

Minutes - La Jolla Park and Beaches Meeting - Monday, July 22, 2013

Quorum established and welcomed at 4:00; meeting called to order by Dan Allen

Attendees: Patrick Ahern, Dan Allen, John Beaver, Mary Coakley-Munk, Bob Ewing, Ken Hunrichs, Marie Hunrichs, Melinda Merryweather, Sally Miller, Phyllis Minick, Stan Minick, Rebecca Morales, Mary Ellen Morgan, David Pierce, Anne Podney, Jane Reldon, Kent Trego, Esther Viti, Frances Zimmerman

Members Absent- Debbie Beacham

Guests: William Robbins, Justin Schaepli, Marillers Schoepflin, Jerry Horna, Daisy Fitzgerald, Ashley Mackin, Marilyn Stern, Dave Kinnaman, Carol Archibald, Deborah Saracini, Laura Meldrum, Rick Belesky, Mike Dorvillier, Cindy Meyer, Cheri Aspenleiter, Deborah Marengo, Shelia Fortune

The agenda was approved motion by Ester Viti, second by Rebecca Morales, vote unanimous.

Non-Agenda Public Comment-

Presentation by Cheri Aspenleiter, representing RAMP "Restore Access for Many People" for the Children's Pool for the disabled. The presentation highlighted the importance of maintaining open access of the Children's Pool ramp to provide access to the beach for the handicapped.

Chair's Report

- a. Dan Allen informed LJP&B has signed the Special Use Permit this will enable LJP&B it's official status formally as a "Recreation Council" as advisor group to the City under the San Diego Park & Rec.
- b. Children's Pool Lifeguard Station: color palette-update the paint colors have been lightened up, new colors were viewed and discussed.
- c. Re-vegetation and erosion control at Goldfish Point: Dan Allen said Jim Neri and the owner of the Cave Shop stated there will be no change in public coastal access.
- d. Old Town Trolley Tours: David Thornton owner of Old Town Trolley Tours announced the Tours will commence at the end of that week with 6 tours a day coming through La Jolla. Stopping at the top of Mt. Soledad and Silverado Ave. Tours will be on a continuous loop with no stopping due to safety concerns. LJP&B has a favorable reaction to the Old Town Trolley Tours presentation.
- e. Dogs at Calumet Park: the City will put in a request for more patrols to the County Animal Control to monitor Calumet Park. Melinda Merryweather remarked about the amount of dogs on the bike path.
- f. Graffiti on "People's Wall": Large heart painted on the wall, Park and Rec. will try to paint over the heart but it will still look bad.

Committee Report: Children's Pool Walkway Beautification Phyllis Minick, announced a check received from the Kiwanis for \$2,000.00 a special thank you to Patrick Ahern

for his work with a power point presentation to promote fundraising for the Children's Pool Walkway project.

Dan Allen asked for a vote of authorization for nominal fundraising costs, Anne Podney made the motion, Rebecca Morales seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Reports from Advisory Committees: La Jolla Shores, Mary Coakley-Munk working on the bathrooms at La Jolla Shores beach.

Old Business: A draft letter from LJP&B suggesting guidelines for the operation of the Children's Pool surveillance camera that is operated by the WAN Conservancy was prepared by an *ad hoc* committee appointed last month.

A representative (name not noted) of the WAN Conservancy offered a page to be read stating why there should not be any guidelines for the operation of the surveillance camera. She was ruled out of order because LJP&B already voted (February 25 regular meeting) recommending there should be guidelines.

Sachiko Kotatsu, an employee for Council Supervisor Dave Roberts, read a letter at the request of Dave Roberts, the letter was written by Sara and Larry Wan of the WAN Conservancy addressing the Children's Pool surveillance camera. A general discussion by members and the public ensued.

John Beaver made the motion to send the LJP&B letter with the addition of an appendix of photos showing the onerous uses of the surveillance camera, delete the first sentence beginning with "We request" and to delete the first sentence of the last paragraph. Motion was seconded by Anne Podney, a vote was called to end the debate, debate was closed. The motion was passed 15 in favor, 3 opposed and the chair abstaining.

Fran Zimmerman made a motion to add a second appendix regarding abuses relating to the seal camera, Jane Reldan seconded the motion, the motion failed 2 in favor 16 opposed and the chair abstaining. Melinda Merryweather made a motion to ask that the City shut down the seal camera if nobody in the City was taking responsibility for it. That will be placed on the agenda for the August meeting.

Questions and answers for: Park Group Use, Permits, Vending and Enforcement issues were addressed by Park Ranger Rich Belesky, SDPD Officer Cindy Meyer and Lifeguard Lieutenant Rick Strobel answered questions and discussed enforcement of regulations within and outside the parks. Melinda Merryweather questioned the officers regarding beach access past the rope barrier to the ocean at the Children's Pool as long as the seals are not disturbed. The officials listed above were unanimous in agreement that public access at the Children's Pool beach continues to be open access past the rope barrier to the water. A discussion regarding what qualifies as seal harassment followed. Ranger Belesky told the audience that if a seal is disturbed by anyone, including a handicapped person, he would cite them per the municipal code.

New Business:

- a. Laurel McFarlane a representative for the Concours d'Elegance at Scripps Park 11-13 April 2014, all sidewalk setbacks of 6-8 feet shall be observed no setback for the street side (Coast Blvd.) for the 2014 event. A discussion followed reserving a portion of the park to remain open for the public, it was stated that this event needed the full space of the park to make the event possible. The main pedestrian entrance will be moved to the south end of the park for 2014, Judges tent will be a kids area in 2014. The walkway to Boomer Beach from the entrance to the Bridge club to the back of the restrooms shall be fenced. Patrick Ahern made a motion to approve the 2014 event as requested, Kent Trego seconded, motion passed unanimously.

- b. 2015 City Capital Program (CIP) priorities, suggestions were asked for new items for the 2015 list. Possible additions: a ramp for the Children's Pool, development plan update for the Bike Path. This is to be discussed in the 2013 August LJP&B meeting.

A motion was made to adjourn (next meeting August 26, 2013) and passed unanimously.