



LJP&B MEETING MINUTES

March 24, 2025 – 4 pm, La Jolla Riford Library Seminar Room, 7555 Draper Ave., La Jolla CA 92037

Directors Present: Patrick Ahern, Tom Brady, Barbara Dunbar (Secretary), Chas. Dye, Ann Parode Dynes, Bob Evans (President), Brenda Fake (dep. 5:03 pm), Ken Hunrichs, Marie Hunrichs, Diane Kane, Phyllis Minick, Tim Seery (Treasurer), John Shannon (Vice President), Peter Wulff (arr. 4:07 pm)

Directors Absent/Excused: Alexandra Corsi, Stephanie Kelly, Melinda Merryweather, Sally Miller

Guests Signed-In: Kathleen Neil, Kerri DeNies, Tim McConnell, Mary Soriano, Emily Lynch, Bill Robbins, Bart Calame, Beth Murray, Debbie Adams, John Leek, Jean Spence, Fatima Marciel, Patti Garay, Kurt Hoffman, Kay Stafford

Guests Present: Ashley Mackin-Solomon, Elizabeth Frausto

Verification of Quorum, Call Meeting to Order:

President Bob Evans declared a quorum of 13/18 Directors, called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm, and welcomed attendees. Quorum 13/18 at 4:05 p.m. Quorum 14/18 at 4:07 p.m. Quorum 13/18 at 5:03 pm.

Approval of the Meeting Agenda:

The agenda for the March 24, 2025, meeting was unanimously approved as amended. (14-0-0)

Approval of Minutes of Meeting of February 24, 2025, LJP&B Meeting:

The minutes of the February 24, 2025, LJP&B meeting were approved as amended. (14-0-0)

Approval of February 2025 Treasurer's Financial Reports –

Directors were sent the reconciled February 2025 LJP&B Financial Statements to review.

The February 2025 LJPB Financial Report was approved unanimously. (14-0-0)

Report from Councilmember LaCava's Office – Emily Lynch, Community Representative for the Office of San Diego City District 1 Council President Joe LaCava, presented an update about the City budget process. She was asked about the status of proposed repairs to the South Casa Beach access stairs and the CIP Camino de la Costa beach access stairs replacement project. The South Casa Beach access stairs are in better condition than originally thought and will be less difficult to repair. A potential donor could fund the project. Diane Kane asked whether the Coastal Act applies to repairs of historically designated structures.

Report from the Mayor's Office - Fatima Maciel, Community Representative, Office of Mayor Todd Gloria, discussed State Senator Blakespear's bill to streamline Cal Trans regulations and allow coordination with local Police jurisdictions regarding encampments on state property. Opportunities to learn about and discuss proposed Trash Collection and management fees will take place at a virtual Zoom meeting on Friday April 4 from 9 – 11 am (https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Plt-Cj6jQGOxaC643E0K5w#/registration) and in person on Tuesday, April 8, 5:30 to 7 p.m., at North University Community Library, 8820 Judicial Dr., 92122.

President's Report – no report

Non-agenda and Public Comments— on issues not on the agenda within LJP&B jurisdiction

Kay Stafford commented on the Proposed Mission Beach Lifeguard Station project in light of prior difficulties, poor planning, and inappropriate materials used for the La Jolla Children's Pool Lifeguard Station.

Kerri DeNies presented information about 2 proposed 30 foot DISH 5-G cell towers and a compound on the La Jolla Youth Baseball Field off of Cliffridge Ave. near Torrey Pines Elementary School and addressed general concerns about other cell tower proposals in La Jolla.

Tim McConnell commented on and asked about the status of the CIP repairs of the Parks and Recreation Dept. beach access stairs adjacent to 5990 Camino de la Costa (off of North Bird) and proposed adjacent Transportation Dept roadway reconfiguration. Council District 1 community representative Ms. Lynch will follow up. Patrick Ahern suggested forming a working group if needed.

La Jolla Town Council President Mary Soriano discussed formation of a Fire Safety Council for La Jolla and fire risks for all of the La Jolla open spaces and other locations. LJTC is looking for board candidates.



Ann Dynes discussed the status of the Parks and Recreation project to re-sod three bare sections of Scripps Park (Site 1, Site 2, and Site 3). Several people expressed concerns about the long-term viability of grass. Site 2 may receive other landscaping in lieu of grass which is not likely to grow at the location. The City provides the labor, and the cost for the sod will be privately funded. Sod replacement at Sites 1 and 3 is set to start in September pending funding. The LJTC may be able to help with a donation.

Kathleen Neil provided an update about the beach access walkway off of Spindrift Drive adjacent to the Marine Room and quoted from the Final Spindrift Dr. Marine Room Beach Access Walkway Feasibility Study by Moffat and Nichols. The 4-foot wide deteriorated walkway is roughly 150' long and drops about 17' from top to bottom and sits atop an 18" storm drain pipe. The City of San Diego plans to improve accessibility and maintain existing storm drain functionality. The La Jolla Shores Association working group on improving the walkway has dissolved since the feasibility study is completed and provides an assessment of the condition of the walkway and storm drain, the history of the walkway, and possible reconstruction or replacement options. Viable options could be funded for under \$1,000,000.

John Shannon commented on public access to waterways and orienteering.

Diane Kane asked about the status of the Princess Street project.

Action Items

1. Bart Calame from La Jolla Kiwanis requested approval of the temporary closure of sections of Scripps Park for the Saturday, May 15, 2025, La Jolla Half Marathon event that is the major fundraiser for the Kiwanis providing funding for the grants they provide. The footprint is the same as last year.

The motion to approve the temporary closure of portions of Scripps Park for the La Jolla Half Marathon was approved unanimously (13-0-0).

2. Chas. Dye requested approval for the creation of a La Jolla Historic District Initiative Work Group and gave an updated presentation for proposed project to orient visitors and locals to the features, history, fauna, and flora of the La Jolla Historical District using tasteful signage from Coast Walk Trail to Whale View Point.

The motion to approve the establishment of a La Jolla Coastal Historic District Initiative Working Group was approved unanimously (13-0-0).

Working Group Updates

3. The Scripps Park Picnic Grove II Working Group chair Tim Seery reported that phase 1 of the work includes repairing the GraniteCrete in Picnic Grove I. An estimated 2 tons of GraniteCrete was scheduled to be removed over three days (3/26-28), followed by replacement with the upgraded GraniteCrete product. There will be no conflict with the Concourse d'Elegance Event in April. The Picnic Grove II project is scheduled to start after the summer moratorium, and full funding needs to be secured.
4. La Jolla Park Historic District – no report.
5. Windansea Barrier Project (#0666879) - Windansea Barrier/ Erosion Control and Belvedere – no report
6. La Jolla Cove Access Work Group chair Patrick Ahern noted that the Work Group has held several closed organizational meetings. The intention is to engage a number of groups, individuals, and stakeholders as part of the process to ensure access for humans and protection of pinnipeds.
7. Fay Ave Bike Path representative Debbie Adams reported challenges in obtaining updated signage for the bike path and two adjacent parks. Enforcement of speed limits, erosion prevention, and prohibition of off-road activities and destruction of native habitats are needed to preserve a safe bike path. More San Diego Police Dept. involvement is needed as well as a decision regarding and installation of proper signage.
8. Bird Rock Parks advocate Barbara Dunbar reported that the San Diego Parks and Recreation Dept. will be replacing the deteriorated Helene F. Henkel dedication bench with a new or newer all cement bench similar to the street level benches which are more resistant to the heavy marine sea air conditions at the park. The proposed plan for replanting the La Jolla Hermosa Park planting area is under Parks and Rec Dept. review.
9. Coast Walk Trail – Brenda Fake announced that two new replacement benches were constructed by Eagle Scouts and noted the Coast Walk Trail weed-pulling party would be on April 5, 2025, from 10 am – 1 pm. Replanting of native plants will take place in the fall.

Announcements The April 28 La Jolla Parks and Beaches meeting starts at 4 pm at the La Jolla Riford Library.

Adjournment **The motion to adjourn at 5:35 pm to the April 28, 2025, meeting was unanimously**

approved (13-0-0).

Minutes by Barbara Dunbar