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**MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING**

Monday, June 24, 2019 – 4:00 PM, La Jolla Recreation Center, Auditorium

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**Members present:** (12) Patrick Ahern, Dan Allen, Janet Stratford Collins, Bob Evans, Ken Hunrichs, Marie Hunrichs, John Leek, Melinda Merryweather, Phyllis Minick, Stan Minick, Jane Reldan & John Shannon.

**Members absent:** (7) Ann Dynes, Debbie Beacham, Tom Brady, Judy Halter, Sally Miller, Mary Ellen Morgan & Bill Robbins.

**Guests signed-in:** (10) Barbara Dunbar, Debbie Adams, Rosalia Castruita, Jodi Rudick, Doug Burleigh, Mauricio Medina (Council Rep. for Barbara Bry), Dennis Tomlinson, Richard Smith, Claudia Allen & Bill Allen.

Welcome and Call to Order – Bob Evans, Acting President, called the meeting to order.

Approval of Agenda for this meeting – approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes of meeting of April 22, 2019 and May 20, 2019 – approved unanimously. Jane wanted clarification of May minutes; NOAA determined that photos of sea lions is a “take”.

Treasurer’s Report for May 20, 2019 – to be approved next month.

Non-agenda Public Comments—issues not on the agenda within the LJP&B jurisdiction (two minutes or less). Dan takes exception to dock bikes parking site in Scripps Park. Ken also concerned about dock bike corrals being place in red zones at Children’s Pool. This could lead to lifeguards parking in public parking spots instead of red areas. Janet stated 81 locations have been approved in Village with input from Traffic & Transportation, Village Merchants, LJPB & Community Planning. John L. reminded everyone that a Marine Coastal Management Plan was approved a couple yrs. ago. John L. would like to report back monthly on this subject, aka Hanan’s report regarding pinnipeds. The report is on the LJTC website. John L. to send Bob link for distribution. Guest Doug brought in a sample plastic resin bench slat with rebar insert for support. Brenda Fake may be working on a plan to replace some benches with plastic. Jane made motion to make plastic slats an **action item** next month. Dennis Tomlinson stated he sells jewelry at Scripps Park and has a sellers permit. Recently 3 or 4 people harassed and scared him (for being a vendor). Concerned about enforcement of SB 946.

Report by Councilwoman Bry’s Office – Mauricio Medina stated construction of Cove restroom is to start July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019. John S. suggested City place sign for public information. Member discussion relating to scooters. New City regulations on scooters start July 1<sup>st</sup>. 4x40 rule meaning 4 devices (scooters) staging on sidewalk x 40’ per company. SDPD enforcement. Permits for leases every 6 months. Some discussion on buses illegally parked.

President’s Report – Bob Evans, acting president.

- Monterrey Cypress tree fell at Scripps Park. Bob would like create a work group to address replacement. Patrick recommended work group to work with City as **action item** next month.

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- Motion made that no late November meeting but instead have 12/9/19 as replacement. Amended motion made to omit August 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. **Discussion item** next month.
- Bird Rock: Received email regarding BR elementary field. Some time ago Jennifer Hawley identified problems in the elementary school field and now the City will repair the field.

## Action Items

1. Additional Publicly Accessible Parks letter/Pottery Canyon – Melinda Merryweather has written letter to P&R. Park needs to get cleaned up and maybe have a picnic table. Pottery Canyon was dedicated in 1977. Open Space Park category. Guest Bill Allen opens/closes gate except when conditions are dangerous (weather, fire etc.). Fire Dept. needs to deal with fallen trees since it is a fire hazard. Also there exists a drainage problem, water goes to LJ Shores boat ramp. Pottery kiln on private property, historic. Patrick made motion to approve letter as discussed and send. Jane second. Unanimous approval vote.

2. Proposed letter to native tribes re metate – Melinda Merryweather made motion to approve letter and send to City. Discussion ensued, Dan concerned why LJPB is apologizing when omission is with the City staff when they replaced the pavement, content too apologetic. Ken agreed with Dan, not LJPB fault but sympathizes with problem. Ken seconded motion. Passed 10-1-1.

3. Marine Street Mural proposal – Patrick Ahern introduced Abraham Musto, an artist and neighbor from the community. He volunteered to paint a mural to discourage graffiti at end of Marine St. big wall. Design ideas were circulated. Jodie, with LJ Village Merchants Association, asked if we had discussion with Athenaeum regarding Murals of LJ. Ocean themed design likely to be tagged. Patrick made motion to approve the mural with final approval from the neighbors. Unanimous approval vote.

4. Approval of reimbursement of Ann Dynes for Historic Designation postage expenses (\$22.90), binder for records (\$16.11), registration with the State (\$20), stamps (\$14.30) and envelopes (\$4.85) – Bob Evans. A reimbursement totaling \$78.16 will be made to Ann Dynes. No opposition to motion.

## Discussion Items

5. Signage/other for motorized vehicles on Fay Avenue bike path – Sally Miller/Debbie Adams. Debbie Adams stated more scooter traffic on bike path so signs needed since motorized traffic not permitted on bike paths. Unrelated question to this topic but instead regarding Item 4 was asked by John S. Wanted to know which fund money should come from to reimburse Ann. Will discuss with Ann. He suggested that in the future we need to itemize which account monies come from in order to help the treasurer in accounting.

6. Updated Wishlist to be refined into the annual CIP List later this year – Patrick Ahern/Janet Collins. Suggested that Richard Smith's request for drains be added and Melinda/Mary CIP list. Patrick stated we are missing prioritization list of all items. Asked for volunteers. Melinda will ask Mary to prioritize their list. Also Goldfish list should be included. Updates to follow at next meeting.

7. Update on SB 946 – Bob Evans sent letters to Mayor's office, City Attorney & Council districts and received a reply from the City Operations Officer, Robert Vacchi. Working on draft (sidewalk vending) which will be similar to that of City of Carlsbad. City Operator to send out draft. First amendment not under sidewalk vending. Discussion ensued including ice cream trucks and buses.

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**8.** Update on Children's Pool Closure Permit/Hearing/Next Steps – Ken Hunrichs: California Coastal Commission (CCC) extended Children's Pool closure (5 months of yr.) and rope permit for 10 years at hearing held in San Diego on 6/13/19. Even though the City studied 3 previously amended conditions from last 5 yr. permit, they said could do nothing about the water, sand and access for disabled. This permit renewal may open the door for a future beach closure all year. Opposition to closure wanted a limited term of permit renewal with cleaner sand, water and better beach access for mobility limited people. Obvious from local CCC staff report that they were not interested in having City make improvements to the 3 areas mentioned. Coastal Commissioners at hearing had no questions about anything proposed by the community, Friends of Children's Pool or LJPB in asking for improvements to be made. Historic role of Coastal Commission to protect coastal access was circumvented. At a future time when complete closure of Children's Pool (CP) is proposed, it may be time to decide whether CP has any value for human safety, historic purposes it was built for or public access to a public beach. Jane: CCC has 2 charges, coastal access and habitat restoration. Also stated Seal Conservancy has no intent of seeking complete closure ever. Melinda: We have shared use but when we invite the children, we are asking the children to sit in a litter box. At the hearing, Melinda asked for sand to be cleaned. Sluiceways could be opened, money allocated in 1980's Transient Occupancy Tax but City changed their mind. John: City met conditions of clean water/sand by using different water testing standards. SD County Dept. of Health advisory signs gone from Children's Pool. Phyllis: SD Union newspaper says CP contaminated. What is important is most people in LJPB, in LJCPA and in DPM, voted for what the CCC ignored, which was to keep CP open, to clean the beach, to clean the water and to return the ramp for people who are incapacitated to get to beach. The hope is that the neglect of what the community asked for, wished for, believed was possible is something that will be the most important matter to this group. Jane: Sent article "Until Kingdom Come" (regarding CP) to a local reporter. She believes sluices cannot be open. John L.: The CCC accepted information from the City stating that opening the sluiceways would be expensive, not that it was impossible. Ken: Coming up is the Substantial Conformance Review (SCR). The Lifeguard Station had a component which said City would build emergency vehicle access to the beach. However, they built a barricade below the gate. City now says that 2 ½' wall was part of the plan. CPA has appealed this to the City Council. The City has blocked historic access to a public beach. Ann will be notified when date is known. Melinda: In the past, she was told by the City that they would leave that access open, it is in the Community Plan.

### Information Items/Working Group reports

**9.** Open Water Swim Working Group – Judy Halter. John S. is working with Judy. Guest Doug stated that there are 125-150 entries so far. Two mail in donations for event received recently.

**10.** Corrals for scooters update – Janet Collins/Tom Brady/Mauricio Medina. Janet applauds City for allowing community input on scooter dock locations. Community members can contact Bry to weigh in by July 18<sup>th</sup>.

**11.** Gold Fish Point Working Group – Janet Collins/Doug Burleigh. Nothing to report.

**12.** Windansea Working Group – Melinda Merryweather. Nothing to report.

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**13.** Bird Rock Outlook Working Group – Melinda Merryweather/Mary Lynn Hyde. Melinda stated nothing to report at Bird Rock. Beach access: Opening up Princess St., pulling plants.

**14.** Bicycle Racks Project – Janet Collins. One more check to be received from LJ Community Foundation for the bike racks. Racks will then be ordered. She and Ann also have chipped in money.

**15.** Union Circle Flagpole Update – Bob Evans stated a plaque was just approved. July 4<sup>th</sup> there will be a celebration at Union Circle Flagpole.

Minutes by M. Hunrichs, acting Secretary.

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

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