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MINUTES -- REGULAR MEETING

Monday, January 27, 2020 – 4:00 PM, La Jolla Recreation Center, Auditorium

Members present: (18) Patrick Ahern, Debbie Beacham, Claudia Baranowski (new member), Tom Brady, Janet Stratford Collins, Barbara Dunbar, Ann Dynes, Bob Evans, Judy Halter, Ken Hunrichs, Marie Hunrichs, John Leek, Sally Miller, Phyllis Minick, Stan Minick, Mary Ellen Morgan, Jane Reldan & John Shannon.

Member absent: (1) Melinda Merryweather.

Guests signed-in: (5) Lisa Gilfillan, Richard Wolf, Ina Thompson, Alexandra Corin, Kurt Hoffman.

Noted presence but not signed-in: Steve Hadley (Bry rep.), & Jodi Rudick (LJVMA).

Welcome and Call the Meeting to Order – Ann Dynes, President

LJP&B Membership addition – Ann introduced and welcomed new LJP&B member Claudia Baranowski.

Approval of Minutes of meeting of December 9, 2019 – Minutes approved unanimously

Approval of Treasurer's Reports for December, 2019 – John mentioned the Swim account funds were transferred to the Kiwanis Club as mentioned at previous meeting. LJP&B retained \$500.00 for tentative future accounting/CPA fees. Approved unanimously.

President's Report

- Ann distributed a 2019 Annual Report of accomplishments to point out the extraordinary highlights, accomplishments, and projects of LJP&B during that year; and thanked the community, volunteers, and members. (*Secretary's note: Ann has invaluable facilitated and/or had her hand in just about every project noted*). Details included and attached at the end of these Minutes.
- Responding to LJP&B's correspondence about park improvements within Pottery Canyon, she reported that LJP&B recently received a letter from Andy Field, Director of the City's Parks & Rec, stating that Pottery Canyon will not have any further development and will remain a passive open-space park and habitat area (a copy of the letter was shared with members when received). Ann also mentioned receiving a letter from a local resident with the idea of building and maintaining a bike path in that park; she put him in touch with the volunteers who would be able to provide feedback.
- Ann noted that there are various park bench repair and projects are in the works, and Janet will report on two areas later in the meeting.
- Ann reported on a communication received asking LJP&B to become aware of and potential participate in a coalition of community organizations working of addressing the need for an improved tree canopy in San Diego.
- She expressed a very grateful thank you to the Rivkin Family for their \$2,000.00 donation to LJP&B, and specifying the Whale View Point projects account.

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- LJP&B has received a copy of a letter from the California Coastal Commission regarding recent disturbance and removal of beach wrack at Children's Pool. Ann expressed the view that we should be clear that LJP&B does not condone personal actions in violation of the Coastal Act.

Report by Councilwoman Bry's Office – Stephen Hadley mentioned that Councilmember Barbara Bry's State of the District address will be this Wednesday at University City High School, and he passed out the current copy of the 'Bry Bulletin.' Stephen also noted that Andy Field, Parks & Rec Director, has informed Council District One that final revisions to Council Policy 700-42, Recreation Advisory Groups, are now waiting on current discussions regarding Council Policy 600-24, Planning Groups. The intention is to have the two Policies emulate each other in matters of legal requirements. This might take a while.

Non-agenda Public Comments—issues not on the agenda within the LJP&B jurisdiction (two minutes or less)

- Guest Richard Wolf stated there's an increasing lack of compliance with dogs in Scripps Park during prohibited times. She asked about new or more signage, or what can be done to better enforce? To be added as a discussion item on next month's agenda.
- Member Jane Reldan addressed the recent California Coastal Commission letter previously mentioned by Ann. John Leek responded that the letter was not addressed to him, but he acknowledged it and agrees.
- Lisa Gilfillan from Wildcoast briefly reported on the upcoming Marine Protected Area workshop in Solana Beach, and that members of the public are welcome. Also she mentioned that she is available for community outreach programs.

Action Items

1. Concours d'Elegance April 17-19, 2020—Laurel McFarlane/Michael Dorviller presented and asked for earlier access to Scripps Park on Thursday, instead of Friday as in previous years – the reason being with the new construction on the Pavillion/ bathrooms have affected Concours setup and logistics. Car load-in will have to be at the south end of the park, and not at the north-side driveway. Motion to approve as presented, 12(yes)-2(no- Mary Ellen, John L) -3(abstain- Sally, Debbie, John S)
2. Election of Officers (Nominating Committee)— Patrick reported that for Treasurer, John Shannon has agreed to a second 2-year term. There were no volunteers or nominations identified for the already vacant Vice-President; thus, that position will continue unfilled. Bob Evans and Dan Allen continue in their final terms as secretary, and Ann Dynes continues in her final term as President.
3. Moratorium on endorsements of new Special Use Permits at Scripps Park – Mary Ellen Morgan/ Debbie Beacham – Mary Ellen stated that their committee position is now if someone wants to hold a free event open to the public, then LJP&B should

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consider special-use permit. The City and their Parks Master Plan and regulations could be years in the future. Discussion among members about for- and non-profit events, and whether we need more rules on what to allow. No motion could be made, and further discussion tabled to next meeting.

4. Request for a fenced off dog park—Lisa Matthews presented the need for new dog park, and proposing her initial recommendation for 1 of 2 areas along Fay Ave path. Discussion that dog parks ideas have come up before to the Board, and although favored and supported by many, there is also much opposition in the neighborhood about parking, noise, and safety. Ann stated that dog parks a very popular request to the City Parks & Rec, but no one can agree on where. The City has a very lengthy regulation on dog park requirements. With this feedback, Lisa may return to a future meeting. No motion made.

At this point Bob took over as chair of the meeting as Ann departed for another commitment.

5. Request for installation of benches at Camino de la Costa—Janet reported that many donors are ready to help repair/maintain the many poorly-conditioned benches along the La Jolla coastline. She explained Anna's (City P&R maintenance staff) recommendation to her supervisor to repair/replace the 5 benches in the 300-500 blocks of Coast Blvd as needed. FYI, benches opposite 321,445,& 457 Coast Blvd are on our CIP but not in bold type. #445 now looks OK for both slats & concrete but 321,457, 524, & 541 Coast Blvd require repair/ replacement. Motion to write letter to City is support of repair/replace, passed unanimously. A second topic to ask the City (T&SW) replace 2 benches and a trash can at 5900 Camino de la Costa very popular look-out. There are old cement slabs still there that appears to support benches at one time. Stephen Hadley offered to help in routing and addressing these requests to City personnel. Motion to approve the writing of a letter, passed unanimously.

Discussion Items

6. Marine Coastal Management Plan working group for action items for the City to remediate contamination at the Cove – John Leek (no report)

Information Items/Working Group reports

7. Working Group for Picnic areas at Scripps Park – Patrick Ahern (no report)
8. Windansea Working Group -- Melinda Merryweather (no report)
9. Bird Rock Outlook Working Group – Melinda Merryweather/Barbara Dunbar (no report)
10. Sidewalk Vending/SB 946 -- Bob Evans (no report)
11. Gold Fish Point Working Group – Janet Collins (no report)
12. Coastal Access Working Group – Melinda Merryweather/Debbie Beacham (no report)

President's Report on LJP&B highlights, achievements, and noted projects –

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To: Members of La Jolla Parks and Beaches, Inc. and Advisory Board
Re: La Jolla Parks and Beaches, Inc. Annual Report for 2019
From, Ann Parode Dynes, President
Prepared: January 27, 2020

I have prepared this report to underscore what a productive year we had in 2019 involving not just our own volunteers but members of our community who partnered with us for these accomplishments:

1. Reintroduction of the La Jolla Cove Swim which will yield other benefits such as a return of the Concerts and better maintenance of our beloved park—thanks to Judy Halter, Bob Evans and John Shannon (September)
2. Replacement of the downed trees in Scripps Park—thanks to Patrick Ahern and Bob Evans (November)
3. Replacement of the flagpole in Park Row—thanks to Carol Olten, Tom Grunow, Chris Cott and Ray Weiss (June)
4. Submission of historical designation for the Children’s Pool—thanks to Diane Kane (April)
5. Active involvement in the evolution of policies governing vending in our scenic parks (SB 946)—thanks to Bob Evans (ongoing)
6. Clean up of the Fay Avenue Bike Path—thanks to Debbie Adams and Sally Miller (ongoing)
7. Initiation of the Scripps Park bathroom renovation—thanks to Judy Halter and many others (ongoing)
8. Installation of signature bike racks throughout La Jolla—thanks to Janet Stratford Collins and the La Jolla Community Foundation (September)
9. Creation of a new relationship with Bird Rock representatives, clean up initiatives at Calumet Park and other locations, and mediation of access issues—thanks to Melinda Merryweather, Barbara Dunbar, Mary Lynn Hyde and others (March)
10. Participation with the City of San Diego’s scooter corral project such that La Jolla received the designations and locations for corrals which the village wanted to see happen—thanks to Janet Stratford Collins and others (summer)
11. Submission of a Capital Improvement Projects and Maintenance List to the City which was as thorough as ever assembled—thanks to Ken and Marie Hunrichs and others (October)
12. Preparation of Photographic Record of La Jolla Coastline—thanks to Melinda Merryweather and Mary Lynn Hyde (May)
13. Negotiated letter with tribes to facilitate the reinstallation of the metate at Whale View Point (June)
14. Submission of comments on the Parks Master Plan (January)

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15. Trimming the palms in the 300 block of Coast Boulevard—Bob Evans (May)

I have probably omitted something but our board should feel inspired and proud of the contributions which we made both individually and spawned in our community. And a shout out to officers for their time and efforts.

Adjourn to February 24, 2020 at the La Jolla Recreation Center at 4 p.m.

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