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**MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING**

Monday, September 23, 2019 – 4:00 PM, La Jolla Recreation Center, Auditorium

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**Members Present** (16): Ann Dynes, Dan Allen, Debbie Beacham, John Leek, Jane Reldan, Bob Evans, Judy Halter, Ken Hunrichs, Janet Stratford Collins, John Shannon, Melinda Merryweather, Patrick Ahern, Phyllis Minick, Stan Minick, Tom Brady, Sally Miller.

**Members not Present** (2): Mary Ellen Morgan, Marie Hunrichs.

**Guests signed-in** (16): Pam & John Heatherington, Claudia Baranowski, Jodi Rudick, Nancy Scheuermann, Mika de la Cruz, Dave Ish, Barbara Dunbar, Bill Robbins, Fan & Ron Graham, John Abbe, Tom Cook, Laura Walsh, Brenda Fake, Mauricio Medina.

Welcome and Call to Order – Ann Dynes, President

Approval of Agenda for this meeting - approved unanimously

Approval of Minutes of meeting of July 22, 2019 – approved unanimously

Approval of Treasurer's Report for July and August, 2019 – Ann noted appreciation for John on his work on both the regular LJP&B account and the Swim account -- approved unanimously

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

- Dave Ish, a Trustee for the LJCPA, questioned everyone as to what entity is behind the recent dredging advertisements seen in the La Jolla Light. Laura Walsh, from Surfrider, also spoke and wondered too; they will research further as no one knew.
- Bill Robbins stated that there should be no more new events at Scripps Park. With all the various entities (City agencies, etc.) and all the construction work being done in the area, public parking has become very tight. It is difficult to coordinate different departments when issuing permits. He also provided an updated estimate for the opening date for Cave St at around Oct 10; the City will be adding all new concrete.
- John Leek asked if there should be discussion on the Marine Mammal Coastal Management Plan—whether it should be on agenda. He requested feedback.
- Jane described the recent City decision to not remove the wall nor open the ramp at the Children's Pool. Ken stated that his group will appeal the decision because it is illegal and not part of plan for the ramp access to be blocked; he contends that the City is falsely claiming that the request for the ramp is for ADA access and to drive away seals.

Report by Councilwoman Bry's Office -- Mauricio Medina explained that opening the gate at Children's Pool was never a part of City's scope of work, and that is reason for Bry's decision to support the City on this issue. Discussion followed by Jane, Ken, and others; Tom Brady reported that Ken gave an excellent presentation and that City Staff missed an opportunity to fully understand. Mauricio advised that the new pending Sidewalk Vending Ordinance will

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have some outreach forums scheduled in October, with City Council perhaps voting to adopt in November.

President's Report – Ann Dynes reported on these items:

- Dan Daneri reports that the City has plans to plant three new Monterey Cypress trees at Scripps Park, scheduled in later October.
- Janet has completed the new bike rack project, that included their sourcing, design and installation at ten sites. Ann noted that this project was part of our Capital Improvements Project list in 2018, and the City responded in record time.
- The need for new and all LJP&B members to sign a 'Conflict of Interest' form, and have on file. The form is required by law of all non-profit board members.
- Complemented the new local City Parks & Rec maintenance lady Anna Alvarado, who has been diligent and hard-working along Scripps Park and Children's Pool areas in landscape maintenance, weeding, and grounds cleanup.

### Action Items

1. Spanish Village Arts Center proposal at Scripps Park –Mika de la Cruz gave a presentation on a requested art show of about 15 artists for Nov 2; he was asking for approval to then get City permit. Much discussion about current vending at Scripps, the over-commercialization and congestion of the area, and the desire to preserve the natural and scenic beauty of the Park. Motion to deny his request for support to obtain a special-use permit, passed 11-3-1.
2. Update on Cove Swim event; approval of disbursements – Judy Halter was extremely pleased with the event. There was a discussion about whether the Swim event should remain in LJP&B, or spin-off to another non-profit. A motion was made to approve the last of the expenses including City Lifeguards, approved unanimously. Additionally, Judy reported on the new Pavilion construction; the current delay is because of plumbing design issues affecting the Bridge Club and the City doesn't want to temporarily close it down.
3. Update on Wishlist and creation of Working Group to propose Capital Improvement and Maintenance Projects Requests to the City for 2020 budget– Dan Allen/Janet Stratford Collins- Motion to convene a work group to include Dan, Janet, Ann, Melinda, Barbara Dunbar, Ken, and Marie – approved unanimously.
4. Bench working group—Sally Miller nothing new to report.

### Discussion Items

5. Princess Street improvements—Pam Heatherington said there was a recent news piece done by KUSI, and as Tom Cook from Surfrider said, the claim about erosion issues is unfounded. Pam said that they are currently waiting for design team to come to site, and expects final design by end of year.

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6. Update on repairs to public benches/donor contributions -- Debbie Adams/Melinda Merryweather. Melinda states the City will replace broken/damaged boards, and can go directly to Dan Daneri. Doug suggested an 'adopt a bench' program. Discussion followed on wood and the desirability to keep natural, versus plastic boards which may have a longer life and may be easier to maintain.
7. Fire prevention efforts at Fay Avenue Bike Path – Sally Miller/Debbie Adams. Besides Sally and Debbie's efforts, Bob is trying to directly get Barbara Bry's staff support and involvement to help get the City T&SW dept to clear the brush area. Presented letter to Board to be sent, passed unanimously.
8. Update on City employee recognition idea – Judy Halter mentions there are two City employees whom it would be nice to recognize, and she will propose action at the next meeting.
9. Complaint about correspondence – Melinda Merryweather stated the draft version of letter that was voted on and approved at meeting and sent regarding Coast Trail brush management was not the wording she wanted. Brief discussion followed, concluding that all proposed correspondence voted on should be sent exactly as voted.
10. LJPB Mission Statement – Melinda Merryweather reiterated the Mission Statement as on the website that LJP&B should be doing the work as the community desires, not the City's jobs. Phyllis discussed the statement also, and adds that wrack –incorrectly labeled and not what's down at Children's Pool – should be cleaned off regularly as done at other City beaches. Ann mentions that we are in essence LJPB is two entities – a Recognized Advisory Group to the City Parks & Recreation Department, and also a non-profit 501(c)(3) with ongoing projects. Dan passed out copy of the Mission Statement from the by-laws and the matter will be reviewed next month.

Information Items/Working Group reports

11. Windansea Working Group -- Melinda Merryweather, nothing reported
12. Bird Rock Outlook Working Group – Melinda Merryweather/Mary Lynn Hyde, nothing reported
13. Bicycle Racks Project – Janet Stratford Collins, nothing new reported
14. Sidewalk Vending/SB 946 -- Bob Evans, nothing new reported.

Adjourn to October 28, 2019 at the La Jolla Recreation Center at 4 p.m.

Minutes by: Bob Evans

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