



**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF
July 26, 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), Sally Miller, Dr. Jane Reldan, Rev. Tim Seery, and John Shannon

Members Absent: Phyllis Minick and Stan Minick (deceased)

Guests Present: Steven Hadley, Ashley Mackin-Solomon, Kurt Hoffman, Brian Earley, Larry Asakawa, Catherine Cox, Toni Craig-Cox, Suzanne Baracchini, Mark S. Brown, Robyn Davidoff, Hal Handley, Volker Hoehne, Andrea Kaplan Russell, Morgan Launer, Richard Miller, Moira Reagan, Thomas Keener, Jon Wiggins, Karen Wiggins, Bill Fitzmaurice, Ryan Ferguson, Hakim Dysart, Kate Woods, Carol Archibald, David Haworth and Adrian Kwialkowski

Welcome and Call to Order – Claudia Baranowski, President, called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda -- approved unanimously, as presented

Approval of Minutes of meeting of June 28, 2021—approved unanimously, as presented

Approval of Treasurer’s Report for June, 2021—John Shannon made a few comments and there was a motion and a second to approve; Alexandra Corsi initiated a discussion of the accounting for the Scripps Park project. Motion approved unanimously.

President’s Report – President Baranowski advised that the regular meeting in August has been cancelled and in-person meetings at the Recreation Center may become possible consistent with applicable social distancing requirements at the time. A straw poll was held as to the participants in this meeting willing to consider an in-person meeting in September and a majority of both members and guests voted to support an in-person meeting. Ms. Baranowski congratulated Park and Recreation Department Employee of the Quarter Award recipient Vincent Paniagua, Grounds Maintenance Manager, who has served the La Jolla coastline so well. She also reported on her discussion with Andy Field concerning the fact that new signage for sea lions at La Jolla Cove was a health and safety action in which historic consultation with LJP&B about signage did not occur.

Non-agenda Public Comments – Moira Reagan of the American Legion reported on a Hike La Jolla event on August 22, 2021 and responded to questions about the event. Robyn Davidoff of the Sierra Club Sea Lion Society remarked further about the signage at the Cove and the status of events at that location. Several guests spoke for the Waterman’s Alliance, San Diego Freedivers, the Surf Club and water and other sports men concerning ocean access at Point La Jolla and Boomer Beach and concerns about interactions with the sea lions at this site. Members provided responses about the legal considerations involved, and the subject was followed up later in the meeting.

Report from Councilmember LaCava’s Office – Steven Hadley advised that he was attending to listen this month.

Action Items



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1. Melinda Merryweather presented a motion for payment to Neri Landscape Architecture for the Windansea Belvedere project for two invoices to Alden Environmental (\$3,613.33) and Leighton Consulting (\$4,600.00), seconded and passed unanimously.
2. Mr. Shannon presented a motion for payment to Russell Ingledew CPA, for tax return preparation in the amount of \$750.00, seconded and passed unanimously
3. Ms. Merryweather presented a proposal to send a letter supporting the City's proposed overnight signage proposal for Windansea and a draft of the letter displayed onscreen and seconded; discussion ensued concerning the hours proposed (10 p.m. to 4 a.m.), various uses which may be inconsistent with the 10 p.m. time, and concerns about pushing overnight parkers into residential streets. Upon motion made and seconded, the letter was amended to change LJP&B support for the closure time from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. to to 1 a.m. to 4 a.m. The motion passed with Leek, Shannon, Reldan and Allen voting no and no abstentions.
4. Kurt Hoffman presented a proposal for a letter urging continued public access to Boomer Beach and Point La Jolla. He described the well-meaning actions of animal rights advocates and its impact on long-standing recreational use of the area by humans; he cautioned about the recent increase in the populations of white sharks in the area and the decline in sea life attributed to the increase in sea lions. Mr. Hunrichs presented a proposed form of letter to the City displayed onscreen and explained its objective. A motion to not send the letter was made by Dr. Reldan and seconded, and there was discussion and comments on both sides of the issue of the proliferation of pinnipeds in the area. Upon motion calling the question, debate was terminated and the question called by a 2/3rds vote (Allen, Reldan and Seery voting against, with Leek abstaining, all others members voting in favor). Voting returned to the motion to not send the proposed letter and it failed (with Allen, Reldan and Seery voting in support of the motion and all other members voting against the motion). A motion to send the draft letter as presented was made and seconded and extensive additional commentary and advocacy ensued. The motion passed with all members except Reldan and Seery voting in favor of sending the letter as presented.
5. Board of Director Vacancy – Ms. Baranowski advised that Board member Stan Minick has passed on resulting in a new Board vacancy. She reported that the next eligible member is Jon Wiggins. A motion was made by Dr. Reldan and seconded by Rev. Seery to select Mr. Wiggins to fill the vacancy. At Ms. Baranowski's invitation, Mr. Wiggins expressed his interest in and qualifications for serving as a member of LJP&B. Questions were asked and answered about his proposed membership. A motion to table the motion to select Mr. Wiggins was made by Tom Brady and seconded and passed with Allen, Evans, Fake, Reldan and Seery voting against and Dynes and Donovan abstaining. There was further discussion about the motion just passed and next steps, including the requirements of the bylaws for filling vacancies on the board.

Information Items and Working Group Updates

1. Bob Evans reported on the status of the Scripps Park Comfort Station project, including plans for modified fencing, the electrical box, and other developments.
2. In lieu of a verbal report and in the interest of time, Mr. Evans offered to send a report about vending and commercialization activities along the La Jolla Coastline.



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3. Ms. Corsi reported on meetings with City staff concerning the ADA elements and the permitting requirements for the Scripps Park Picnic Grove project. Members of the Working Group have volunteered to help expedite the process.
4. Brenda Fake reported that the La Jolla View Reservoir Project is still being considered for alternative locations, as the project has gone back to “square one.” Patrick Ahern added information.
5. Barbara Dunbar reported on steady efforts by the Working Group to update the proposed new bylaws, all of which will be presented to the full board for approval in due course.
6. Ms. Dunbar reported on the status of the Bird Rock Elementary School 2021 fifth grade classes and Village Garden Club of La Jolla tree planting project at the Bird Rock Joint Use Park; two New Zealand Christmas trees are planned and timing needs to be coordinated with the school year.
7. Ms. Dunbar reported on the La Jolla Community Planning Association Ad Hoc Coastal View Corridor Committee and reviewed the background of this committee the role of which is to identify private properties whose uses violate public view corridors. She advised that a report is going to be made on August 3 to the LJCPA.
8. Ms. Merryweather abbreviated her planned report on the use of odor counteractant/cleaner on the bird guano at La Jolla Cove.
9. Ms. Baranowski reported that the Working Group will address the latest draft of City’s Parks Master Plan.

Mr. Hadley reported on developments for getting a vending ordinance in front of the City Council, which is involved in a very complicated process but moving forward. There was a minute of silence honoring Stan Minick who passed on earlier this month.

The motion was adjourned at 6:08 p.m. and adjourned to September 27, 2021 at 4 p.m, format to be determined.