

Comments from Ann Dynes during her last meeting on January 25, 2021 as President of La Jolla Parks and Beaches.

I was elected on January 23, 2017 and have had a productive four years leading this organization. While the La Jolla Light recently did a great job of summarizing what I would otherwise have said tonight, I still want to make some closing comments:

- A. LJP&B has had some fabulous volunteers who have accomplished some great projects working with the City: To name a few: Phyllis Minick for the Children's Pool; Judy Halter for Scripps Park and the re-established Cove Swim; Janet Stratford Collins with our benches, customized bike racks and scooter corrals; Bob Evans with the Lorax tree initiative and so much more; Nancy Linck with the stairs reconstruction at 101 Coast; Tom Grunow and the Historical Society for the flagpole; Patrick Ahern who worked with our volunteer at La Jolla Shores Lane and has worked on the reservoir issue; Debbie Adams at the bike path; Diane Kane for her work on the historical designation at Children's Pool; Melinda Merryweather and Mary Lynn Hyde for the photographic record of our coast; and Melinda for her continuing investment in the wellbeing of Windansea
- B. I also want to celebrate what LJPB accomplished at Whale View Point with rights of entry (ROE) to protect the sea lavender and the bluffs, new handicap accessible picnic tables and wonderful sidewalk, restoration of urban drool sites, installation of California Coastal Trail signs, and if you recall, a truce with the Indian nation about the metate removed to install our sidewalk
- C. I also celebrate our new partners with participation from representatives of Bird Rock and Barber Track who are bringing their issues to us so we can help address them with the City
- D. In addition, we reviewed and provided input to the City and our elected officials on policies and conditions affecting La Jolla such as:

Special use permits for Scripps Park to ensure a fair balance between use of City parks and private uses for public benefit—such as the half marathon for disabled athletes and the Concours to support the La Jolla Historical Society

SB 946 – sidewalk vendors -- Bob Evans

Marine Coastal Management Plan

La Jolla High Recreational Facilities

Water quality concerns

The Parks Master Plan—Claudia Baranowski

- E. We have reviewed proposed projects and requests affecting La Jolla parks and beaches such as Eric Holtmark's Marine Street Memorial, requests for a dog park and a skateboard park, the Princess Street Access, Coastal signage, wrack removal issues, and various Windansea projects like the annual holiday wreath. We are working with the City on Pottery Canyon -- thanks to Alexandra Corsi.
- F. Infrastructure: I want to give a shout out to our volunteer webmaster Marc Coleman whose contributions to our work have been invaluable—he is a great member of our team; thanks to Dan Allen for taking care of banal things like our correspondence, conflicts of interest, membership and insurance, and Bob Evans for thousands of words of minutes taken
- G. Thanks to Councilmember Barbara Bry and her extremely helpful and conscientious staff—Steve Hadley and Mauricio Medina
- H. Finally, I do not want to suggest that we have been oblivious to the heated community controversy over the proper place of politically motivated art in public spaces occurring this fall. We have struggled with how to deal with these concerns and the limitations of both our governance structure and the merits of the calls for action. My successors will continue to do so until there is a resolution.

I have no intention to omit the efforts of those not mentioned but these were the events of the last four years which jumped out of our minutes and records as I reviewed them in preparation for my last meeting as your leader. I have enjoyed the challenge and the camaraderie of La Jolla Parks and Beaches and look forward to a lower profile job in 2021!

I also want to mention that, as a result of the great work which I have watched LJPB do these last four years, I formed the San Diego Parks Foundation, in partnership with the Parks and Recreation leadership. It has raised almost \$500,000 in its first two years of existence.