



MEETING MINUTES

Monday December 9, 2024 – 4pm, La Jolla Riford Library, 7555 Draper Ave. La Jolla CA 92037

Directors Present: Patrick Ahern, Tom Brady, Alexandra Corsi, Barbara Dunbar (Secretary), Ann Parode Dynes (dep. 5:22 pm), Bob Evans (President), Brenda Fake (dep 4:30 pm), Ken Hunrichs, Marie Hunrichs. John Leek, Melinda Merryweather, Sally Miller, Phyllis Minick, Tim Seery (Treasurer, arr. 4:20 pm).

Directors Absent/Excused: Diane Kane, Stephanie Kelly, John Shannon (Vice President).

Guests Signed-In: Lewis Waldman, Patricia Reid Cate, Seonaid McArther, Steve Cate, Ken Swift, Janice Swift, Chas. Dye, Peter Wulff, Kathleen Neil. Jean Spence, David Kressin, Patricia Kressin, Dorothy Herma, Beth Murray, Arthi Balu

Guests Present: Emily Lynch, Ashley Mackin-Solomon, Elizabeth Frausto.

Verification of Quorum, Call Meeting to Order:

President Bob Evans declared a quorum of 13/17 Directors, called the meeting to order at 4:07 pm, and welcomed attendees. Quorum 13/17 at 4:07 p.m. Quorum 14/17 at 4:20 p.m.; Quorum 13/17 at 4:30 p.m.; quorum 12/17 at 5:22 p.m.

Approval of the Meeting Agenda:

The amended agenda for the December 9, 2024, meeting was approved unanimously (13-0-0).

Approval of Minutes of Meeting of October 28, 2024:

The minutes of the October 28, 2024, LJP&B meeting were approved unanimously (13-0-0).

Approval of October 2024 and November 2024 Financial Reports was tabled.

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

Kathleen Neil provided an update on the Spindrift Walkway Capital Improvement Project (CIP). The draft feasibility study by City-hired consultant Moffet & Nichols has been completed but is not yet available to the public. The working group will be re-convened for public input and fund raising activities. Phyllis Minick recommended Dr. Jean Spence as a potential Board member.

Ms. Minick had productive telephone conversations with City Parks and Recreation Dept. Director Andy Field. There have been recent railing repairs at the Children's Pool Sea Wall, and the walkway is back open to the public. Walkway resurfacing is needed. White wooden fencing along the coastline is being repainted, and increased shoreline maintenance has been noted.

Alexandra Corsi noted increased weddings, commercially staged picnics and other commercial events within public shoreline parks and beaches with vendors taking or trying to take spaces occupied by the public. She feels that these locations should not be used commercially and should be only for the public.

Beth Murray introduced herself and is interested in becoming a LJPB Director.

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) announced upcoming public meetings regarding waste management. Ms. Lynch holds community "office hours," 9am-12pm monthly on the 3rd Friday at the Riford Library Community Room.

Discussion and Information Items

1. 970 Turquoise St. 23-Story Tower – Dr. Marcella Bothwell, M.D., Chair of the Pacific Beach Planning Group and Chair of Neighbors for a Better California, addressed LJPB regarding the 970 Turquoise St. project. She outlined the project and noted concerns regarding attempts to circumvent the 30 foot height limit by using affordable housing density bonuses and usage of 9 floors for commercial hotel accommodations. There are ongoing efforts to obtain support for denial of the project from political leaders. Many people oppose the project and note that it will not provide affordable housing or solve affordable housing issues, will drive up housing costs, and will generate a windfall for developers while creating a huge and unsustainable burden on the water and sewer systems, electric grid, road infrastructure, roadway traffic, and other problems and infrastructure issues. San Diegans for

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Responsible Planning retained a law firm that specializes in land use litigation and prepared a letter to local and state officials expressing arguments against and opposition to this project. Donations can be made to Neighbors for a Better California (<https://www.sdforresponsibleplanning.org/donate>).

2. AT&T Cell Tower Proposed on Fay Ave Path – Local resident David Kressin explained neighborhood concerns regarding the proposed 30' tall cell tower building and fencing located in the middle of a long-time, highly used open space along the bike path. He spoke in opposition to the project noting encroachment and health concern issues and the use of public open space for private, commercial usages. Several others voiced concerns regarding the proximity of the proposed tower to residences, the La Jolla Methodist Church Nursery School, and a senior care facility very near the proposed site.

Working Group and Committee Updates

3. Windansea Barrier Project (#0666879, Windansea Barrier/ Erosion Control and Belvedere) – Melinda Merryweather reported that the projects awaits permits and that the belvedere is expected to be installed in the spring. The high cost of the various City permits, which are paid from private restricted donations to LJPB, was raised again as a financial concern since this project benefits the public and is restoring and maintaining City owned property which the City is unable to do due to lack of funds. A beautiful holiday wreath and lights were installed at the Windansea Shack.
4. Scripps Park Picnic Grove II Working Group and Scripps Park Picnic Grove I Update – Ms. Corsi noted that the Picnic Grove I and II projects remain behind schedule. They await a Right of Entry permit to allow the GraniteCrete contractor to make select warranty-covered repairs to the existing Picnic Grove I area between early April and May 26, 2025. Delays have been attributed to City Parks and Recreation Department staffing turnovers and lack of City follow through. Necessary updated documents were submitted to the City.
5. Nominating Committee for La Jolla Parks and Beaches 2025 Officer Candidates & January Elections The slate selected by the committee includes Bob Evans for President, Barbara Dunbar for Secretary, and Ken Hunrichs for Information Administrator. Elections will be at the January 27, 2025, meeting.
6. La Jolla Park Historical Designation Update – President Evans and Seonaid McArthur stated that the Nov. 7 dedication celebration for the newly designated La Jolla Park Coastal Historic District was a great success. Congressman Scott Peters, San Diego Mayor Todd Gloria, and District 1 City Councilmember Joe LaCava were among the attendees. It is hoped that the City will recognize the historical designation and make further efforts to maintain and repair historically significant areas and infrastructure. Event proceeds will go towards four bronze memorial markers and the restoration and repair of the cobble stairs leading to the beach at Whale View Point that were originally designed and installed by Ellen Browning Scripps.
7. Whale View Point Fence Repair/ Maintenance Working Group – no update.
8. Coast Blvd White Fence – Sections of shoreline fencing have been painted by the City.
9. Fay Ave Bike Path – no report
10. Bird Rock Parks - Bird Rock Joint Use, Calumet, and La Jolla Hermosa Park – Barbara Dunbar presented a recap of La Jolla Hermosa Park (5780 Chelsea Ave) improvements made during the past year including basic maintenance and restoration and enhancement of the shoreline views. The San Diego City Parks and Recreation grounds maintenance personnel, Shoreline Parks Rangers, and Bird Rock residents and other individuals were acknowledged for their work to maintain and monitor the park and adjacent storm drain and culvert. Failing rails posts and planter area kick boards were replaced. Fencing was repaired and repainted. Increased maintenance included trash and debris removal, weeding, pruning, irrigation system repairs, and other tasks. The manually controlled irrigation system is scheduled for battery operated timers in 2025. Extensive pruning in October and November resulted in restoration of beautiful ocean and coastal views. Clearing of adjacent storm drains and the drainage culver to the south of the park by the Storm Water Division took place in preparation for the rainy season. The deteriorated Helene Henkel memorial bench will be replaced. The bench that was removed in 2020 due to safety reasons is scheduled to be returned to the lower southwest portion of the park.



On November 22, San Diego Parks and Recreation Dept. Director Andy Field issued a City memorandum naming Mario Rositas, Grounds Maintenance Work II, as one of seven "Fiscal Year 2025 First Quarter Employees of the Quarter Selections." He is recognized for assisting with numerous improvements at both Calumet Park and La Jolla Hermosa Park and for going above and beyond by assisting a local resident. The Bird Rock neighborhood publicly acknowledged and thanked all of the San Diego City Parks and Recreation grounds maintenance staff who maintain the Bird Rock neighborhood parks.

11. Coast Walk Trail – no report
12. Scripps Park Sidewalk Project Working Group – no update
13. La Jolla Cove Access Work Group – no update

Action Items

14. Payment of CRE Graphic Solution Invoice from the Coastal Historic District sub-account -
The motion to approve payment from the LJPB Coastal Historic District sub-account to CRE Graphic Solutions for the 11/4/2024 invoice in the amount of \$1,500 for research and creations of Children's Pool illustrations was approved unanimously. (12-0-0)
15. Reimbursement to Melinda Merryweather from the Windansea sub-account –
The motion to approve a \$566.88 reimbursement to Melinda Merryweather from the LJPB Windansea sub-account for a 5' wreath (\$191.25), new ornaments (\$358.40), and two additional solar light strings (\$17.23) for the Windansea Shack was approved unanimously. (12-0-0)

President's Report – President Evans did not give a report.

Announcements

The next La Jolla Parks and Beaches meeting will be at 4 pm on January 27 at the La Jolla Riford Library.

Adjournment

The motion to adjourn at 6:01 pm to the January 27, 2025, annual meeting at 4 pm at the La Jolla Riford Library, 7555 Draper Ave. was unanimously approved (12-0-0).

Minutes by Barbara Dunbar