# LA JOLLA PARKS AND BEACHES MINUTES OF MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2013

La Jolla Recreation Center: 618 Prospect St, La Jolla 92037

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

<u>Attendees</u>: Dan Allen, Patrick Ahern, Debbie Beacham, John Beaver, Robert Ewing, Ken Hunrichs, Marie Hunrichs, Melinda Merryweather, Sally Miller, Phyllis Minick, Stan Minick, Rebecca Morales, Mary Ellen Morgan, David Pierce, Anne Podney, Jane Reldan, Kent Trego.

Members Absent: Mary Coakley-Munk, Esther Viti, Fran Zimmerman.

<u>Guests:</u> William Robbins, Justin Schaefli, Ann Dynes, Volker Hoehne, Ashley Mackin, Carl Lind

The agenda was approved unanimously. The minutes from the January meeting were then approved unanimously.

### **Non-Agenda Public Comment:**

- **a.** Jane Reldan questioned a photo introduced by David Pierce claiming that the Seal Cam could not have been used at that angle. Ken Hunrichs challenged Reldon and offered several photos displaying a wide range of angles and subjects well beyond the purview of watching seals. This issue was addressed as an action item later in the meeting.
- **b.** Melinda Merryweather noted harassment of a child who had gone under the rope barrier by a member of this committee.
- **c.** Kent Trego suggested that this committee bring up the issue of needing docents at the Children's Pool to Parks and Recreation.

## Chair's Report:

- **a.** Dan Allen informed the group that a meeting of newly installed officers was held and that John Beaver is keeping track of membership. The terms of office are 2 years for President and Secretary and 1 year for Vice President and Treasurer.
- **b.** LJP&B will meet a minimum of 10 times a year. Due to Memorial Day, we will meet on June 3, 2013 instead of May 27<sup>th</sup>.

- **c.** LJP&B is seeking a webmaster. We currently have webpages on the Town Council site and LJ Community Planning site.
- **d.** Although we passed a resolution at the last meeting to write a letter regarding the length of the rope at the Children's Pool, the letter was not sent because the issues were answered in correspondence to Ken Hunrichs by the City before our letter was composed. The City changed the length of the rope in the permit, claiming a measurement error, and the Coastal Commission accepted the modification.
- e. A letter about the "Baja Road" gate and ramp north of the gate at the Children's Pool was sent to the City during December 2011, with a response that it was not in their agenda to repair the road at this time. It is up to the lifeguards to determine whether the gates will remain opened or closed. We will ask Jihad Sleiman, City project engineer for the lifeguard tower replacement, to attend our next meeting to explain plans for "Baja Road" in the future. (Note that he has agreed to attend next month.)
- **f.** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Marine Life Protection Act Implementation Collaborative will meet March 5, 2013. John Beaver will attend that meeting representing LJP&B..

#### **Action Items:**

- **a.** The plaque commemorating Dolly Bray at the Children's Pool Walkway will be relocated but a final location is undetermined.
- b. Ben McCue of Wildcoast spoke about his organization and the San Diego MPA Implementation Collaborative. In order to have a formal say in the San Diego MPA Implementation Collaborative, the group created a subcommittee on Marine Protection Areas (MPAs) consisting of Debbie Beacham (chair), Justin Schaefli, Phyllis Minick, Jane Reldan, and Mary Ellen Morgan.
- c. Given the apparent misuse of the cameras at the Children's Pool other than the purpose for which they were intended, Ken Hunrichs introduced the following motion that was seconded by Anne Podney stating: "Motion that LJP&B write a letter notifying the Parks and Recreation Director, concerning the video surveillance camera at the Children's Pool, that there has been misuse of the camera relative to the purpose stated in the Right of Entry permit, which is limited to viewing seals. We recommend review of current uses of the camera and suggest development of guidelines for future use. In addition we question the presentation of the images from the camera on an internet website that apparently solicits contributions of money. Copies should go to the Mayor, City

Attorney, and Councilmember Lightner." The Motion passed 13 yes, 1 no, 2 abstain and one recused (Jane Reldan).

## **Committee Reports:**

Finance: Bank balance is \$61,921.76.

Fundraising: Phyllis Minick reported there are 20 grant proposals outstanding.

Beautification: No report.

Access: No report.

Children's Pool Park: No report.

Signs: No report.

Coast Walk: No report.

Commercialization Policy: No report.

Windansea: No report

# Reports from Advisory Committees / Public / City of San Diego

La Jolla Shores: No report

#### **New Business:**

- **a.** In order to address the issue of fencing at La Jolla Cove and it's relationship to the odor problem, Melinda Merryweather proposed and Anne Podney seconded the following: "Motion that LJP&B write a letter to the Parks and Recreation Director suggesting selective removal of fencing at La Jolla Cove and replacement where access might be dangerous with gates and/or warning signage with the objective of reducing the animal-caused odor in the area. A copy should go to Councilmember Lightner" Motion passed 13 yeas, 1 no, and 2 abstained.
- **b.** Regarding membership qualifications, Sally Miller proposed and Ken Hunrichs seconded the following: "Motion to adopt a policy that persons on the membership waiting list be treated like members with regard to removal after three unexcused absences." The Motion passed 15 yes, 0 no, and 1 abstain.

The meeting was adjourned at  $5:40~\mathrm{pm}$ . The next meeting will be held on March 25, 2013.

Respectfully submitted, Rebecca Morales, Secretary