



## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING of LA JOLLA PARKS AND BEACHES, INC. March 22, 2021 – 4:00 PM, via Zoom

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**Members Present:** Patrick Ahern, Dan Allen, Claudia Baranowski, Tom Brady, Alexandra Corsi, Dede Donovan, Barbara Dunbar, Ann Parode Dynes, Bob Evans, Brenda Fake, Marie Hunrichs, Ken Hunrichs, John Leek, Melinda Merryweather, Phyllis Minick, Stan Minick, Jane Reldan, John Shannon

**Members Absent:** Debbie Beacham, Sally Miller (joined meeting as it was concluding)

**Guests Present:** Jon Wiggins, Kathleen Neil, Dorie DeFranco, Steve Hadley, Kurt Hoffman, Ashley Mackin-Solomon, Catherine Cox, Robin Davidoff, Ann Lipschitz, Eddy Levy, Devonna Hall, Carolyn Marsden, Jim Neri, Tim Seery, Kathy Schachar, Andi Andreae, Toni Craig-Cox, Catherine Lazarides, Charles Merriman, Brian Earley, Debbie Adams, Ronald Schacher, Ken McNeil, Janie Emerson, Mary Lynn Hyde, Claudia Allen, Laura Mullin Thompson, Lori Contorer, Schuyler Winter, Catharine Douglass, Thomas Baker, Brian Malk

Welcome and Call to Order – Claudia Baranowski, President, called the meeting to order at 4 p.m.

Approval of Minutes of meeting of February 22, 2021, as amended. Phyllis Minick made a motion to amend the draft minutes to reflect that, in public comments, she also objected to the news coverage by the La Jolla Light of the September meeting. The motion passed (Marie Hunrichs, Tom Brady, Ken Hunrichs, Phyllis Minick, Stan Minick, Alexandra Corsi, John Leek, Dan Allen and Melinda Merryweather in favor; Ann Dynes, Bob Evans, Patrick Ahern, Brenda Fake, Barbara Dunbar, John Shannon and Jane Reldan opposed; Dede Donovan abstained as she became a member at the February meeting and President Baranowski abstained).

Approval of Minutes of Special meeting of March 1, 2021 – approved unanimously

Approval of Treasurer's Report for February, 2021 – approved unanimously

Report by Councilman Joe La Cava's Office – Mr. Hadley made brief comments though had no new reports.

President's Report – Ms. Baranowski commented on the developments with the Pottery Canyon remediation project being turned over to the La Jolla Shores Association because the area is within their boundary. LJP&B will partner with LJSA as needed. She thanked members who attended Enhance La Jolla Day sponsored by the La Jolla MAD and commented on the presence of local community organizations supporting this inaugural event.

Non-agenda Public Comments—issues not on the agenda within the LJP&B jurisdiction (two minutes or less)  
Ms. Fake thanked the La Jolla Light and others for the publicity, the contributions and the volunteer work which are going into Coast Walk Trail. Janie Emerson expressed appreciation on the work to clarifying the jurisdictions of La Jolla Shores Association relative to LJP&B. Charles Merriman and John Shannon urged stronger public pressure on the City to complete the comfort station at Scripps Park in a timely manner and expressed annoyance at the level of maintenance of the portable restrooms. Jon Wiggins inquired about the rule on attendance at special meetings. Tom Brady and Jane Reldan thanked Ms. Fake on the great work at Coast Walk Trail. Ms. Merryweather recounted some new information concerning the belvederes supplied by the La Jolla Historical Society, including a previous reconstruction of one of them in the 1990's; the LJHS plans to initiate historic designations for the existing belvederes. Mr. Wiggins asked about a provision in the proposed bylaws which was addressed by Ms. Dunbar in the action item on that matter.

Action Items

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1. Ratification of payment of P.O.Box – John Shannon moved ratification of the payment of \$146 for the rental on P.O. Box 185 -- passed unanimously
2. Selma Malk Memorial Picnic Area Working Group, Contract with Neri Landscape Architecture and concept/budget – Ann Dynes gave the background of a project to restore the picnic area at Scripps Park in partnership with Brian Malk and his sister Ann Lipschitz in memory of their mother. James Neri, landscape architect, presented the preliminary plans for such a project. Comments were solicited about the project, including good outreach to ensure that the community is aware of the plan, concern for preservation of the trees at the picnic area, and respect for the honoree who was known to Ms. Merryweather. Ms. Dynes made the following motions: That the Neri Landscape Architecture plans for renovating the main picnic area in Scripps Park be approved in concept, with Mr. Neri to work with a new Scripps Park Picnic Area Project Working Group comprised of Ms. Corsi, Mr. Ahern, Ms. Minick, Mr. Evans, and Ms. Dynes; that LJP&B is authorized to enter in to a contract with the firm for landscape design services in an amount not to exceed \$2500, with funding specifically allocated to the project to be separately accounted for as a line item in the treasurer’s report. Motions passed unanimously. Ann Lipschitz expressed much enthusiasm for the initiation of this project.
3. Working Group for La Jolla View Reservoir Project No. 331101 –Brenda Fake reported that the group is working on several elements of the area, dealing with a plethora of materials which have accumulated over the years. Diane Kane and Jack McGrory are providing input to coordinate plans with the CPA and other groups with an interest. The Group is opposed to the aspects currently under consideration and is pressing to relocate the reservoir elsewhere or reuse existing infrastructure. Additional information was provided by Kurt Hoffman, Mr. Ahern, Dr. Reldan and Mr. Allen. Ms. Donovan cautioned that any move to relocate the reservoir project to Pottery Canyon would call for involvement by La Jolla Shores Association.
4. Tree Replacement Project at the Bird Rock Joint Use Park- Ms. Dunbar introduced Bird Rock Elementary (BRE) School parent, Laura Thompson, who introduced Devonna Hall of the Village Garden Club of La Jolla. They shared photographs about the loss of the only shade-providing tree in this park, which is used by the BRE for PE and other activities and which is proposed for replacement. The project would be a gift of the 2021 Bird Rock Elementary School 5<sup>th</sup> grade class and in partnership with the Garden Club which has a tree donation program. Ms. Thompson said that she has been referred to LJP&B by the San Diego Parks and Recreation Department and the San Diego Unified School District to obtain community input. Ms. Dunbar made a motion that La Jolla Parks and Beaches approve the Bird Rock Elementary School 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Project to replace the old evergreen shade tree at the Bird Rock Joint Use Park, also known as the Bird Rock Elementary School Field and Community Park, which had to be removed by the San Diego Park and Recreation Dept. after half of it split and fell down following rain and wind storms earlier this year. Replacement is to be with one or more of the recommended and appropriate shade-providing trees. Passed unanimously.
5. Letters to City to waive summer construction moratorium and request custom bike racks -- Ms. Dynes explained the background of the moratorium letter to enable construction at the Scripps Park Comfort Station to continue without interruption during the summer. She moved to authorize the President to sign and send the letter which passed unanimously with Ms. Corsi abstaining. Ms. Dynes also described the proposed letter concerning the bike racks at the new comfort station and made a motion to authorize the President to sign and send the letter which passed unanimously.
6. Vote on Proposed Amended Bylaws – Ms. Dunbar presented the background of the changes proposed for this revision of the bylaws as recommended by the working group, with a change in the final draft circulated for adoption to revise the word “retain” to read “secure” at the end of section 1.2 (1). The motion to approve adoption of the La Jolla Parks and Beaches, Inc. amended bylaws with this one word change passed unanimously.



Discussion Items

7. Pottery Canyon Project – Ms. Corsi reported that efforts to remediate the conditions which could create a fire hazard are on hold for seasonal environmental reasons. Ms. Baranowski described the transfer of this project to the La Jolla Shores Association, and LJSA President Emerson indicated there are plans to continue moving forward on this matter.
8. Beach Fires Update -- Dorie DeFranco reported on the meetings with other interested City beach organizations and the council representatives for Districts 1 and 2, with plans to develop a consensus position concerning propane fires. Mr. Andreae described medical studies concerning burns caused by beach fires and asked Mr. Hadley to find out the status of fire ring removals on the beaches.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6 p.m.

Adjourn to April 26, 2021 at the La Jolla Recreation Center at 4 p.m.or via Zoom as announced

Submitted by: Ann Parode Dynes, Secretary

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