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**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

Monday, April 22, 2019 – 4:00 PM, La Jolla Recreation Center, Auditorium

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1. Welcome and Call to Order – Ann Dynes, President
2. Approval of Agenda for this meeting – approved unanimous 9-0
3. Approval of Minutes of meeting of March 25, 2019 – approved unanimous 9-0
4. Approval of Treasurer's Report for March, 2019 – approved unanimous 9-0

Report by Councilwoman Bry's Office -- Mauricio Medina – not present, no report

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

- Doug Burleigh reported that there are many park benches in disrepair and suggested that the City use plastic/composite materials on seats and backs. Composite is easier to maintain, has no pest problems and lasts longer. He said that he thinks that the City believes that composite is too hot, and he disagrees. Composites are in use many other places and are not problem. A brief discussion followed. Ann encouraged Doug to come up with plan which the board could review and potentially endorse for submission to the City; it could be added to a future agenda. Richard Smith stated that the City is currently replacing the bench backs and seats at Windansea with wood.
- Melinda, on behalf of Sally Miller, stated that she wants to create more park space for La Jolla, and she passed out letter for future meeting approval addressed to renovating Pottery Canyon.
- Melinda said there were commercial trucks parked on the Fay Ave path for filming purposes with which she takes issue, stating that LJPB should send a letter to City Parks & Recreation about this use of City property without compensation. Debbie Adams agreed, and there was a discussion about whether to put the issues on next month's agenda.

President's Report -- Ann Dynes presented on the following;

- Grunow Construction has received the Right of Entry permit from the City, and their team is beginning the flag pole renovation at Union Circle Park.
- She just received correspondence from Diane Kane, and she is finishing her historic research on the Children's Pool. Her findings should be following soon.
- She has notice from Bill Robbins (vice-president) that he will be returning in May from having to tend to out-of-state family matters. Would like to let his membership remain.

Action Items

5. Approval of Taste of the Cove event – Kira Finkenberg presented the event which is exactly the same as in previous years. Motion to endorse, passed unanimously 10-0
6. Follow up to contact with City Parks & Rec re Coastal Commission permit at Children's Pool -- John Leek advised that he sent a letter on his own against the renewal of the permit to close the Children's Pool during seal pupping season, but it didn't get much support from P&R.

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7. Endorsement of LJCPA letter of March 25, 2019 to Coastal Commission – Ken Hunrichs added to John’s discussion by proposing that the LJP&B board sign its name to a letter previously approved and submitted by the LJCPA. The letter demands better beach management, such as a plan that accommodates all users of the beach with clean sand and water, and improved access. Tom Brady stated that the letter reflects LJP&B’s strong opinion in effect since 2015. Jane Reldan opposed sending of the letter and said that there has been peace and quiet and seals not disturbed under the shared use arrangement of the last several years. She wants the City to apply for 10-year extension to the permit, since its worked fine in last 5 years. Motion to submit letter with LJCPA, passed 9-1 (Jane dissenting).

8. Letter to City re: water quality testing -- Melinda Merryweather proposes to send a letter to City Parks & Rec urging better testing of water quality at local beaches. There was a discussion among members with a conclusion to motion that the letter should also be sent to the County which is responsible for testing, per Ken. Both entities use different testing methods. Passed 9-1(Jane dissenting)

9. Whale View Point palms project/ROE permit(s) -- Bob Evans reported that he has a quote for \$1,200 to trim 6qty palms at 300 Block of Coast Blvd /storm drain and next to belvedere. The City says that it does not have resources or schedule to trim, and palms in questions are very scruffy and poorly maintained. Bob has contacted local residents for donations and support, and have approximately \$900 pledged for trimming in addition to funds in the Whale View Point account. He is working with the City and Brian Widener for ROE permit for trimmers. Motion to approve \$1,200 payment to trimmers from WVP account, passed unanimously.

10. SB 946 Action Plan – Bob reported on background of the state bill for sidewalk vending, and its potential impact to parks and beaches. He also expressed concern about the many ‘First Amendment’ vendors popping up. He reported that many cities in the State have already implemented local ordinances protecting parks’ natural beauty from being over-run by vendors, and providing for public enjoyment and safety. In coordination with La Jolla Shores Assoc, Bob will draft up letter, to present to board next month, which would be sent to City officials such as Council District #1, Mayor’s office, Parks & Rec, and City Attorney articulating this Board’s demands for proper regulation of vendors in La Jolla parks and public spaces.

### Discussion Items

11. Scripps Park Picnic Area planning group update -- Patrick Ahern updated on the efforts of Eric to bring some planning and attention to the picnic areas of Scripps Park. He expressed the concept of considering having ‘art in the park’. Doug Burleigh mentioned meeting with a landscaper, and possibly help in coordination of additional funding.

12. (And combined w/ **Item #13**). Adoption of LJCP Coastal Access Needs List – Melinda Merryweather and Mary Lynn Hyde presented a draft document of maintenance needs to be presented to City Parks & Rec and other departments for addressing. There was much discussion about terminology such as “dedicated,” “vista points,” parks, etc. Mary Lynn said that a huge amount of time had been invested in the Photographic Report, and Melinda said the terms and descriptions came directly from the 2014 Community Plan. Ann added that the report needs to be fair, credible, and not have own agenda. Melinda states the community plan was very thoroughly researched and written, and is like ‘bible’. Matt Peterson requesting corrections to the Bandera Street description, and

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Mary Lynn said will be done in next version. Brenda Fake expressed concern that report didn't get local resident input as did Jane Reldan. Tom Brady suggested a disclaimer on each report that is for information purposes only, and not meant as legal document. Each will again be on the agenda next month.

**13.** Photographic Record of la Jolla Coastline for website posting – Melinda Merryweather –(included in above #12).

Information Items/Working Group reports

**14.** Gold Fish Point project – Janet Collins – no report

**15.** Bird Rock Outlook Working Group – Don Schmidt reported that he is having difficulty working with City to get ROW at Midway overlook for maintenance needs.

**16.** Bicycle Racks Project – Ann Dynes – no report.

**17.** Union Circle Flagpole Update – Nothing beyond what was previously reported.

Adjourn to May 20, 2019 at the La Jolla Recreation Center at 4 p.m. (Note non-usual day)

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