



## La Jolla Parks and Beaches (LJPB) MEETING MINUTES

December 9, 2025 – 4 pm, La Jolla Riford Library Seminar Room, 7555 Draper Ave., La Jolla, CA 92037

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**Directors Present:** Patrick Ahern, Barbara Dunbar (Secretary), Chas. Dye, Ann Parode Dynes (dep. 5:21 pm), Bob Evans (President), Ken Hunrichs, Marie Hunrichs, Diane Kane (arr. 4:10 pm), Melinda Merryweather, Sally Miller, Phyllis Minick, Tim Seery (Treasurer)

**Directors Absent and Excused** Tom Brady, Alexandra Corsi, Brenda Fake, John Shannon (Vice President)

**Guests Signed-In:** John Leek, Kurt Hoffman, Steve Cross, Seonaid McArthur

**Also Present:** Joaquin Quintero, Ashley Mackin-Solomon

### 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 4:10-5:21 pm; quorum 11/16 at 5:21-5:35 pm.

### Approval of the Meeting Agenda:

**The agenda for the December 8, 2025, meeting was approved unanimously.** (11-0-0)

### Approval of Minutes of Meeting of October 28, 2025, LJP&B Meeting:

**The amended minutes of the October 28, 2025, LJP&B meeting were approved unanimously.** (11-0-0)

### Approval of October and November 2025 Treasurer's Financial Reports:

Directors received the reconciled October and November 2025 LJP&B Financial Statements for review.

**The October 2025 LJPB Financial Report was approved unanimously.** (11-0-0)

**The November 2025 LJPB Financial Report was approved unanimously.** (11-0-0)

Report from Council President LaCava's Office – Council District 1 (CD1) representative Joaquin Quintero noted that Joe LaCava was unanimously re-elected as Council President. Recently planted pine trees on a construction site along the Nautilus dedicated view corridor are still under City discussion. Residents have complained that a dedicated view corridor cannot be blocked. Per Mr. Quintero, the property owner must file a request with DSD to be allowed to remove or relocate the trees. The LJCPA chair has been made aware of the potential blockage of a dedicated view corridor.

Report from Mayor Todd Gloria's Office – The mayor's representative Fatima Maciel was not present.

President's Report – President Evans announced that the Dec. 10 California Coastal Commission (CCC) meeting includes Item 6g "Informational update on sea lions at La Jolla Cove" presented by San Diego Parks and Recreation Director Andy Field and is an "update of the status of management strategies at La Jolla Cove to avoid harassment of sea lions at La Jolla Cove." Kurt Hoffman submitted a letter to the CCC for the 12/10 meeting. President Evans will send the link to the CCC meeting notice to the Board.

The La Jolla Cove Access working group held discussions with and submitted information to the City. Patrick Ahern noted that the City appears to be in agreement with the working group about protected access, shared use at the Cove, and improved signage. An increasingly huge number of tourists and locals are visiting the Cove. Discussions included Park Ranger enforcement of rules, traffic and parking management, visitor management, environmental pollution, excess numbers of pinnipeds, kelp bed and sea life decimation, recreational and coastal access, need for environmental study, excess traffic and clogged streets, increased vehicle emissions, and water quality testing and posting.

### Non-agenda and Public Comments –

Dian Kane raised concerns about tourists on the crumbling breakwater and stairs at the Children's Pool. Steve Cross stated that La Jolla Sunrise Rotary partnered with the San Diego Parks Foundation to secure a permit for the La Jolla Recreation Center Tree Lighting holiday project. Phyllis Minick announced her upcoming 97<sup>th</sup> birthday (amid applause) and that January will be her last meeting as a Director although she plans to continue to champion the Children's Pool projects and is proud of all of the accomplishments by members.



#### Action Items

1. **The motion to approve reimbursement to Melinda Merryweather in the amount of \$212.12 from the Friends of Windansea subaccount for the Windansea Shack wreath and decorations (179.38) and lighting (\$32.74) was approved unanimously. (12-0-0)**

#### Working Group Updates

2. Camino de la Costa "Beach Access/Stairway Repair/Replacement Project" at La Jolla Lower Hermosa Point adjacent to 5990 Camino de la Costa - Working Group chair Tim McConnell thanked Ms. Minick for her years of dedicated service. He gave an update on the Lower Hermosa Point beach access/stairway repair project, ADA accessibility and parking issues, beach access, \$2M state funding, and the City feasibility study. There was discussion about effective use of funds. A concrete and wooden hybrid staircase would be less expensive and equally effective, allowing funds for overlook and parking improvements. Mr. McConnell will provide concept images and information for dissemination to the Directors. The group awaits a response from the City regarding their most recent communication.
3. Scripps Park Picnic Grove II Working Group – President Evans noted that the ROE permit is approved. Additional donation funds are needed to complete the project. Half of the costs have been pledged and another \$30,000 is needed in the next 2 months.
4. Other Scripps Park projects -  
Scripps Park Sidewalk Widening Project (near Coast Blvd) - The City project should start early 2026.  
The Scripps Park sod replacement project should be completed on December 18.
5. LJPB Officer Nominating Committee – John Shannon, Tom Brady, and Tim Seery are working to identify candidates for the LJPB officer positions.
6. La Jolla Coastal Trail Working Group – Chas Dye reported that the group has held two meetings with City Parks and Recreation representatives with agreement that signage improvements and consistent sign design and way-finding are needed.
7. Coast Walk Trail – no report
8. La Jolla Park Historic District/ Whale View Point Stairs Project – Seonaid McArthur noted recent meetings and that a notice has been posted about the upcoming stair restoration project at Whale View Point. A generous \$20,000 donation from the Keith and Polly Steiner Family Foundation to La Jolla Parks and Beaches, Inc. will provide the final funds needed for the project. A site development permit is expected to be issued in mid-January 2026.
9. Windansea Barrier Project/ Belvedere – Jim Neri is working with Friends of Windansea, Melinda Merryweather, and others regarding the response to the City's proposed Maintenance Agreement for the Windansea Barrier/ Slope Repair Project and Belvedere Project while awaiting the ROE permit.
10. La Jolla Cove Access Work Group – see the President's
11. Fay Ave Bike Path – no report
12. Bird Rock Parks – no report

**Adjournment The motion to adjourn at 5:35 pm to the January 26, 2026, meeting at 4 p.m. at the La Jolla Library was unanimously approved. (11-0-0)**

Minutes by Barbara Dunbar

Meeting Notice - The LJPB Board of Directors elections are January 26, 2026. Candidates must have attended 3 LJPB meetings in 2025, fill out and submit a Director Application by 1/13/2026 along with documentation, and meet the qualification requirements.