



MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF September 27, 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, and Rev. Tim Seery

Members Absent: John Shannon, Phyllis Minick (joined start of meeting momentarily)

Guests Present: Steve Hadley, Ashley Mackin-Solomon, Debbie Adams, Ellen Shively, Nathan Brenner, Susan Elizabeth, Thomas Keener, Hal Handley, Pam Heatherington, Mary Montgomery, Brian Earley, Morgan Launer, Ryan Ferguson, Gail Ermer, Elena Tilman, Amy Borger, Nicholas Menas, Kurt Hoffman, Larry Asakawa, Tracy Andreae, Catherine Cox, Andrea Kaplan Russell, Don Hodges, Malia Moore, Andi Andreae, Glen Rasmussen, Alvin Walter, Mark S Brown, Carol Archibald, Dorie DeFranco, Volker Hoehne, Marie Brown, Diane Kane, Jon Wiggins

Welcome and Call to Order – Claudia Baranowski, President, called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. She asked Brenda Fake to refresh participants on the rules for participating in the meeting by Zoom. Approval of the Agenda – on motion made and seconded, approved unanimously, as presented. Approval of Minutes of meeting of July 26, 2021—approved unanimously, as presented. Approval of Treasurer’s Report for July and August, 2021—In John Shannon’s absence, Ms. Baranowski made a few comments and a motion was made and seconded, approved unanimously to approve both reports and amendment to June report.

President’s Report – Ms. Baranowski’s comments were brief.

Non-agenda Public Comments – Pam Heatherington reported on the status of the application by the Environmental Center to advance the project at Princess Street with a target finish for the end of 2023. She responded to questions, noting the need for fundraising to pay for the stairs in particular. Barbara Dunbar reported on the successful completion of the tree replacement project at the Bird Rock shared use location.

Report from Councilmember LaCava’s Office – Steven Hadley reported on the efforts to correct the backstop problem at the Bird Rock Elementary shared use location and thanked Parks and Recreation for its efforts.

Action Items

1. Approve payment to City’s Development Services Department for Windansea Belvedere (\$5,500.00) – Melinda Merryweather made a motion to approve the payment of this charge which was seconded and unanimously passed. Bob Evans gave an update on the various governmental agency permits required by the project, all of which seem to have cleared the project and an appeal is pending.
2. Approve payment to Claudia Baranowski for Secretary of State annual filing (\$25.00) – Motion made and seconded and unanimously passed.
3. Ratify payment to Ann Dynes for Zoom subscription from 8/3/21 to 8/2/22 (\$149.90) – Motion made and seconded and unanimously passed.
4. Ratify payment to Neri Landscape Architecture for approved Picnic Grove plan (\$1,000.00) – On motion made and seconded to pay, approved unanimously.
5. Strength in the City on Oct. 24 – Madison Fray presented the proposal to hold a fitness event at Scripps Park now postponed to January 16, 2022. She described the footprint of the event and a map was presented showing the public and private uses during the event. Questions were asked about the charitable organizations intended to be benefitted by the event, including It’s All About the Kids,



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- although the extent of support will depend on revenues; the vendors with which the event is partnering; the regulation and management of alcohol service; the impact on parking in the area and the role of the Traffic and Transportation Committee; the reason for relocating the event to La Jolla, and sound impacts. Participants are expected to be up to 500 people over the course of the day. A motion to postpone the proposal in order to obtain more information was made and seconded with Mssrs. Allen, Evans, Wiggins, Rev. Seery and Ms. Fake voting against, and Mr. Leek abstaining; President Baranowski broke the tie and voted yes so the motion passed. A working group of Ms. Dynes and Mr. Evans was convened to work with the applicant to bring the proposal back next month in a form which might be acceptable to the board; other interested volunteers were requested to contact the President.
6. La Jolla Half Marathon on Dec. 10 – Mr. Evans described the proposal and introduced Bart Calame who described the reinstatement of this longstanding event which ends in Scripps Park; it will be held on Saturday versus the traditional Sunday but otherwise comparable to events staged prior to cancellation in 2020 due to the pandemic. He answered questions about participation and alterations due to Covid requirements, the number of years (estimated 39 years), and other details about the event as modified due to current conditions. Motion made and seconded and unanimously passed.
 7. Board of Director Vacancy (Previously Tabled) – Tom Brady asked to remove his motion to table this item at the last meeting and asked that the item be considered. Sally Miller asked the candidate, Jon Wiggins, to answer questions pertaining to his interest in LJPB projects and he responded and answered questions. Comments were made about adding to the number of board members at this time. Mr. Brady reviewed previous comments about whether the candidate is “too controversial” to serve on the board, the nature of his prior service on the Pottery Canyon working group, and his alleged personal reconsideration of his previous critical comments about members of LJP&B. This reconsideration was echoed by Rev. Tim Seery and the candidate commented further. Comments were made by other members and members of the public. A motion was made to remove the original motion to elect Jon Wiggins to the board, seconded, and passed with Mssrs. Hunrichs and Leek and Ms. Hunrichs and Merryweather voting against the motion and Phyllis Minick not present. A motion was made, seconded and passed to select Jon Wiggins to fill the vacancy on the board with Mssrs Hunrichs and Leek and Ms. Dynes, Hunrichs, and Merryweather voting against the motion and Ms. Miller and Dunbar abstaining. President Baranowski welcomed Mr. Wiggins to the board.
 8. Formalize Point La Jolla/Boomer Beach Working Group – Ms. Baranowski requested creating a working group to develop recommendations to the City and Parks and Recreation department on future matters concerning Point La Jolla. Comments were made for and against the benefit of a working group on this subject in advance of the next item on the agenda and in light of City actions already taken. President Baranowski asked John Leek to chair the group who agreed; volunteers included Larry Asakawa, Ryan Ferguson, Thomas Keener, Mr. Hunrichs, Ms. Hunrichs, Morgan Lauter, Hal Handley, Ms. Merryweather, and Mark S Brown.
 9. Draft Letter to Remove Boomer Beach from the City’s Closure Plans – Kurt Hoffman presented a proposal to send the letter attached to the agenda to formally modify the Point La Jolla closure map to exclude portion of Boomer Beach. A motion was made and seconded to send the letter. There was discussion by members and guests about the thrust, timing and tone of the letter and the pathway being requested for access to the beach. Numerous guests provided details about the access to and from Boomer Beach by surfers during various tidal conditions and appealed to the board for support, to which board members responded. Comments were made about modifying the letter to make it more acceptable to the members and Mr. Hoffman presented a revised letter which was acceptable to the maker and seconder of the original motion. Further discussion of the revised letter ensued and Mr. Hadley suggested appropriate copies to other City entities. The motion passed with Dr. Reldan, Rev. Seery and Mr. Wiggins voting against and Mr. Ahern abstaining.



10. Establish Working Group to Recommend City of San Diego Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) relating to parks, beaches, open spaces and recreational areas – Ms. Baranowski described the reason for this proposal and invited Diane Kane of the LJCPA to describe the role of CIPs in City planning. Mr. Hadley responded to her comments and there was a discussion of the effectiveness of such lists and the coordination of them between La Jolla community organizations. A working group composed of Ms. Dynes, Hunrich, Dunbar, Merryweather and Fake, and Mssrs. Hunrichs, Brady and Rev. Seery was established.

Information Items and Working Group Updates

1. Scripps Park Comfort Station – Mr. Evans provided an update on the project which is coming along well. He answered questions about the potential use of artificial turf at the site.
2. Sidewalk Vending and Commercialization along La Jolla Coastline – Mr. Evans explained the background of SB 946 and the interaction of the law with parks and beaches of the law in relation to vending activities. Other coastal cities besides San Diego and Venice Beach in California have successfully enacted ordinances to regulate such activity. There was discussion about La Jolla's historical concerns for its coastal parks.
3. Beach Fires at Marine Street – Ms. Baranowski reported on a walk at Marine Street with Councilmember LaCava's office and others at this site. Dorie DeFranco described attention from nearby residents being devoted to this issue and showed a presentation documenting the debris, illegal alcohol, and other concerns along these beaches. Her group is working on improved signage about the law regulating fires and is looking for support from LJP&B. There was a discussion of next steps for supporting Ms. DeFranco's position, if appropriate, and comments for and against were made including suggestions for asking the City for installation of charcoal disposal containers, asking for fire rings, or changing City regulations in regard to beach fires. Ms. DeFranco commented that the LJP&B working group for this subject has not met since December 2020 after LJP&B supported the Barber Tract Neighborhood Association's request to the City to modify beach fire rules.
4. Fay Avenue Bike Path Annual Clean Up -- Debbie Adams reported on the plans for the annual clean up which requires a Right of Entry permit from two separate departments of the City. Emphasis will be on slopes to reduce fire risk
5. Scripps Park Picnic Grove Working Group – Alexandra Corsi reported on the status of this project which has gotten significantly more complicated than originally contemplated, including fencing, landscape and grading plans, and the payment of prevailing wages. Ms. Dynes provided additional information about the challenges of this project and the potential funding for it, including a potential naming for the donor family.
6. Bylaws Working Group – Ms. Dunbar gave an update indicating that the project is coming to a close.

The motion was adjourned at 7:32 p.m. and adjourned to October 25, 2021 at 4 p.m, format to be determined.