



MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING June 28, 2021 – 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, Marie Hunrichs, Ken Hunrichs, John Leek, Melinda Merryweather (by telephone), Phyllis Minick, Stan Minick, Jane Reldan, Rev. Tim Seery, John Shannon, and Sally Miller (joined the meeting at about 4:40).

Members Absent: None

Guests Present: Dr. David Chao, Maureen Murphy, Janie Emerson, Mary Munk, Kate Woods, Debbie Adams, Steve Hadley, Ashley Mackin-Solomon, Kurt Hoffman, Diane Kane, Adrian Kwiatkowski, Jon Wiggins and Catherine Cox (who joined meeting at some point), and Claudia Allen

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

Approval of the Agenda -- on motion of Bob Evans, seconded by Ann Dynes, and passed unanimously, the item identified in the agenda as 3 was moved up to earlier due to the schedule of the presenter, and the agenda was approved as amended.

Approval of Minutes of meeting of May 24, 2021, as amended -- motion by Ms. Dynes, seconded by Phyllis Minick, passed unanimously.

Approval of Treasurer's Report for May, 2021 – John Shannon reported on his meeting with the corporation's accountant which resulted in the filing of the corporation's tax and regulatory returns. On his motion and a second by Mr. Evans, the treasurer's report was passed unanimously. There was a discussion of the status of income and expenses for the Scripps Park picnic project.

President's Report— Ms. Baranowski reported on the potential for returning to in person meetings depending on when the recreation center opens for indoor activities.

Dr. David Chao presented the request to stage the 19th Taste of the Cove event on Sept. 23, 2021, thanking the board for its support over the years. While this year's event is later in the year for various reasons, it will be the same format as previously conducted, including working around the pending construction at the Scripps Park Comfort Station. On motion of Mr. Evans, seconded by Ken Hunrichs, a special use permit from the City authorizing the event was unanimously supported.

Non-agenda Public Comments—issues not on the agenda within the LJP&B jurisdiction (two minutes or less) Mary Munk announced the opening of the new bocce ball court at the La Jolla Recreation Center at noon on Wednesday, June 30, and encouraged all to attend and learn the sport and enjoy the new facility. Melinda Merryweather asked that there be a study of the bird guano at the Cove and whether it is toxic in some form to humans or the environment. Ms. Baranowski said that there were plans to put this on the agenda and discuss it with the Surfrider Foundation. Robyn Davidoff asked about the status of her request to discuss the subject of human interaction with sea lions at the Cove; there has been some email miscommunication between Ms. Davidoff and Ms. Baranowski which needs to be corrected. Ms. Davidoff suggested that any study of bird waste should also include the impact of fireworks on the Cove. Janie Emerson reported on the problems of traffic and pedestrians



in the La Jolla Shores area; the La Jolla Shores Association is working with the City to conduct a walk-through of the area to improve striping while the area awaits other improvements.

Brenda Fake reported on the status of ongoing upgrades along the Coast Walk Trail; \$35,000 is still needed to complete the project. Kurt Hoffman expressed concern about the trash cans and the litter created by sea gulls and stated that Torrey Pines State Reserve seems to have receptacles which avoid the problems of sea gulls. Ms. Emerson indicated that three different City jurisdictions handle trash management in the La Jolla Shores area and she will check with the Parks and Recreation Department. John Leek suggested that a late night trash pickup is the solution. Discussion followed on ways to control, mitigate visiting crowds. Steve Hadley responded to questions and said that the trash problem this year is worse than in previous years; he will look in to any solution which the State Parks system has found.

Report by Councilman Joe La Cava's Office – Steve Hadley reported on discussions with the Mayor's office about the striping needed in the Shores and thanked the volunteers who engaged in the cleanup of the Fay Avenue bike path area over Memorial Day. He reported that the Northern Division of the Police Department has deployed all of its staff to be on local beaches over the 4th of July weekend, although La Jolla beaches will not be the focus of efforts. Ms. Emerson augmented the information which involves twelve officers out on the beach areas for four days with backfilling for the Northern Division from other areas of town. Patrick Ahern wondered what is going on with street vending and Mr. Hadley responded that we are awaiting a City ordinance to regulate these vendors. Diane Kane asked about parking management in the coastline areas and there was an exchange about the requirements of the California Coastal Commission. John Shannon expressed concern for the devastation of natural resources by humans, such as the taking of nature items like shells from the beach at the Cove being a Marine Protected Area. He also commented on the bike path cleanup and the portable restrooms at the Cove. Ms. Fake asked about police enforcement at the Coast Walk Trail. Mr. Ahern offered suggestions for how to deal with Mr. Shannon's concern about sea shells, as did Alexandra Corsi who also initiated a discussion of other holiday/summer issues. Mr. Hadley also reported on beach activities in the form of fires, vendors who set them up and other regulatory complexities which the Parks and Recreation Department and the City are struggling to regulate, all of which has gotten more complicated by the pandemic. Sally Miller reported on permitting requirement efforts over decades by the City which seem to have resulted in no clear guidelines.

Action Items

1. Payment to Neri Landscape Architecture for Windansea Belvedere project (\$625.00) – On motion of Ms. Merryweather, seconded by Ms. Miller, this was approved for payment unanimously.
2. Payment to City's Development Services Department for Windansea Belvedere (\$5,588.43) – Ms. Merryweather indicated that this has not been invoiced yet but it is anticipated to be received shortly. She made a motion, seconded by Ms. Miller, that this payment be provisionally approved for payment subject to receipt by Neri Landscaping and presentment to LJP&B.
3. Approval of Taste of the Cove event scheduled for September. 23 – Previously presented by Dr. David Chao



4. Parks Master Plan – Ms. Baranowski introduced Diane Kane who presented a Parks and Recreation Coalition (PARC) presentation describing its efforts, the June 17 Park and Recreation Board meeting, and next steps which include more emphasis on acquisition of additional land for parks, clarification of communities of concern, and when a community is deemed parks deficient. The La Jolla Community Planning Association has authored comment letters which are available on their web site. There were comments regarding emphasizing communities which are under-parked and questioning the ability of City employees to build, enforce their rules and maintain parks. Ms. Dynes reported that the San Diego Parks Foundation has recently embarked on a project to study the feasibility of passage of a bond measure to assess property taxes for park funding. On motion of Barbara Dunbar, seconded by Ms. Miller, a motion to reconvene the Parks Master Plan Working Group under the chairmanship of Ms. Baranowski to address this pending development, passed unanimously.

Discussion Items

5. Scripps Park Comfort Station – Mr. Evans reported on a meeting with Lori Sutton, the communications director for the project, along with one of the project managers. Construction continues to move forward at an accelerated pace (estimate completion being November, 2021), including relocation of the metal electrical box in the middle of the view corridor. LJP&B's previous request to remove the fenced off parking area was declined because the area is a staging site which needs to remain. Mr. Evans further reported on discussions to change the perimeter fencing to improve public access over the summer and other concerns about restoration of the landscaping in the area, and on efforts to maintain the portable restrooms in the area given the expected weekend and summer pedestrian traffic. Mr. Hadley questioned the timing and priority of landscaping actions if the result would be the delay of the opening of the comfort station itself.
6. Scripps Park Picnic Grove Working Group – Ms. Corsi reported on a June 7th meeting of the working group and members of the Parks and Recreation Department, including the director himself. One of the project officers for the Department is reviewing the project with input expected in the next few weeks. The hope is for a permit from the Department to move forward with a modest renovation of the area.
7. Bylaws Working Group – Ms. Dunbar had left the meeting (due to internet problems) so Ms. Baranowski and Ms. Corsi reported that the working group is continuing to negotiate various terms of the bylaws.
8. La Jolla View Reservoir Project Working Group – Ms. Baranowski overlooked this item on the agenda.
9. La Jolla Community Planning Association Ad Hoc Coastal View Corridor Committee – Ms. Kane gave an update on the efforts of this working group, which includes background information for why this project seems to be a problem which the City seems to have neglected.
10. Sierra Club Seal Society Update on Sea Lions – Ms. Davidoff reported on pup fatalities and crowd control issues at the Cove. She indicated that the cliff erosion and vegetation decline at the Bridge Club area is caused by crowds of tourists climbing over the wall, which is not an access point and asked that these actions be mitigated. She is asking that LJP&B take action



to remediate the situation and the Sierra Club Seal Society might be able to contribute some plants. Mr. Hoffman explained the history of Boomer Beach as the sole body surfer only beach in California, no flotation devices are allowed from La Jolla Cove to Children's Pool. About 15 years ago a group of bodysurfers, under the supervision and encouragement of the local lifeguards, moved a large rock up the access path and installed a pipe under the concrete walkway to allow the grass in Scripps Park to drain and mitigate the erosion that made the path dangerous. He suggested that this historic beach access point south of the Bridge Club not be altered and signs be placed explaining the rips currents and hidden reefs as well as the dangers of interacting with the sea lions. There was a discussion concerning the fatalities of sea lion pups whether caused by sharks or natural causes. Ms. Adams asked about the location of the signage being on the low walls and easily seen; Ms. Davidoff responded that the Sierra Club paid for anticipated signage and stenciling which has been approved by the Parks and Rec Department. Other comments were made by members pertaining to whether LJP&B will be able to review the signage before it is installed by the City, to which Ms. Davidoff agreed to submit the signage to LJP&B. Further comments were made on the importance of access to this area for surfers as well as other users, the benefit which ranger presence would provide for animals and humans, the role of the California Coastal Commission in access restrictions at this site, and the basic question of the location of sea lions. There was a discussion suggesting that the role traditionally held by LJP&B in reviewing recent City signage installations has eroded. Tim Seery stated that LJP&B is not an official advisory organization.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:06 pm to the next regular meeting on July 26, 2021 at 4 p.m. via Zoom as announced (or until the La Jolla Recreation Center is reopened).

Respectfully submitted

Ann Parode Dynes, Secretary