement that the \$6 remaining balance in the restricted Scripps Park Picnic Grove I should be transferred into the restricted Scripps Park Picnic Grove II account. The transfer needs to be officially approved.

The motion to transfer the remaining \$6 balance from the LJPB Scripps Park Picnic Grove I Project sub account into the Scripps Park Picnic Grove II subaccount was approved unanimously. (12-0-0)

Report from Council President LaCava's Office – Council District 1 (CD1) representative Joaquin Quintero announced a CD1 In-Person Town Hall Meeting on Dec. 3, 6-7:30 pm at the Carmel Valley Recreation Center, 3777 Townsgate Drive, SD 92130. The City Council was discussing water rate increases. The Camino de la Costa "Beach Access/ Stairway Repair/Replacement Project" (adjacent to 5990 Camino de la Costa) is moving forward with further discussions.

Report from Mayor Todd Gloria's Office – An email from Community Representative Fatima Maciel noted that North Clairemont Community Park at 4421 Bannock Ave. was officially renamed "Officer Austin Machitar Memorial Park" on 10/26/25 to honor the San Diego Police officer who died in the line of duty on 8/26/25. Parking meter revenue is to be used for infrastructure improvements in the area where the revenue is collected. City crews have tackled and cleared 18 miles of storm channel and culvert maintenance with more to go.

President's Report – President Evans announced openings on the LJPB Board of Directors with elections in January. Candidates must have attended 3 LJPB meetings in 2025. The Director Application is on the LJPB website and due 1/13/2026 with documentation. An At Large Director must live or work or own property in the AREA (in La Jolla and south of La Jolla Shores). A Liaison Director is someone who lives in La Jolla but outside of the LJPB "AREA" (i.e. in La Jolla Shores) and who is a member of a recognized La Jolla community service or advisory group (such as LJCPA, LJSA, or LJTC). An Organization DIRECTOR must represent or be an officer of a recognized organized or special interest community service or athletic group which conducts primary operations relating to parks, beaches, recreational resources, open spaces, and coastal access within the AREA (in La Jolla and south of La Jolla Shores). Such groups can have only 1 representative on the LJPB Board.

Non-agenda and Public Comments –

Sally Miller was concerned about newly planted trees at a construction site along Nautilus Ave. that block a dedicated view corridor noted in the La Jolla Community Plan. Melinda Merryweather agreed that the view corridor needs to be maintained. Steve Cross stated that La Jolla Sunrise Rotary continues to await a Right-Of-Entry (ROE) permit for the La Jolla Recreation Center Tree Lighting holiday project.



Action Items

1. Lengthy discussions ensued among LJPB Directors, Island Architect representatives, neighbors, working group representatives, and the public regarding support for the creation of an enhanced parkway with pedestrian park access, situated on a portion of the land south of 1510 Soledad Ave, at the intersection of Soledad Ave and Cowrie Ave. (vacation of excess right-of-way at 1510 Soledad Ave for public park use). **The motion to support the creation of an enhanced parkway with pedestrian access to the park, situated on a portion of the land south of 1510 Soledad Ave, at the intersection of Soledad Ave and Cowrie Ave. (vacation of excess right of way at 1510 Soledad Ave for public park use) was approved unanimously.** (12-0-0)
2. A presentation and request for support for addition of a QR code to the Bottom Scratchers Plaque was made by Volker Hoehne and Larry Asakawa. There was further discussion about the QR code narrative including the conservation and innovation aspects. Both presenters were asked to return with additional information and refinement. Lyndsee Logan, daughter of one of the original Bottom Scratcher founders Wally Potts, has some of her father's historical documents and commented about ensuring accuracy.
3. President Evans requested volunteers for a committee to locate and/or select nominees for LJPB officer positions of President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer due to Director term and/or officer term expirations in Jan 2026. Volunteers included Tom Brady, Tim Seery, and John Shannon.

Informational Item

4. La Jolla Coastal Legacy, an Online Exhibit of the La Jolla Historical Society, was outlined by Seonaid McArthur. See <https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/lajollahistory>. "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." This is a visual experience.
5. President Evans and Brenda Fake presented an update about the La Jolla Coastal Conservancy, a new non-profit 501(SC)(3) corporation 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. It has obtained a special use permit that allows collaboration with the city Parks and Recreation Dept. to help preserve, clean up, and maintain specific shoreline parks and areas over an extended period of time.

Working Group Updates

6. Camino de la Costa Stairs Working Group – The Camino de la Costa "Beach Access/ Stairway Repair/Replacement Project" (adjacent to 5990 Camino de la Costa) is moving forward.
7. Scripps Park Picnic Grove II Working Group – no update
8. Scripps Park Sidewalk Widening (near Coast Blvd) Project The project should commence in early 2026
9. La Jolla Coastal Trail Working Group – Chas Dye reported two meetings were held and further update of the existing signage inventory spreadsheet and documentation. They had informational booths at the Bird Rock BirdStock 2025 Festival and at the La Jolla Art and Wine Festival.
10. Coast Walk Trail – Brenda Fake reported on the completed projects, including the bridge repair, re-planting of native plants, stair repairs and completion and addition of two new Eagle Scout benches at Scripps Park.
11. La Jolla Park Historic District – The project is closed to getting started.
12. Windansea Barrier Project/ Belvedere – Friends of Windansea is working with the City towards obtaining a reasonable Maintenance Agreement between FOW and the City while awaiting the ROE permit.
13. La Jolla Cove Access Work Group – no report
14. Fay Ave Bike Path - A great clean-up effort at Starkey Park adjacent to the Bike Path was reported.
15. Bird Rock Parks – Ms. Dunbar reported a potential new Eagle Scout Bench project was being discussed for Calumet Park. At La Jolla Hermosa Park, the picnic table and benches were treated with an anti-graffiti coating. The view from the park has been greatly enhanced by the pruning and maintenance performed by the Parks and Recreation Dept. groundskeepers.

Adjournment **The motion to adjourn at 6:13 pm to the December 9, 2025, meeting at 4 p.m. at the La Jolla Library was unanimously approved.** (10-0-0)

Minutes by Barbara Dunbar