



**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING of LA JOLLA PARKS AND BEACHES, INC.
April 26, 2021 – 4:00 PM, via Zoom**

Members Present: Patrick Ahern, Dan Allen, Claudia Baranowski, Tom Brady, Alexandra Corsi, Dede Donovan (left meeting at 5 p.m.), Barbara Dunbar, Ann Parode Dynes, Bob Evans, Brenda Fake, Marie Hunrichs, Ken Hunrichs, John Leek, Melinda Merryweather, Sally Miller, Phyllis Minick, Stan Minick, Jane Reldan, John Shannon

Members Absent: None

Guests Present: Jon Wiggins, Don Schmidt, Ernie Casco, Rev. Tim Seery, Ashley Mackin-Solomon, Bob Kuczewski, Andrea Kaplan Russell, Dorie DeFranco, Catherine Cox, Amy Sterling, Robyn Davidoff, Jim Neri, Matt Griffith, Steve Hadley, Schuyler Winter, Sonia Teder-Moore, Valerie Armstrong, Molley Bowman Styles, Toni Craig-Cox

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

Motion to approve the agenda – passed unanimously

Approval of Minutes of meeting of March 22, 2021 -- approved unanimously with clarification of Sally Miller's brief attendance being an excused absence and a typographical correction.

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

Report by Councilman Joe La Cava's Office – Mr. Hadley reported briefly with an emphasis on the beach fires issue.

Report by Mayor Todd Gloria's representative, Matt Griffith – Mr. Griffith reported on ongoing vaccination activities by the City, actions relating to the current City budget, police reform and the need for continuing caution pertaining to the pandemic. He responded to questions about sidewalk vending, the La Jolla Reservoir project and the new City street resurfacing policy which he confirmed will negatively impact La Jolla streets unless federal pandemic related funds can be applied to pending projects. There was a discussion about the condition of the temporary toilets and mislocated power station at Scripps Park, and concerns about inadequate trash collection and impact of seagulls along the coast. Mr. Griffith indicated that he would address to the Parks and Recreation Department though noted staffing limitations.

President's Report – President Baranowski reported on the issue of tree trimming at the Cove which is on hold while the City waits for the construction project there to enable necessary equipment to have access to the area.

Non-agenda Public Comments—issues not on the agenda within the LJP&B jurisdiction (two minutes or less) Mr. Casco addressed concerns about the Gliderport as to which he wants LJP&B to write a letter in support. Mr. Kuczewski spoke in support of challenging the free lease afforded to the operator at the Gliderport and wants other action by LJP&B to privatize the operations at the



Gliderport. It was suggested they return with further information. There was a question about whether the Gliderport is within the jurisdiction of LJP&B; Mr. Allen responded that it is not. Mr. Schmidt spoke on behalf of Bird Rock residents with concerns about a Moss Lane overlook; he was encouraged to come back next month with a proposal for specific action. Ms. Davidoff asked for support for more extensive railings at Scripps Park to separate people from the sea lions and other actions and was encouraged to offer a specific action item in the agenda for next month. Ms. DeFranco provided an update on the status of beach fires regulation and noted a recent fatal accident which has been reported to be related to beach fire activity. Ms. Merryweather reported on a donation of \$25,000 by the Estate of Charles Muse Edell, Jr. to LJP&B in support of the Windansea account. Ms. Fake reported on developments with fundraising, repairs and clean up activities at Coast Trail Walk.

Action Items

1. Board of Director Vacancy -- President Baranowski introduced the subject of the filling of the vacancy created by the resignation of Debbie Beacham. Reverend Tim Seery is next in line to be selected to fill this vacancy. A motion was made by Mr. Hunrichs, seconded by Ms. Merryweather, to postpone filling the vacancy based upon pending discussions to reduce the number of board members from its existing 20 members to 15. Members commented on the merits of reducing the number of members, the legal nature of Mr. Hunrich's motion and the timing for such changes in the bylaws after review by the working group. The motion was clarified to be a motion to defer discussion of filling the vacancy until the report of the bylaws working group was given later in this meeting. Motion passed (Brady, Corsi, Dunbar, K. Hunrichs, M. Hunrichs, Leek, Merryweather, Miller, P. Minick, S. Minick, Reldan in favor; Ahern, Allen, Dynes, Evans, Fake opposed. Donovan and Shannon not on call during the vote.)
2. Post Office Box rental -- A motion to ratify the payment of a late fee of \$23 -- passed unanimously.
3. Proposals from Leighton Consulting (\$4,600) for geotechnical services and Alden Environmental (\$5,000) for biological services for Windansea Belvedere – Ms. Merryweather made a motion to accept the proposals to Neri Landscape Architecture as presented, seconded by Mr. Hunrichs. Dr. Reldan expressed concern about spending money on these vendors until the California Coastal Commission has acted on the application for the belvedere. Mr. Neri explained that these expenses must be incurred as requested by the City before an application for CCC approval can be obtained. The CCC is aware of the project and a CDP is pending. Passed unanimously.
4. Payment to City Development Services for \$1,279 for Belvedere -- approved unanimously.
5. Palm Tree Trimming on Coast Boulevard -- Mr. Evans presented a request to approve a project to obtain a right of entry permit and use funds raised from residents to trim the palm trees in the 300 block of Coast Boulevard -- passed unanimously
6. Request to City to extend fence near Scripps Park Belvedere due to bluff erosion – Ms. Merryweather reported on the safety and erosion concerns at the northern belvedere caused by visitors who breach the barrier and damage the bluff in the process. She made a motion that a letter be sent to the City requesting corrective action in the form of extending the fence at this location, seconded by Mr. Evans. There were discussions of similar concerns at both belvederes in this area of Scripps Park with the idea to bringing in current barriers adjacent to



- these structures without harming the belvederes or obstructing any lawful beach access. Passed unanimously to send a letter in a form to be circulated shortly for board approval.
7. Bylaws Working Group– Ms. Dunbar reported on the status of current discussions being addressed by the Group in the upcoming months. Issues are complicated and extensive and will take months, including a survey of the full board before actions are recommended. Questions were asked and answered about the status of LJP&B as an advisory group, composition of advisory groups and Ms. Dunbar described the fact that LJP&B is primarily a 501c3 corporation at this time. Comments were made about the desirability of adding new members at this time.
 8. Board Director Vacancy -- President Baranowski asked Rev. Tim Seery to introduce himself as a candidate for membership. He explained his interest in parks and beaches and in broadening representation on LJP&B from the community. A motion was made by Mr. Evans to fill the current vacancy, seconded by Ms. Fake, to select Rev. Seery for membership. Comments were made by various members in support of the motion and questions were asked by others and answered about reducing board membership to 15 at some point. Mr. Leek made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Minick, to table the pending motion which is non-debatable and failed (Ahern, Allen, Brady, Corsi, Dunbar, Dynes, Evans, Fake, Reldan opposed; K. Hunrichs, M. Hunrichs, Leek, P. Minick, S. Minick in favor; Merryweather, Miller, Shannon abstaining; Donovan absent). Discussion resumed on the selection of Rev. Seery who was asked questions about previous comments made by him which were considered adverse to the interests of LJP&B and he responded with conciliatory comments. The motion to select Rev. Seery passed (Ahern, Allen, Brady, Corsi, Dunbar, Dynes, Evans, Fake, Reldan, Shannon in favor; K. Hunrichs, M. Hunrichs opposed; Leek, Miller, P. Minick, S. Minick abstaining; Donovan absent).

Discussion Items

9. Scripps Park Pavilion Comfort Station – Mr. Evans reported on reports from the public relations representative for the project with Board members again expressing concerns about the view corridor and the agreement to relocate the electric box.
10. Selma Malk Memorial Picnic Grove at Scripps Park Working Group – As new working group chair, Ms. Corsi will present a draft letter in support of this project at the next meeting with assistance from Mrs. Minick as needed.
11. La Jolla View Reservoir Project Working Group – Ms. Fake and Mr. Ahern reported on developments on this project in light of changed information, including a process to consider a changed location. Mr. Allen asked for a report from the Open Space Division concerning its management of the La Jolla Natural Park.
12. La Jolla Community Planning Association Ad Hoc Coastal View Corridor Committee – Ms. Dunbar reported on cataloging developments pertaining to view easements.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Adjourn to May 24, 2021 at the La Jolla Recreation Center at 4 p.m.or via Zoom as announced

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