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**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF  
February 28, 2022 – 4:00 PM, via Zoom**

**Members Present:** Patrick Ahern, Dan Allen, Tom Brady, Catherine Cox, Dede Donavan, Barbara Dunbar, Ann Parade Dynes, Bob Evans, Brenda Fake, Ken Hunrichs, Marie Hunrichs, John Leek, Melinda Merryweather (by phone), Sally Miller, Phyllis Minick, Dr. Jane Reldan, Rev. Tim Seery, John Shannon, and Jon Wiggins

**Members Absent:** Alexandra Corsi,

**Guests Present:** Larry Asakawa, Adam Grofcsik, John Hodges, Ashley Mackin-Solomon, Steven Hadley, Ellen Shively, Robyn Davidoff, Carol Toye, Carol Archibald, Toni Craig-Cox, Judy Halter, Kurt Hoffman, and Debbie Adams

Welcome and Call to Order and President's Report – Bob Evans, President, began the meeting at 4:00 pm. Brenda Fake stated that the meeting was being recorded and gave other precautions for dealing with communications in a Zoom meeting. President Evans thanked attendees for their participation and thanked past president Baranowski and others for their transitional assistance as he assumes his new duties. He reported on the successful recent participation by LJP&B members in a meeting of the La Jolla Kiwanis Club and thanked Kiwanis for its operating support of LJP&B. He also mentioned the pending debate about the effect of vending on public parks and the new format for LJP&B emails. He introduced Brenda Fake, new Vice-President of LJP&B, who suggested that an in-person meeting be scheduled in the near future to plan for future transitioning of the Board, including additional orientation of new members and clarification of the public and non-profit roles of LJP&B. She explained that she facilitates such meetings in her professional life and believes that such a meeting would be beneficial. She plans to work with the Board to schedule such a session.

Approval of the Agenda. Motion to approve was made by Dede Donovan, seconded by Sally Miller and passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes of meeting of January 24, 2022. Following a question by Ms. Miller, seconded by Phyllis Minick, a motion to approve the minutes passed as presented.

Approval of Treasurer's Report for January 2022. Treasurer Tim Seery presented the current report and discussed the questions raised by Alexandra Corsi last month concerning the accounting for the expenses of the Scripps Park Picnic project. The reports from the questioned months remain unresolved due to an allocation error to WindanSea so none of the reports for November, December and January will be approved until Ms. Corsi returns next month.

Report from Councilmember LaCava's Office – Steven Hadley, Community Outreach Director in Councilman LaCava's office, reported that his office is monitoring the construction concerns at the Scripps Park Comfort Station and the vending ordinance which is proceeding through the City process. Input was provided by Kurt Hoffman about a recent incident at Pt. La Jolla, including concerns about personal enforcement of public access restrictions to the sea lions.

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Non-agenda Public Comments – Comments were made concerning the incident referenced by Mr. Hoffman, including concurrence that rangers are needed at Pt. La Jolla to eliminate human interaction with the sea lions, a plea for usage by the Boomer body surfing community, concerns for the chaos at that site, and a plea for the protection of the sea lions during the pupping season that would begin earlier and go later than the currently scheduled May to September time frame.

Adam Grofcsik, a frequent user of Black's Beach, described his efforts to work with the owner of the house on the beach there which has been victimized by graffiti. Ann Dynes added additional information about the owner's efforts to preserve the house and Melinda Merryweather advised that there are funds available to pay for the removal of the graffiti. Additional comments were offered. There was a consensus that efforts should continue to obtain any necessary Coastal Commission approval to remove the graffiti and persuade the owner to agree to a permit for such action in coordination with the La Jolla Shores Association in which jurisdiction the subject property may be located. [Dede Donovan subsequently advised that the subject property is not considered to be in the jurisdiction of that Association so it would not be participating in any future action.]

There were additional pleas by Seal Society docents for coordination and cooperation between the various users at Pt. La Jolla and for additional signage. Ms. Minick supported the comments of Mr. Hoffman. Marie Hunrichs indicated that additional rangers are planned but funding is limited. John Leek reported on the incident recounted by all of the various parties and expressed an interest in posting his video of the event on the LJP&B website, which request has been declined by President Evans. There was a question about the application pending before the Coastal Commission to close Pt. La Jolla for the sea lion pupping season and a comment was made about risks to human beings by aggressive sea lion behavior.

### Action Items

1. Kiwanis Club of La Jolla and La Jolla Half Marathon finish at Scripps Park on April 16, 2022 – Don Hodges thanked those who participated in the recent Kiwanis meeting and described the proposal for this year's Half Marathon which will be the 41<sup>st</sup> running of the race and which funds Kiwanis' charitable operations because it is an all-volunteer organization. A schematic of the impact of the event on Scripps Park was shown on the Zoom screen. Questions were asked about the various governmental authorities involved in the project and the extent to which Scripps Park is impacted by the event (which Mr. Hodges said has not changed in at least ten years). Several comments were made in support of the proposal including the fact that only a small percentage of the Park is off limits to the public and the event is a good showcase for the Kiwanis. A motion to approve the request was made by President Evans, seconded by Tom Brady, and passed unanimously.
2. Scripps Park Pavilion Commemorative Plaque quote/ payment, \$2,639.87 – Patrick Ahern described the content of the proposed plaque and moved to approve the

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plaque and its payment from the appropriate account, seconded by Ms. Miller. Jon Wiggins asked about the price of the plaque. Judy Halter, as project leader, responded to his concerns and there was a discussion of vendor options and plaque size and location. President Evans spoke in support of the action and it passed unanimously.

### Information, Discussion Items and Working Group Updates

3. Scripps Park Pavilion (Comfort) Station – President Evans commended the new building as a beautiful asset in the Park but expressed concerns about homeless use, graffiti incidents, the privacy shortcomings of the changing areas in each bathroom which are being addressed by new privacy panels, the drainage problems, and the lawn wear due to foot traffic. Mr. Shannon commented on the drainage issue, the inadequacy of the toilet paper dispensers in the building which detracts from the “tourist experience,” and various odor problems. President Evans reported that he is working with the Parks and Recreation Department to address these concerns. Mr. Hadley indicated that toilet paper adequacy is an issue at other Parks facilities. A guest expressed the need for a method for a user to determine if stalls are in use.
4. Scripps Park Picnic Grove Working Group – Mr. Ahern used the Zoom shared screen to show the presentation which was given to the Kiwanis earlier this month. He reviewed the contents including the history of the Park, the name “La Jolla” perhaps originating from the indigenous people who lived here, the Botsford development of the area and the 5.6 acre park donated to the public at that time, efforts to protect the Park from commercialization and non-natural uses over the years, and the resulting Scripps Park General Development Plan. He described the picnic project and showed existing conditions at the site, described the Right of Entry Permit contemplated by the project, the existing donor support for the project and the drawings for the project. He described the new materials being planned for the site instead of DG, protections for existing views, and improved drainage. The many discussions with City management and staff were described along with City requirements identified for the project. He summarized the status of funding for the project. He also asked participants to consider other potential projects of this nature. Ms. Minick made commended Ms. Corsi on her leadership of the working group and commented on the preservation efforts underway at the Children’s Pool. Questions were asked and answered about the project details.
5. Coast Walk Trail Update – Ms. Fake used the Zoom screen to provide an update on the efforts of the Friends of Coast Walk Trail. Over a period of 12 ½ years covering .6 miles of area, improvements have been made, most recently including replacing Torrey Pines trees and planting poppies, repairs to the foot bridge, new post-and-chain installations, and brush and weed management. Upcoming efforts in the third year of the permit were reported, including Eagle Scouts outreach, slope repairs, and updated signage . Ms. Fake expressed appreciation to numerous members of the

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Board and community for their support and closed with a video of the project. Questions were asked and answered.

6. Fay Avenue/Bike Path proposed projects and funding – Debbie Adams reported on efforts to get a long-term permit for its annual clean up, saying that it has plans and funding. Ms. Fake's contacts with Traffic and Transportation have been useful but City Real Estate Assets and other ownership interests are also involved.
7. Sidewalk Vending Update – President Evans described the competing interests involved in the public debate of this subject which is pending before the full City Council on March 1 with enforcement expected this summer depending on Coastal Commission action. He said that San Diego's treatment of vending in its coastal parks unfortunately departs significantly from the approach of other California coastal communities. The policy is long and complicated and difficult to understand and comply with. Comments were asked and answered by President Evans about the role of the Coastal Commission in approval of the pending ordinance, prospects for actual enforcement of the ordinance and concerns for the impact of vending on the natural experience at Scripps Park. Mr. Hadley noted the carve-out for the summer moratorium period, the role of a minimum six-foot wide sidewalk in tight locations like Scripps Park, limitations created by proximity to sea walls, other vendors and other sites, and his optimism that the new rules will actually work for coastal locations.
8. Coast-scapes Project Update – President Evans reported on the planning, irrigation, funding and other aspects of this beautification project. There were comments about irrigation and foot destruction at these sites, previous attempts to restore these locations and funding sources.

Mr Hadley reported that two new rangers have been funded for Pt. La Jolla on an extended basis for the immediate future. On behalf of the Councilman, he thanked various participants for their involvement in the exchange on this subject. Ms. Miller inquired about a thank you letter to Judy Halter for her significant efforts in support of the Scripps Park Pavilion and Ms. Minick will take the lead on that effort.

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded and the meeting adjourned at 6:26.

Adjourn to March 28, 2022 Regular Meeting at 4 p.m. Location or via Zoom to be announced.

Minutes taken by Ann Parode Dynes.

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