

## Minutes of La Jolla Parks & Beaches, Inc. for February 22, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President Dan Allen at 5:37 p.m., at the La Jolla Recreation Center pursuant to public notice duly given. In the absence of Mary Ellen Morgan, Ann Dynes volunteered to serve as temporary secretary.

### Attendance:

Members: Dan Allen, Patrick Ahern, Ann Dynes, Bob Evans, Cindy Greatrex, Judy Halter, Ken Hunrichs, Marie Hunrichs, Melinda Merryweather, Sally Miller, Phyllis Minick, Stan Minick, Bill Robins, John Shannon.

Members Absent: Debbie Beacham, Tom Brady, Nancy Linck, Mary Ellen Morgan, Jane Reldan, Kent Trego.

Guests, signed-in: Barbara Whalen, Drew Dahlberg, John Leek, Mary Ellen Jordan, Ron Graham, Fan Graham, Bob Seegmiller, Ruth Seegmiller, Ashley Mackin - La Jolla *Light*.

Mr. Allen noted that no representatives of the City of San Diego were in attendance. The agenda was approved by acclamation. New member Cindy Greatrex was introduced to the board, replacing Marilies Schoefphlin who resigned.

Non-agenda public comments were made by Phyllis Minick. Sally Miller gave the Treasurer's Report noting that all invoices of the organization have been paid.

Mr. Allen gave the President's Report which included consideration of the need for increasing the length of meetings to accommodate the longer agenda currently being experienced and re-ordering the presentation of action items to ensure that they get addressed. He reported that the Concourse d'Elegance has added to its beneficiaries (La Jolla Historical Society and the Monarch School) charities selected by attendees; there was a discussion of the concept. He reported on communications which he has had with Enhance La Jolla pertaining to the impact of the proposed Maintenance Assessment District on the parks and beaches located within the MAD; the relationship of the MAD to those locations and to advisory councils such as LJPB remains unclear. Mr. Allen also reported on discussions which he has had pertaining to the conflict of interest ruling issued by a California Court and applied to City operations by the City of San Diego Attorney; it prohibits vendors who have participated in the design phase of a project to be awarded the ultimate contract to implement the design so developed. State legislation appears to be the best option for correcting which seems to be a significant harm to local projects reliant on the same vendors for both aspects of local projects.

Brief reports were given with respect to the Pavilion and Children's Pool projects.

Ann Dynes reported for the Whale View Point project. Plantings have been completed at both the Salt Bush and Wedding Bowl sites and efforts are needed to keep the new plants healthy in unseasonably warm weather. She then addressed the subject of approaching the City to approve the installation of some sort of graphic on the surface of the sewage pump station, a site referred to as the "Educational Plaza" in the La Jolla Conservancy Shoreline Enhancement

Plan. She presented as an example of what might beautify the site a series of renderings of whales submitted by four local muralists who are all interested in pursuing the project. The concept would be to install a two-dimensional depiction of a California grey whale (or a mother and calf) to create an educational experience at the site where, in fact, such whales are regularly seen in season. At this point, however, the specimens are for purposes of discussion. Members asked questions and commented on the concept. At the end of the discussion, Ms. Dynes was given approval by general consensus to move forward with determining what approvals would need to be secured and scoping out further the subject matter, materials and artist(s) who might be needed to implement the concept.

Melinda Merriweather reported on progress at the S-curve at Windansea and responded to questions about the shack and other details. On motion made by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Ken Hunrichs, expenditure of \$674.56 to replace the wheel stops in the parking area at Windansea was approved.

Bill Robbins reported that the City is painting the bathrooms at the Cove. Mrs. Miller gave an update on the efforts of the Fay Avenue Bicycle Path working group to present proposals for improvements at that site, including a recent presentation to the Traffic & Transportation Committee.

In Ms. Morgan's absence, President Allen presented a proposal to swap the public lands associated with the new and old reservoirs located in La Jolla. Following discussion, on motion made by Ms. Dynes, seconded by Ken Hunrichs, the following resolution was passed unanimously:

La Jolla Parks and Beach, Inc. strongly urges the Public Utilities Department and the Parks and Recreation Department to agree to a transfer of the Exchange Place Reservoir site to the Parks and Recreation Department for dedication as an Open Space Park.

Mr. Hunrichs initiated a discussion of the life guard tower ramp at the Children's Pool and the incident loss of public access at that location. There appear to be ADA issues associated with the City's actions and permitting constraints which the City will not comment upon given the pendency of litigation pertaining to the site. On motion by Mr. Hunrichs, seconded by Mrs. Miller, the board unanimously authorized the Present to direct a letter to the City, drafted by Mr. Hunrichs.

There next ensued a lengthy discussion of the proposed bylaws which the board is required to adopt before June. Nancy Linck has spent many, many hours not only updating the current bylaws but incorporating aspects of the City's proposed permit and operating procedures in to the text of the draft bylaws; this is to facilitate their routine use in the future without the need to refer to external documents affecting operating decisions. The principal focus of discussion is the recommendation to include terms limits in the board's bylaws for the first time in its history. Many comments were raised about the benefits of term limits and the importance of ensuring that the board reflects its community, versus the potential loss of institutional

memory and long-time and dedicated volunteers who have been on the board in some times for decades. There was also discussion of the possible need, as proposed in the bylaws for splitting the work of the secretary in to two positions given the burdens imposed by increased recordkeeping and other functions. There was discussion of the complexity created by the fact that La Jolla Parks and Beaches, Inc. is both a “recreation council” designated by the City and its own 501c3 corporation engaged in projects which, while sanctioned by the City, are somewhat independent corporate activities. Significant attention was devoted to the methodology of implementing term limits and its impact on currently seated members who feel that being termed out even in eight years would be detrimental to LJPB. Notes were made of the choices deemed to be the most acceptable to the most members by Mr. Ahern and the members of the bylaws drafting group were asked to re-convene and present another draft to the members in March.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:  
Ann Parode Dynes, acting Secretary