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MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING

Monday, March 25, 2019 – 4:00 PM, La Jolla Recreation Center, Auditorium

Members present: (17) Patrick Ahern, Dan Allen, Debbie Beacham, Tom Brady, Janet Stratford Collins, Ann Dynes, Bob Evans, Judy Halter, Ken Hunrichs, Marie Hunrichs, John Leek, Melinda Merryweather, Sally Miller, Phyllis Minick, Stan Minick, Jane Reldan & John Shannon.

Members absent: (2) Mary Ellen Morgan (excused) & Bill Robbins.

Guests signed-in: (14) Mike Cole, Barbara Dunbar, Matt Peterson, Doug Burleigh, Brian Widener, Mary Mitchell, Richard Smith, Jodi Rudick, Mauricio Medina (Council Rep. for Barbara Bry), Thomas Baker, Mary Lynn Hyde, Valerie Ewell Armstrong, Robyn Bottomley & Heather Reeves.

1. Welcome and Call to Order – Ann Dynes, President called the meeting to order.
2. Approval of Agenda for this meeting – Ken Hunrichs requested that this meeting be captioned as only a LJP&B, Inc. meeting, not including the new proposed status as a City of San Diego recreational advisory group until that policy has been finalized and this board has agreed to the terms of that status. Ann pointed out that the most important work LJPB does is serve as an advisor to the City on behalf of the community. The issue will be discussed at the next meeting. Approved unanimously to change status of meeting and title of notice thereof.
3. Approval of Minutes of meeting of February 28, 2019 – approved unanimously.
4. Approval of Treasurer's Report for February, 2019 – approved unanimously.

Report by Councilwoman Bry's Office -- Mauricio Medina – updated that Torrey Pines Road construction is still hopefully completed before the City's summer moratorium. Also mentioned that the new law allowing vehicle habitation is being reviewed by the Mayor and City Council. A brief member discussion relating to beach and park issues then followed.

Non-agenda Public Comments—issues not on the agenda within the LJP&B jurisdiction (two minutes or less). Melinda Merryweather indicated a desire to request the City to fund more water testing at many beaches to get an accurate idea of water quality and so requested that this be added to next month's agenda. Ann special thanked Marc Coleman for his pro-bono work and support on the LJP&B website.

President's Report -- Ann Dynes updated on a number of items.

- The LJ bike rack project with Janet is moving along. It has received \$2,500 from LJ Village Merchants Assoc and other groups.
- Ann attended with Janet the local Traffic & Transportation meeting, and there is working group coordinating with the City on prioritizing concrete street repaving in LJ.
- Ann talked with Dave Abrams of T&T about proposed scooter/bike corrals at end of parking diagonal spots, and advised that the City plan actually does not take away from existing automobile parking spots.
- She reported that the City is adopting a new policy (700-42) regarding local Recreation Advisory Councils affecting the fees that many Councils collect on behalf of City. Since LJP&B is a 501(c)(3) and receives donations from donors but not users of City park facilities, it can

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continue to function only in that capacity. However, if it wishes to also continue to be recognized by the City as an advisory council for purposes of local community input, new rules would have to be adopted included term limits. Member discussion ensued about whether LJP&B should remain simply a non-profit entity unrelated to the City directly or continue also to be an advisory council requiring adoption of separate by-laws for both roles if long-standing opposition to term limits persists as to the advisory function. Ann was asked to schedule a City representative to speak on issue for an upcoming meeting. Will be on agenda for next month.

Report by Brian Widener, City Arborist – Brian spoke about the City process for planting and trimming trees, noting that his department manages all trees in streets right of way. Different City departments have jurisdiction based on location. He recommended the City's 'Get it Done' app to report on trees that need attention and said that those should get routed to appropriate department. Currently the City is on a 9yr trim funding cycle. Member general question and discussion followed, and guest Richard Smith asked about residents' ability to get permits from the City.

Report on Council Policy 700-42 – Ann Dynes discussed above the new City Recreation Council policy in President's Report.

Action Items

5. Renewal of Post Office Box/payment -- Bob Evans (\$106) 1yr renewal for PO Box. Approved unanimously.

6. Coastal Access Update – Melinda passed out rough-draft needs/inventory list of coastal access areas that need to be addressed and/or maintained. She asked members and guests to help update and feedback this list. She advised that she had been informed that the Sea Lane access ramp would be repaired soon, per Dan Daneri. Guest attorney Matt Petersen, representing homeowners on Calumet Ave at the Bandera St bluff-edge, spoke against the area being called a 'viewshed' in the LJ Community Plan and this list. Matt stated that the cantilevered fence and wall on north side will be cut back, but that the trash can request may be a public nuisance/attraction and residents do not want it. He also reported that the glass wall had been permitted by City, and will remain. Guest Mary Lynn Hyde (needs inventory co-author w/ Melinda) said the term 'viewshed' was not meant to be written and defined as such, and will be changed to 'view corridor' in future descriptions. A revised list will be discussed as an agenda item at the next meeting.

7. La Jolla Parks Acquisition Working Group -- Melinda is seeking suggestions for places in La Jolla where mini-parks and pocket parks can be created. She contends that La Jolla is very under-parked and mentioned Pottery Canyon as a resource to be developed and also Moss Lane in Bird Rock. She plans to reach out to the City's Real Estate Asset Dept for vacant/remnant City properties that can possibly be turned into parkland in La Jolla.

8. California Coastal Commission Action on Closure of the Children's Pool – John Leek presented a letter from LJPB opposing the pending California Coastal Commission permit to close Children's Pool during pupping season. Much discussion ensued among members concerning the wording of John's proposed letter and the need for editing it to make it a more professional expression if presented as being the official position of LJPB. Motion was made and seconded to permit John, as strictly a member of LJPB, to send his letter to the City Parks & Rec Dept as a general sentiment of LJPB, with a copy to California Coastal Commission. 11-yes, 4-no (Judy, Dan,

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Jane, Patrick), and 1-abstain (Sally). Approved. Ken Hunrichs expressed an intention to make a motion to have LJPB endorse a letter from the LJCPA on the same subject in April, which letter he advised is more professional in tone but advocates for the same position.

9. Whale View Point palms project/ROE permit -- Bob Evans stated that in conversation with the City, it doesn't have funds or resources to maintain the palms at 300 Coast Blvd (Hospitals) and 600 Coast (Wedding Bowl). LJP&B has tentative approval from the City for a Right of Entry permit, and currently he is raising funds to hire a City-approved arborist to trim them. Quotes are coming in around \$1,200 at each site. Move to Action item vote next meeting.

10. La Jolla Community Plan Photographic Post -- Melinda discussed in Action Item #6 above.

11. WindanSea Stairs – Although not noticed for this meeting, the Board approved payment to Melinda for expenditures at this project in the amount of \$168 because it was under the limit of \$200 permitted to be done by email by a majority of the members under the bylaws. Approval of these minutes next month will serve to ratify this action.

Discussion Items

12. La Jolla streets repair list – Ann Dynes/Melinda Merryweather—also discussed in earlier segments of the meeting.

13. Wedding Bowl Palm Replacement – Chris Cott was not present, but the subject was generally discussed in Action Item #9 above.

14. Scripps Park Picnic Area planning group -- Patrick discussed idea of having memorial plaques on the picnic tables as a way to fund beautification in this area of the park. Currently the City will not manage or maintain a plaque program, however the new San Diego Parks Foundation could create an endowment fund to help implement and manage it. Guest Erik Holtsmark presented a slide-show on 'Picnic Grove' area of Scripps Park, proposing opening of views with new trees and trimming, expressing a drainage concern, and proposing a new form of round picnic tables for easier visitor use. His proposal was generally well received, with member discussion addressing the importance of the preservation of existing trees and questioning how visitors use park today. Ann requested member and guest feedback, asked members to visit the site before the next meeting so that the group can discuss next steps.

Information Items/Working Group reports

15. Gold Fish Point project – Janet reviewed her list of the poorly maintained sites of that area with a handout and included guest Doug Burleigh's comments. The working group added John Shannon as another member. It wants to hear member feedback about the best way to move forward to improve the area.

16. Bird Rock Outlook Working Group -- Ann Dynes – nothing reported

17. SB 946 Working Group – Ann will forward to members the most recent letter from Dolores Donovan (Dede) on summarizing the sidewalk vending law as it pertains to LJP&B

18. Bicycle Racks Project – Janet Collins – update previously reported.

19. Union Circle Flagpole Update – Ann Dynes – no developments.

Adjourn to April 22, 2019 at the La Jolla Recreation Center at 4 p.m.

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