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**MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF
January 24, 2022 – 4:00 PM, via Zoom**

Members Present: Patrick Ahern, Dan Allen, Claudia Baranowski, Tom Brady, Alexandra Corsi, Dede Donovan, Barbara Dunbar, Ann Parode Dynes, Bob Evans, Brenda Fake, Ken Hunrichs, Marie Hunrichs, John Leek, Melinda Merryweather (by phone), Sally Miller, Phyllis Minick, Dr. Jane Reldan, Rev. Tim Seery, John Shannon, and Jon Wiggins (constituting ALL of the Board's members!)

Guests Present: Councilmember Joe LaCava, Vicky Joes and Steven Hadley of his office, Matt Griffith from Mayor Gloria's Office, Karen Dennison, Mike Tully and Dan Daneri from the City of San Diego Parks & Recreation Department, Debbie Adams, Catherine Cox, Robyn Davidoff, Brian Earley, Brian Elliott, Hal Handley, Jonathan Harrison, Cherlyn Cac, Thomas Keener, Kurt Hoffman, Ashley Mackin-Solomon, Morgan Launer, Trace Wilson, Nicholas Menas, Ken King, Kathleen Neil, Larry Asakowa, Carol Toye, Wayne Kotow, Adrian Kwiatkowski, Carol Archibald, Andrea Kaplan Russell, Andrew Leach, Scott Anderson, Tania Popov, Randy Wilde, David Abrams, Joyce Abrams, Diane Kane, Toni Craig-Cox, M Andreae, Mark Brown, George Chiang, Volker Hoehne, Amy Sterling, Jane Boardman, Mark Brown, Trent Wagenseller

Welcome and Call to Order – Claudia Baranowski, President, began the meeting at 4:00 pm.

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

Approval of Minutes of meeting of December 6, 2021. Motion to approve by Ann Dynes with thanks to Marie Hunrichs for taking them and seconded. Alexandra Corsi moved to amend the minutes with respect to the funds disbursed on the Scripps Park Picnic Grove project. The minutes were then approved as amended.

Approval of Treasurer's Report for October 2021. Following an exchange between John Shannon and Ms. Corsi concerning Scripps Park Picnic Grove accounting, Ms Dynes made a motion to table the approval of these reports until Ms. Corsi and Mr. Shannon could discuss the allocations for that project, which motion to table passed unanimously. These reports, perhaps amended, will be represented at the next meeting.

Councilmember Joe La Cava –Councilmember Joe La Cava introduced Karen Dennison to present the plans for closure at Point La Jolla including changes introduced following two other presentations made at the La Jolla Community Planning Association (LJCPA) on January 6 and the La Jolla Town Council on January 13. Ms. Dennison presented a series of slides summarizing the background of the emergency Coastal Development Permit issued during the 2021 pupping season for the sea lions at the Pt. La Jolla. She then described the area of proposed future seasonal closure there which she described as land-based only. She reviewed the timeline for closures at this site and the public input being obtained in contrast to the emergency permit process implemented in August 2021. Dr. Hanan has again been retained to advise about the situation. She advised that about 1000 people have responded to the City's

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online survey and that the staff reads every response. City Council review is pending and Coastal Commission review is expected in spring, 2022.

Public comments were received as follows: An expression of appreciation to Councilmember La Cava for his outreach; the importance of access for swimmers at the La Jolla Cove and a question about stair closure at that location; several competing comments asserting over-population of sea lions at the Cove versus the point of view that the sea lion population is stable at this location; calls by several Seal Society members for expanding the protected area to include Boomer Beach and defending the importance of a sea lion rookery at this location; a suggestion for a lifeguard station at Pt. La Jolla, not just a ranger; a question about the air and sea pollution at the Cove and the potential of a public health crisis as a result; comments from members of local water sport groups expressing concerns about great white sharks as a result of the now sizable sea lion population; the unique importance of access to Boomer and the inadequacy of the “pork chop” solution proposed by the City; the need for clarification of the access to Boomer; additional calls for dealing with the inappropriateness of a sea lion population at this site, additional water quality concerns and the need to manage tourist not resident swimmer behavior if there is a concern by the City for pinniped interactions at this location.

Directors comments included a defense of the presence of humans at this location and alternatives for human access to the coastline; the need for an Environmental Impact Report pertaining to the negative impact of the sea lions on the adjacent environment; the proliferation of offensive signs managing human and sea lion interactions; concern for the wellbeing of Scripps Park; the impact of the situation on long time swimmers attributed to Sea World which deposited the sea lions at this location; a suggestion to permit access by swimmers and water users and to forbid tourists who seem to be the problem; a suggestion to access Transient Occupancy Tax revenue to finance management of the situation; the damage which the odor of the animals at this location is creating for the merchants and residents of the village of La Jolla; a concern for the City’s survey counting input from non-residents of District 1; the observation that it is the tourists who are causing the problem not locals who pay the taxes; and the need for a collective solution to the problems at this location.

President’s Report – President Baranowski reported on the events of her one-year term of leadership, including completion of the bylaws amendments, implementation of term limits, and other actions taken during her year of governance including various letters to the City, tree management projects, the project at Scripps Park. She commended her colleagues and various working groups in the community for their assistance during her term.

Report from Mayor Gloria’s Office: Matt Griffith thanked President Baranowski for her service. He mentioned the Mayor’s State of the City address and its themes, including the streets initiative which includes La Jolla Parkway and adjacent streets. He offered his email address as griffithm@san.diego.gov for feedback and input to the Mayor’s office. He will attend LJP&B meetings quarterly.

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Report from Councilmember LaCava's Office – Steven Hadley, Community Outreach Director, mentioned the opening of the Scripps Park comfort station.

Non-agenda Public Comments – Ms. Corsi asked Mr. Hadley to address the issue of people living illegally in their vehicles on the streets. There was a thank you for the new restrooms at the Cove, an inquiry about why it is so difficult to dedicate a bench to a deceased family member, and action taken in response to a recent defacement of the sign at the Children's Pool.

Action Items

1. Endorse La Jolla Community Planning Association's letter dated Nov. 5, 2021 concerning the environmental impact of "emergency" public coastline closures – Bob Evans presented the proposal by local community organizations in response to the competing perspectives for what action should be taken at Pt. La Jolla. He stated that he proposes that an Environmental Impact Report be commissioned by the California Coastal Commission or other cognizant regulator addressing the impact of all species at Pt. La Jolla, the effect of all animal life on the people and businesses in the area and the impact on Scripps Park use in general. He presented the LJCPA subject letter and made a motion for LJP&B to endorse the letter which was seconded by Sally Miller. Comments were made by other board members, including adding the Parks & Recreation Department to the letter's recipients, the importance of not allowing the City to simply execute a negative declaration with respect to the water quality at Pt. La Jolla, and a call for a unanimous vote in support of the letter. Public comments in support of the letter were expressed. The motion passed with Mr. Wiggins, Rev. Seery and Dr. Reldan voting against the motion. A copy of the approved letter (with suggested addressee amendment to be added) is attached to these minutes.
2. Approve payment of \$20,598.36 to City of San Diego Development Services Dept. for Windansea Bluff Erosion Project – Melinda Merryweather made a motion to approve this payment for the erosion project portion of the belvedere project and answered a question about the status of the overall project. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.
3. Approve payment of \$2,650.00 to Neri Landscape Architecture for Topographic Survey performed by Snipes-Dye for Scripps Park Picnic Grove project – Ms. Corsi explained the motion and moved it, seconded by Ms. Miller. Ms. Corsi described the status of the project. The motion was approved unanimously.
4. Approve anticipated annual operating expenses upon receipt of invoice, not to exceed 10% of approximate amount: Post Office box rental (approx. \$146); Zoom subscription (approx. \$150); accountant for annual tax and exempt organization filings (approx. \$750); liability insurance (approx. \$1,388) – Mr. Shannon explained the objective of this proposal to ensure the timely payment of annually anticipated expenses. President Baranowski explained that payments would not be paid before

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invoices are received but this pre-approval process would expedite payments. Mr. Shannon made a motion to authorize payment of these expenses upon receipt of invoices, seconded and passed unanimously.

5. Statement of Values for housekeeping updates necessary to conform with the revised Bylaws – Barbara Dunbar presented the revisions to the Statement as circulated with the agenda of the meeting and explained the various changes. She made a motion to adopt the updated Statement, which was seconded. Ms. Dunbar responded to a question about the terminology employed. The motion passed unanimously. A copy of the revised Statement of Values is attached to these minutes.
6. Election of LJPB Officers/Report of Nominating Committee – Ms. Miller presented the report of the Nominating Committee which proposes Bob Evans as President for one year, Brenda Fake as Vice President, and Tim Seery as Treasurer, each of the latter for two years. There was a discussion about the various terms. A motion to adopt the slate of officers was made and seconded and passed unanimously. President Baranowski thanked the Committee for its substantial work in developing this slate.
7. Consideration of Director Candidate Application from Catherine Cox for Board Vacancy – President Baranowski introduced the need to fill the vacancy created by her retirement at the close of tonight’s meeting which is for a one-year term. She noted the application received and circulated in advance of the meeting. Ms. Cox responded to questions about her interest in participating in LJPB’s activities, including her fundraising experience, and she emphasized her interest in bringing a new perspective to the board as a young working member. A motion to fill the vacancy with Ms. Cox was made by Ms. Fake and seconded by Rev. Seery. It passed with Marie Hunrichs, Ken Hunrichs, John Leek and Phyllis Minick opposed, Ms. Merryweather, Ms. Miller and Mr. Shannon abstaining, and President Baranowski not voting. Dan Allen was not present at the time of the vote. The motion passed.
8. Letter for Critical Maintenance at Children’s Pool by the City – Ms. Merryweather presented a letter to the Parks & Recreation Department requesting it to prioritize needed repairs to the seawall and other structures at the Children’s Pool. There were supporting comments and suggestions to refer to potential civil liability for the conditions at this site in the letter and to add other City departments. A motion was made by Ms. Merriweather, seconded and passed with Dr. Reldan voting against.

Information, Discussion Items and Working Group Updates

9. Scripps Park Comfort Station – Following words of appreciation for its completion and the LJPB members who helped to get it done, Mr. Evans advised that there are remaining issues about the facility. He has reached out to Lori Sutton for next steps,

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including flawed privacy for changing rooms, inadequate toilet paper roll dispensers, problems with the dumpster garage, shower drainage and installation concerns, landscaping not designed for predictable use, and visible plumbing design issues. Patrick Ahern reported on plans for a donor plaque at the site and there were kudos expressed for Judy Halter who initiated this project and for Bill Robbins involvement. Plans were made to generate a letter of appreciation to those involved for approval at next month's meeting.

10. Scripps Park Picnic Grove Working Group – Ms. Corsi described the scope of work for the project, the right of entry process to complete it and the design elements involved. She described valuable cooperation from City employees including a meeting on January 27, 2022 to address the City's concerns for an inventory of the irrigation at the site. She responded to questions which have been raised by board member Wiggins concerning the timing of the project and donor support for it. She and Ms. Dynes responded to questions and there were comments about the need for an EIR at the Park given the sea lion situation.
11. Fay Avenue Pedestrian/Bike Path Proposed Projects and Funding – Debbie Adams presented a video prepared by her grandson of the efforts at this location and described arrangements underway to maintain the path on an ongoing basis using a longer term permit to handle the maintenance. She thanked Ms. Fake whose experience at Coast Walk Trail is relevant to similar efforts at Fay Avenue bike path. Thanks were expressed by many members for these efforts.

Motion to adjourn by Claudia Baranowski, second by Brenda Fake. Meeting ended at 7:00 pm.

Adjourn to February 28, 2022 Annual Meeting at 4 p.m. Location or via Zoom to be announced.

Minutes taken by Ann Parode Dynes.

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