



## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING May 24, 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, Sally Miller, Jane Reldan, Rev. Tim Seery, John Shannon, Phyllis Minick (joined meeting about 5 p.m.)

**Members Absent:** Stan Minick

**Guests Present:** Barbara Bry, Debbie Adams, Janie Emerson, Mary Lynn Hyde, Diane Kane, Jon Wiggins, Dorie DeFranco, Steve Hadley, Kurt Hoffman, Ashley Mackin-Solomon, Catherine Cox, Robyn Davidoff, Toni Craig-Cox, Julie Manriquez, Maureen Murphy, Julie Christian, Mary Munk

Welcome and Call to Order – Claudia Baranowski, President called the meeting to order at 4:02 noting that a quorum was present.

Approval of the Agenda -- On motion of Bob Evans seconded by Ann Dynes, the agenda was approved unanimously with the modification of moving item 5 under Information items to being an Action item.

Approval of amended Minutes of meeting of April 26, 2021—unanimously approved.

Approval of Treasurer’s Report for April, 2021—John Shannon commented on the report and moved that the report be approved, seconded and passed unanimously.

President’s Report – Claudia Baranowski reported on discussions with Enhance La Jolla about community concerns over the problem of excessive trash along the coast line. She reported on a recent announcement by the Parks and Recreation Department for hiring full and part time and career employees and encouraged members to pass the word.

Non-agenda Public Comments – There were none.

Report by Councilmember LaCava’s Office – Steven Hadley reported on recent debris along the Fay Avenue bike path created by encampments east of Bonair Street. Efforts are being taken to see what portion of these paths are on public versus private property for purposes of corrective action. There was a discussion of the general problem of trash impacts in La Jolla public areas such as the coastline and requests were made for increased and improved locations for trash management in the community. It was noted that Enhance La Jolla has not asserted jurisdiction in the coastline parks and Ms. Dynes, a member of that board, described the understanding between Enhance La Jolla and the Parks and Recreation Department pertaining to the coastline parks like Scripps. Members encouraged follow up with Enhance La Jolla which President Baranowski committed to do.

### Action Items

1. Scripps Park Picnic Grove -- Alexandra Corsi, working group leader, presented a proposal to ratify a payment of \$2,493.75 to Neri Landscape Architecture for a Scripps Park Picnic Grove



- invoice for site meeting, record information, translation, layout and design. Funding for this proposal has been donated. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Scripps Park Picnic Grove -- Ms. Corsi moved to approve a proposal from Neri Landscape Architecture in the amount of \$1,000.00 to submit the Picnic Grove plan to the City Parks & Recreation Department ("Department") and meet to determine the process for completion. Funding for this proposal has been donated. Motion passed unanimously.
  3. Scripps Park Pavilion Comfort Station – Bob Evans described progress at the Comfort Station and presented a series of photographs. He complimented the public relations representative for keeping all parties updated on the construction status. Discussion included the anticipated move of the electrical box and other adjustments being considered to improve the views around the new structure. Various speakers reported that the summer moratorium has been lifted at the request of the community, trees will be installed as the construction proceeds, and bike racks which match the ones at the Children's Pool have been approved. Patrick Ahern presented a proposal to encourage minimizing the construction fencing footprint in the interest of anticipated summer visitor traffic. He presented a letter to be reviewed by the La Jolla Community Planning Association to take various steps to accomplish this and moved that LJPB either endorse the letter or co-author it. After comments and discussion, Mr. Ahern made a motion, seconded by Ms. Corsi, to co-author the LJCPA letter. Motion passed unanimously. Ms. Fake reported on an emergency event along Cave Street recently where the City responded admirably. Mr. Shannon expressed concern about the continuing poor condition of the temporary restrooms near the construction site; Mr. Evans will follow up on daily maintenance which was ensured after previous complaints.

#### Information Items and Working Group Updates

4. Captain's Advisory Board for SDPD Northern Division – Janie Emerson described the activities of the Police Department's Northern Division and their efforts to address summer congestion, violence suppression and other issues. There will be daytime and evening patrols with an emphasis on Pacific Beach and managing the increase in the crime rate in our area.
5. Scripps Park Picnic Grove Working Group – Ms. Corsi presented the current concept plan for this project as presented by landscape architect Jim Neri to the Department and other La Jolla committees. Community outreach is ongoing. Plans are underway to meet with the Department and move the project forward.
6. Update on Palm Tree Trimming on Coast Blvd. – Mr. Evans reported on the successful completion of this project by coordinating use of a City Transportation and Storm Water Department right of entry permit and City-approved contractor. This palm tree trimming work was requested by local residents who raised the funds to pay the expenses.
7. Bylaws Working Group – Barbara Dunbar advised that the working group is meeting regularly. Proposed amendments will be presented to the full board when recommendations are ready, including the issue of term limits.
8. La Jolla View Reservoir Project Working Group – Ms. Fake reported on the status of this project which is still pending. Mr. Ahern commented that this project continues to evolve and the parties are encouraged by responsive City of San Diego planners.
9. La Jolla Community Planning Association Ad Hoc Coastal View Corridor Committee – Ms. Dunbar reported that affected properties are being identified which involve obstructed coastal



views and their status with respect to Coastal Commission and City requirements. The goal is to require corrective action to restore perpetual access to these views.

10. Plant Restoration to Prevent Erosion on Bluff near Belvedere – Robyn Davidoff representing the Sierra Club's Seal Society presented concerns about the many people climbing over the low wall at Boomer's Beach in order to interact with the sea lions nearby. This activity is causing erosion and impacting wildlife. Her organization is requesting restoration and some fencing at this location. A motion was made by John Leek to write the Department and Mayor to close this area to tourism and post a City Ranger at this location year round. Ms. Davidoff clarified that her request is to have the Department restore and revegetate the area with a closure being a long term potential issue. There was a discussion of the motion, including the expense and logistics of taking action at this location, whether a study should be undertaken about infrastructure problems along the coast and consideration of City liability. Dr. Reldan made a motion to table the issue which was seconded and passed unanimously, with the invitation made to Ms. Davidoff to present a letter at the June meeting which addresses the action requested, surfer access, wildlife protection and funding sources.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:42 to the next regular meeting on June 28, 2021 at 4 p.m. via Zoom as announced (or until the La Jolla Recreation Center is reopened).

Respectfully submitted

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Ann Parode Dynes, Secretary