



**DRAFT MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF
May 23, 2022 – 4:00 PM at Riford Library and Zoom**

Members Present: Patrick Ahern, Dan Allen, Tom Brady (by Zoom), Alexandra Corsi (by Zoom at 5:20), Catherine Cox, Dede Donovan, Barbara Dunbar, Ann Parode Dynes, Bob Evans, Brenda Fake, Ken Hunrichs, Marie Hunrichs, John Leek (by Zoom at 4:30), Melinda Merryweather (by Zoom), Sally Miller, Dr. Jane Reldan, John Shannon, Rev. Tim Seery, and Jon Wiggins (by Zoom)

Members Absent: Phyllis Minick

Guests Present: Ashley Mackin Solomon, Steve Hadley, Jodi Rudick, Debbie Adams (Zoom), Doug Burleigh, Susan Welsch, Melane Lurie, Judy Halter (Zoom), Elena Tillman (Zoom), and Ellen Shiveley (Zoom).

President Bob Evans called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda. Motion to approve was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes of meeting of April 25, 2022. Following a comment by Dr. Reldan and a spelling correction by Barbara Dunbar, the minutes were approved unanimously.

Approval of Treasurer's Report for April 2022. On motion duly made and seconded, the report was approved unanimously.

President's Report – President Evans mentioned plans for the planning retreat and expressed his expectations for it on June 1, 2022. He also expressed appreciation for the personal attendance for this meeting in addition to remote participants.

Report from Councilmember LaCava's Office – Steven Hadley, Community Outreach Director in Councilman LaCava's office, reported on the proposed City budget which contemplates an additional \$4 million to the Parks and Recreation Department to improve code enforcement and salaries in the Department. As an example, grounds supervisors make only about \$36,000 a year at entry level, moving up to only \$44,000 with a promotion. Retention and recruitment are a problem in the Department, with one person doing the work of three at locations like Scripps Park. He then reported on a pending beach fire ordinance which would limit wood fires to concrete City fire pits, with propane and other non-wood fires being separately regulated. Mr. Hadley reported on some "surplus" discretionary District 1 funds being directed to local projects which address safety issues like the Spindrift path railing and a redo of the coastal access stair railing near 5990 Camino de la Costa. Mr. Hunrichs asked about the location of and possibility of additional fire rings, and Mr. Hadley will send a list of current locations to Mr. Evans. Questions were asked and answered about opportunities for use of the "surplus" City funds, the difficulties of City hiring, and the problem created by unskilled employees handling park maintenance. Mr. Hadley emphasized the importance of private investment in the parks system such as occurs through organizations such as LJP&B.

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Non-agenda Public Comments – Ellen Shiveley (via Zoom) made comments about the Coastal Commission, sea lions, beach access. Elena Tillman (via Zoom) expressed concerns about lack of night-time oversight, enforcement, and illegal activities at Scripps Park. Melinda Merryweather plans to ask for the board to address noisy parties at the shore access area adjacent to 5990 Camino de la Costa. Mr. Hunrichs discussed the visibility issues at the Scripps Park comfort station where the ladies shower is visible from the hotel across the street. Sally Miller inquired about the jurisdiction of the streets Department and the La Jolla Traffic and Transportation Committee pertaining to the Camino De La Costa street end-shore access location, and Ms. Merryweather responded.

Action Items –

Windansea Barrier/ Erosion Project – President Evans explained the request for a check payment made out to ‘City Treasurer’ for \$10,000.00 as required for working capital by City – Melinda Merryweather made a motion to pay it and seconded by Barbara Dunbar, payable out of the Friends account, which was approved following questions asked and answered by Ms. Merryweather and Mr. Evans, with Dr. Reldan abstaining. Brenda Fake clarified the scope of the project to include more than just the belvedere.

2. Windansea Barrier/ Erosion Project – Ms. Merryweather made a motion to pay the invoice from Neri Landscape for attendance at City Hearings for \$200.00 – approved unanimously. Dr. Reldan asked about Coastal Commission approval requirements, and Ms. Merryweather advised that Coastal Commission review will be part of the process.

3. Fay Ave Path Cleanup Invoice from Debbie Adams for \$350.00 – Debbie Adams described the request for payment for additional cleanup work and hauling fees for this project. Motion made, seconded and passed unanimously.

4. Request to support La Jolla Village Merchants Association’s Grant Application for Wayfinding Program – Jodi Rudick distributed copies of an explanation of this project and gave examples of this form of signage successfully used in other San Diego communities; they are installed by community groups not the cities themselves. She described the La Jolla Express Bus #140 which is now an extension of the new trolley line running 26 roundtrips a day to the village of La Jolla from the Balboa Ave. trolley station, bringing newcomers to the village who do not know how to find popular destinations. Also, people driving to the village using Park La Jolla.com can park inexpensively but also need to be oriented. The wayfinding sign project would address these needs for visitors. Dr. Reldan suggested a methodology to have the signs be multi-lingual, and Ms. Rudick advised that the program does address this. Dede Donovan inquired about a similar program for La Jolla Shores and Ms. Rudick advised that the maintenance assessment district in the village is the easiest format for introducing this program initially. Ms. Rudick addressed the cost and funding for this program and the requested role which she hopes that LJP&B can assist with in making an application for County grants for this purpose. Ms. Fake compared the wayfinding infrastructure of University Town Center, which is a commercial competitor to Village merchants. Dan Allen asked about the logo and font being employed, and Ms. Rudick responded that the signs examples were only concepts, not the final

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design. President Evans moved, seconded by Rev. Seery, to form a working group to work with LJVMA on implementing this program in coordination with LJP&B and Ms. Fake and Rev. Seery volunteered. Ms. Donovan asked to have the La Jolla Shores Association be included in the working group. Susan Welsch recommended that the San Diego Foundation be consulted as it facilitated a similar program in Balboa Park and Ms. Rudick concurred. She hopes to have the program implemented by Memorial Day 2023. There was a discussion of trolley ridership and circulation as it affects La Jolla. The motion was approved unanimously.

5. Transfer \$500.00 donation to Kiwanis intended for LJ Cove Swim event – Bob Evans moved and the motion was seconded by Ms. Dunbar to make this transfer and the motion passed unanimously.

6. LJPB website hosting and services for 1-year: \$300.00 invoice of Marc Coleman – Bob Evans explained the need to reimburse Mr. Coleman for his web hosting expenses and the motion to do so was seconded and passed unanimously. Ann Dynes commended Mr. Coleman on his invaluable support of LJP&B.

Information, Discussion Items and Working Group Updates

7. The La Jolla Cove Swim Event – Judy Halter gave an update on the reintroduction of the swim on September 11, 2022, with a limit of 600 swimmers for the 1 mile event and a maximum of 100 for the 3 mile event. Full turnout is expected. There will be numerous associated activities. Ms. Halter described the various uses of the proceeds from the event. Questions were asked and answered about the event. Doug Burleigh mentioned another event The Pier to Cove Swim as apparently other swimming events are emerging in 2022.

8. Scripps Park Picnic Grove Working Group – Ms. Dynes described the status of this project which is on track but still presents some challenges in terms of finding a contractor, ensuring that the insurance coverage is adequate, and finding additional funding to cover its increasing costs. Alexandra Corsi thanked the board for its support throughout the process. Jon Wiggins asked about the insurance coverage pertaining to the Scripps Park project, and Ms. Dynes and President Evans responded.

9. Coast Walk Trail – Brenda Fake described the developments at the Trail and the recognition by the Save Our Heritage Organization of the efforts of the Friends of Coast Walk Trail.

10. Spindrift Railing Project – Patrick Ahern introduced two visitors to the meeting and described the status of the project. Issues include liability of adjacent landowners, funding sources and how the Transportation and Stormwater Department can facilitate it. He responded to questions about the design, water diversion, a projected budget of \$10,000, and concerns for City liability for improvements.

11. LJPB Board Development Workshop – Ms. Fake provided an update on the event which occurs on June 1, the timing of which is favorable with new in-person meeting capability. President Evans reiterated his hope that this will reinforce LJP&B's capacity to work with other

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organizations for the betterment of La Jolla. Ms. Fake emphasized the opportunity to focus on director roles, processes like obtaining right of entry permits, meeting management, and other issues. No Zoom feature will be included and it will be operated as a closed function of the non-profit corporation entity. There were comments offered by several members about expectations and outcomes of the meeting.

Ms. Fake suggested some changes for the handling of a hybrid in person/Zoom and there were suggestions for finetuning the management of such a meeting.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Ahern and seconded by Mr, Dunbar and the meeting adjourned at 5:49.

Adjourn to June 27, 2022 at 4 p.m. Via Zoom or location to be announced.

Minutes taken by Ann Parode Dynes.

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