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DRAFT MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF
March 28, 2022 – 4:00 PM, via Zoom

Members Present: Patrick Ahern (joined at 4:35), Dan Allen, Tom Brady, Catherine Cox, Dede Donovan, Barbara Dunbar, Ann Parode Dynes, Bob Evans, Brenda Fake, Ken Hunrichs, Marie Hunrichs, John Leek, Melinda Merryweather (by telephone), Sally Miller, Phyllis Minick, Dr. Jane Reldan (joined at 4:30), Rev. Tim Seery, John Shannon, and Jon Wiggins

Members Absent: Dan Allen

Guests Present: Elisabeth Fausto, Charles Miller, Gordon Hoople, Diane Hoffoss, Mike McCormack, Lara Bullock, Debbie Adams, Pamela Heatherinton, Adrian Kwiakowski, Steven Hadley, Judy Halter, Diane Kane, Dana Garcia, Matt Mangano, Austin Choi-Fitzpatrick, Susan Welsch

President Bob Evans called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda. Motion to approve was made by Sally Miller, seconded by Ken Hunrichs and passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes of meeting of February 28, 2022. Following a motion to approve by Ms. Miller, seconded by Ann Parode Dynes, a motion to approve the minutes as presented passed, with Alexandra Corsi abstaining because she did not participate in the meeting.

Approval of Treasurer's Reports for November 2021, December 2021, January 2022 and February, 2022. Following words of appreciation from President Evans, Treasurer Tim Seery explained the background of the several reports being presented at this meeting, including the restatement of financial reports going back to July 2021. He explained the process and a mistaken misallocation of a \$1000 payment to WindanSea instead of the Scripps Park project. Previous treasurer John Shannon also thanked Rev. Seery. There were questions asked about a bank discrepancy as well as corrections needed in the drafts and the actions required on reports going back to July 2021. A motion to amend the treasurer's reports for July, August, September, and October 2021 was made by Barbara Dunbar, seconded by Ms. Corsi, and passed unanimously. Questions were asked by Mr. Shannon about the revised process for detecting bank and accounting errors. A motion was made by Rev. Seery to accept the treasurer's reports for November and December 2021 and January and February 2022, seconded by Ms. Dunbar, and approved unanimously. There was appreciation expressed to Ms. Corsi for detecting the errors and managing the project costs for Scripps Park.

President's Report – President Evans reported that a \$1000 check had been received and credited to the Friends of WindanSea account. He indicated that he is working on an in-person meeting for LJP&B at the Recreation Center and explained the benefits of in-person interaction. He will report shortly. He then introduced Phyllis Minick to present a Certificate of Commendation to former member Judy Halter for her origination of the reconstruction project of the restrooms at Scripps Park. Ms. Minick thanked Ms. Miller for suggesting the Certificate, the contents of which Ms. Minick read in full. Ms. Halter thanked a number of LJPB members and other volunteers who assisted in the project.

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Report from Councilmember LaCava's Office – Steven Hadley, Community Outreach Director in Councilman LaCava's office, reported that the California Coastal Commission will hold a hearing on April 8, 2022 pertaining to the City's application for a seasonal closure at Pt. La Jolla for sea lions, the recommendation of which essentially adopts the City's position for the closure, except that the closure is proposed to be extended to six months instead of three months. He reported that City rangers will be assigned by April 25, 2022. President Evans said that he would forward the draft CCC staff report to all board members.

Report from Mayor Gloria's Office – Matt Griffiths was not present.

Non-agenda Public Comments – Pamela Heatherington representing the Environmental Center of San Diego reported on the Princess Street coastal access trail. The organization has been given permission to move forward with all relevant studies following a delay caused by the pandemic. In response to a question, she said that they hope to be completed with the project by the end of 2022. Cement heavy design suggestions have been rejected and the pending studies will inform next steps. The site of the project is Matlahuayl State Marine Reserve, also known as Princess Street Beach.

Melinda Merryweather described the Surf Shack honorific which took place last week which she described as an amazing day. She also reported on developments pertaining to the new belvedere. Mike McCormack initiated a discussion of his maintenance of the frame of the Munk Map and thanked the board for its work on behalf of La Jolla's parks and beaches. He inquired about the role of garbage cans in coastal parks and suggested eliminating them. In response to a question for how to eliminate them, he said that there needs to be a new personal value of disposing one's own trash instead of using communal cans. He said that Japan is an example of such a society and urged vendors like Starbuck's to eliminate disposable containers. Ms. Dynes described her previous efforts to introduce trash disposal bags in the same way as doggie bags are dispensed, with a "take your trash home" sign on the dispenser. Comments in support to the concept of personal trash removal were provided by Dede Donovan.

Mr. Shannon reported on the ongoing shortcomings at the Scripps Park Comfort Station, several of which are very concerning and unsanitary. He was encouraged to bring these concerns to the City.

Action Items – None

Information, Discussion Items and Working Group Updates

1. City of San Diego Art Department "Park Social" Temporary Installlation at Scripps Park –President Evans introduced Lara Bullock from the City of San Diego who introduced Chuck Miller from the City's Commission for Arts and Culture who then described the project. It is the first Park Social which engages the work of eighteen artists representing the nine Council Districts. She introduced two of the artists, Gordon Hoople and Diane Hoffoss, and described the project. These artists' works have been displayed

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around San Diego County. Photographs of the proposed displays were presented, constituting reflection structures of acrylic plastic to be installed in June for a two week period near the Bridge Club in the Park. Mr. Hoople asked for comments about the proposal. Supporting comments were given by President Evans, Ms. Corsi, Mr. Ahern, Mr. Wiggins and Brenda Fake. Ms. Miller objected to the project because of its intrusion in to the natural scenery at the area and Mr. Shannon agreed saying that the display would be better located in the village. It was noted that LJP&B approval is not being requested but rather just feedback for the plan already approved by the City. Additional comments were offered by Catherine Cox and Ken Hunrichs, and Ms. Hoffoss addressed the decision for locating the display where it cannot be seen from the street but where it can tap in to lighting for the display. Mr. McCormack spoke in support of the artists and the project and other questions were asked and answered about display location and interface with vendors in the area.

2. Scripps Park Picnic Grove Working Group – Ms. Corsi thanked Patrick Ahern for his assistance pertaining to the historic background of the area, Rev. Seery for the accounting work which was done, and other supporters of the project. She reported on feedback from the City on Jim Neri’s current proposal and a meeting with City staff last week addressing details of the project. The application should be completed by the end of April but work will not be able to start before the City’s summer moratorium. While there are enough funds on hand to cover current expenses, the total cost of construction is expected to be have increased during the one year delay since inception of the project. Jon Wiggins is interested in fundraising for the project as needed and Ms. Dynes encouraged coordination with the current and initial donors.
3. Coast Walk Trail Update – Ms. Fake reported on a recent meeting with representatives from the City and this board noting that all are delighted with results at this location. She indicated that trash management at the Trail is an issue which she is exploring. She described recent local television coverage of the palm weevils and secret swing. There was a recent weed pulling day for which 60 people showed up at Gold Fish Point; the event was hosted by LaJolla.ca and the LJ Town Council and \$1000 was raised for the Trail from participants. Mr. McCormack commented on trash management, suggesting that signage which might work and there was a discussion of options. Ms. Fake thanked Mr. Hadley and Debbie Adams for their involvement in the project. Ms. Fake indicated plans for a plaque wall at the Cave Shop and invited donors to participate in it.
4. Fay Avenue/Bike Path Proposed Projects and Funding – Ms. Adams reported on the cleanup plans and described a portion of the path which is dirt and which has not been addressed in the past. She has agreed to be a captain for the April 23 I Love a Clean SD event to address this area when a dumpster will be provided. She reported that one area of the project needs a professional and Ms. Fake has recommended a man to fill that role. There was a discussion of another location, outside of LJP&B jurisdiction, which would benefit from a clean up also. Thanks were offered to Ms. Adams for all her efforts.

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5. Enhance La Jolla Day – President Evans reported on this event which is April 23 from 9-11 and described the need for volunteers.
6. La Jolla Children’s Pool Repair Study -- Matt Mangano introduced the project studying the concrete aspects of the Children’s Pool. He introduced Dana Garcia who displayed a series of slides describing the project, the interface with the City’s various applicable departments and the status of the Pool as historical. Mr. Mangano described a Tier 1 Study of this area, communications with other structural engineers to examine the concrete structures at this location and the challenges of reinforcing them. The goal is to present not just a study but strategies to actually implement repairs, such as marine contractors capable of doing repairs to the seawall and other elements of the area which are subject to corrosion which he described as a Tier 2 phase which would include ADA compliance and other complications. He responded to questions about the structural details of the project which are strictly Tier 1, not including Tier 2, although some elements of Tier 2 will need to be addressed as a part of Tier 1. He responded to a question by Ms. Fake about the outcome of this particular study. Ms. Merryweather described historic efforts to engage in this process. Mr. Ahern urged efforts to emphasize the historicity of the site which Mr. Mangano echoed noting significant challenges to it despite the incredible vision of the original builders. Diane Kane reported on the role of the efforts to establish historic designation of this site but advised that formal designation is not actually essential to having the site treated as historic, enabling site repairs to not have to comply with current construction and safety standards. Ms. Minick described her optimism for federal funding for a project of this nature and there was a discussion of the future of the project. Mr. Kwaikowski inquired about the interface of this project with the harbor seal pupping season at this site and there was an exchange of how repairs would coordinate with that more modern mandate. The current focus is on repairs and as the project evolves, there is need to be aware of that issue down the line.
7. LJPB Board Development Workshop – Ms. Fake presented slides describing her project to plan for board turnover in 2023 given new term limits, the objective of which will be educating ongoing and new board members about their responsibilities, including using the experience of long term members. She presented a proposed agenda for the workshop which would take 3 to 4 hours with an in-person meeting in May being projected. Comments in support of this project were made by board members.

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded and the meeting adjourned at 6:16.

Adjourn to April 25, 2022 Annual Meeting at 4 p.m. Via Zoom or location to be announced.

Minutes taken by Ann Parade Dynes.

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