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MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING

Monday, August 28, 2019 – 4:00 PM, La Jolla Recreation Center, Auditorium

Members present: (14) Patrick Ahern, Dan Allen, Tom Brady, Janet Stratford Collins, Bob Evans, Judy Halter, Ken Hunrichs, Marie Hunrichs, John Leek, Sally Miller, Phyllis Minick, Stan Minick, Melinda Merryweather, & John Shannon.

Members absent: (4) Debbie Beacham, Ann Dynes, Mary Ellen Morgan & Jane Reldan.

Guests signed-in: (9) John ABBF, Trent Wagenseller, Barbara Dunbar, Brenda Fake, Doug Burleigh, Matt Peterson, Jodi Rudick & Bill Robbins.

Welcome and Call to Order – Bob Evans, Acting President

Approval of Agenda for this meeting – Motion by Patrick, 2nd Ken, unanimous approval.

Approval of Minutes of meeting of July 22, 2019 – J. Leek: Stated that there was an error in the minutes, adding that report on the Marine Plan listed “no report” when in fact he had a report but everyone left. Approval of minutes as presented; yes 12, no 1.

Approval of Treasurer’s Report for July, 2019 – J. Shannon found a discrepancy and will revise.

Motion to table by Patrick, all in favor. J. Leek noted Treasurer’s report is not current online. Treasurer does not post so perhaps give to Marc (webmaster) to post. Two reports will be given next month.

Report by Councilwoman Bry’s Office – Mauricio Medina on vacation.

Presentation by Shoreline Parks Park Ranger Araceli Dominguez pertaining to Whale Festival next March – She reported that she is one of three Shoreline Park Rangers in La Jolla and has been with the City for 5 ½ yrs. She has noticed that the Shoreline parks could use interpretive programs to showcase the role of the rangers and to celebrate the migration of whales. They want to focus on conservation issues. The planned festival will be free, will include live entertainment and be family friendly with environmental groups present. Among others included are first responders and Polynesian dancers. Whale Mobile will be an educational resource for kids primarily. The date is March 21st 2020. Much discussion ensued. It is expected that the S.D. Parks Foundation will help with funding but other are sources welcome.

Non-agenda Public Comments – issues not on the agenda within the LJP&B jurisdiction (two minutes or less) – Janet reported that tomorrow (8/29) there will be a Coffee with a Cop event at the La Valencia, 7-9 am. Melinda, speaking for Debra Lynhom, a former LJPB president, reported that a former member Jack Holzman had passed. He had a cave filled in across from the Cove (for bluff stabilization) among other projects. Debra would like LJPB to appear on list of names for people honoring him. Also for next month’s agenda, Melinda wishes to have a discussion about our Mission Statement. Ken reported that there will be a 3R’s (Rocks, Rips and Reefs) on Saturday 9/7 at 8 am, at the Children’s Pool. Also, there will be a hearing on the appeal by LJCPA of the barricade across the CP ramp, 9/17 at 2 pm, location City Hall.

President’s Report – Bob Evans, Vice President noted that Ann has publicized the need for new members in the LJ Light and received several expressions of interest. In her absence, Bob attended breakfast with Councilwoman Bry and Mauricio along with other community group leaders. He brought up CIP wish list. Specifically, two items, bike path brush clearing and Windandsea Bluff

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eroding. He noted that the Neptune may cave in during a winter storm. Dan asked about Enhance La Jolla. The website is enhancelajolla.com. Bob stated they will award contracts on landscaping, power washing sidewalks and trash liter removal by October.

Action Items

1. Update on developments for the Cove Swim: Approval of new name of The La Jolla Cove Swim; approval of engagement letter of Blanchard, Krasner & French as special counsel; approval of disbursements to date – Judy Halter/Patrick Ahern. Judy urged members of LJPB to attend the event on September 8 since it is sponsoring the event. She reported that she has enlisted fifty volunteers for a 6:15 am setup. She has obtained historic photos to display, and Bry will present a couple of awards. There will be a silent auction and 25% of overall race net proceeds will benefit inner City swim lessons, while other net proceeds will underwrite bringing Concerts by the Sea back and a beautification/enhancement project at Scripps Park. She plans to get together with Enhance La Jolla to see how LJPB and it can work on beautification of the park. She requested issuance of 3 checks: 1. supplies \$1200, 2. dumpster rental \$250, 3. banner and canopy costs. The website is La Jolla Cove Swim. She reported that the Los Angeles Parks Foundation has raised \$33,000,000 to augment their City services to their parks, proving that there is an opportunity for people to understand that, today, many parks are taken care of by private donors through different events. The theme of the LJCS will be over “100 years of competitive swimming.” There is a need to change the name of the event from LJ Open Water Swim to LJ Cove Swim to avoid any confusion with previous events of a similar nature. Motion by Patrick, 2nd Tom, unanimously passed. Motion by Patrick for disbursement of funds requested for LJ Cove Swim. 2nd Janet, unanimously passed. Motion by Bob, duly seconded, to approve execution of a retention agreement for pro bono legal services with Blanchard, Krasner & French should a need for counsel arise pertaining to this event. Passed unanimously.
2. Application for City permit to reinstate a concert series at Scripps Park in 2020 – Judy described how Friends of LJ Scripps plan to reintroduce the concerts in 2020, on four days, 7/12, 7/19, 7/26 and 8/2, each from 3:30 – 5:30 pm. Motion by Judy to approve support by LJPB of this project, 2nd Janet, passed unanimously.
3. Request for letter to City’s Transportation Department dealing with proposed barrier at Bandera Overlook – Trent Wagenseller asked for written support of 4’ fence height design. 3’-4’ has been standard fence height in south La Jolla area, Coral Lane, Moss Lane, etc. Motion by Melinda to approve 4’ fence, 2nd Judy. Public comment: Matt: represents Whites & Butterfields who are on north and south sides of the overlook. Matt believes there is a misrepresentation that Bandera is a view corridor. An informational packet was handed out by Matt. His clients want a 6’ fence because City wants it for self-protection and it will help protect from vandalism and damage now that the path is open (2018 by City) for access. Public comment: D. Everett stated Bandera is a view corridor. Judy asked if someone had ever fallen and answer was no. Melinda states missing “vantage point” page 36 (community plan) which states Bandera PT. is a view corridor. Leek stated that he is opposed to any fence as it would be a violation of the Coastal Act. Brady commented that, if there has to be fence at all, then we support the 4’ height. Ken opposes additional fencing if current bollards are sufficient to

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- keep folks off edge of cliff. Motion by Ken, seconded by Judy, to write a letter opposing any fence but if additional fencing is required then no more than 4'. Passed unanimously.
4. Decision to defer vote to fill vacancy of Vice President (Bylaws section 5.5) – Dan Allen.
 5. Letter re: vegetation overgrowth at Coast Walk – Melinda stated that Coast Walk bushes are overgrown (cannot see the ocean from the street) and we should ask City to trim bushes to 3'. Public comment: Brenda Fake stated pedestrians are encouraged to use trail, from which the ocean is plainly visible, not seek to view the ocean from the street. Friends of Coast Walk Trail (FoCWT) works with the City when issues arise. She questioned the source of the 3' height limit because that's an interpretation when you do work with Coastal and City management. In past, a ROE permit was pulled from FoCWT to permit resident maintenance of the area but residents still trim to a limited extent. FoCWT would like LJPB to communicate with it before acting and asks that: 1. (LJPB) endorse FoCWT in pulling a new City permit, 2. FoCWT be supported in its plans to address the trimming. View corridor well within purview on p.169. Discussion ensued. Need ROE. Dan advised that, at one time, an environmental scientist (on a LJPB committee) suggested eradicating nonnative tall plants. Motion to write a letter to request that the City of San Diego issue a ROE permit to FoCWT was made by Patrick, 2nd Judy, unanimously passed. A second motion to send Melinda's letter (which was re-written by A. Dynes) to the City by was made by Melinda, 2nd J. Shannon. Passed with yes 8, no 4, abstain 1.
 6. Recommendation to use plastic slats for public benches – Doug Burleigh stated that LJPB should promote this issue because many benches need maintenance and/or replacement. Discussion ensued. Sally stated that wood requires high maintenance. Marie asked if this subject has been placed on our wish list, not capital improvements but in the maintenance part of it. Answer was "no" by Judy because the City is already putting 5.2 million dollars into Scripps Park. Bob noted that some bench locations are on the list. Doug noted that a new bench costs about \$700. Ken stated that he has Trex (plastic composite) benches and has no issue with them. Sally stated that for decades Ester Viti handled benches and said that we need a subcommittee to address this. Jodi suggested that we should check with the manager of Enhance La Jolla (MAD), John Unbewust. Bob agreed to reach out to that group on this topic. Melinda said that she had talked with Dan Daneri who said that benches cost \$1500 to replace but it is not a question of money but of the people to do the work. Melinda stated that she wants to see no plastic in historic Windansea. Ken states that, in this discussion and others, it comes up that there is a shortcoming in the ability to maintain the parks; he said that we have other staff being hired whereas an additional maintenance position would be helpful to get projects done. He suggested that when we write letters, we should ask that the personnel hired would be in the maintenances area. Marie strongly agrees, maintenance employees often overlooked, only 1 carpenter for area. LJPB should push at budget time for additional maintenance personnel. Bob said that he would add this to our wish list.
 7. Update on Wishlist and creation of Working Group to propose Capital Improvement and Maintenance Projects Requests to the City for 2020 budget – Dan Allen/Janet Stratford Collins. Janet: Trying to highlight safety issues, need to make list smaller. Discussion ensued. Suggestion of requesting maintenance personnel for 2021 budget. Patrick mentions maintenance assessment district.
 8. Approval of reimbursement of expenses for Chris Cott at Whale View Point (\$109.93) –Motion to approve by Patrick, 2nd Judy, unanimously approved.

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9. Authority to open new U.S. Bank savings account for funds on hand – Bob Evans. Bob reported that, when the next bank promotion comes up, to open savings account to accumulate interest on our substantial balances. Motion by Tom to approve the ability to open up savings account, 2nd Judy, unanimously approved.
10. Authority to open up new PayPal account – Per Bob, the old account has been zeroed out. No action required.

Discussion Items

11. Follow up on John Leek's clean up at the Children's Pool on July 26 – John Leek. John: Thanked thirteen (LJPB) supporters for help with the beach cleaning. He received email from Dynes (president) which cancelled votes. It had email from Daneri attached and Coastal Commission correspondence. John read material which mentioned getting a permit before any clean up action. Some of material read was in (LJ Light) newspaper. John did clean the beach knowing LJPB purposes is 1. to preserve protect and enhance parks and beaches, 2. make recommendations, 3. act in best interest of City. John continued reading material mentioning Ranger Belesky, City, NOAA and NMFS. John read notes on history of NOAA assigning seals/sea lion responsibilities to City Parks and Recreation. CCC core mission to preserve public access to the ocean.
12. Update on SB 946 – Bob reported that he had presented our concerns to the Economic Development and Inter-Governmental Relations Committee. They are working on City draft. Bob got 4 changes: 1. Year round prohibited vending at Scripps Park & Children's Pool, 2. No sidewalk vending from Cove, 1100 or 1200 block to 200 block of Coast Blvd., all LJ Shoreline Parks, 3. Tee shirt vendors to be classified as vendors (vending is taking money), 4. Enforcement by Rangers, Lifeguards, SDPD, County Health and Municipal Code Enforcement.
13. Working group to restore trees and picnic area in Scripps Park/related question of use of remains of the fallen tree – Bob reported that he had had correspondence with Andy Field. The City plans to replace the fallen tree with up to 3 trees, possibly Monterey Cypress although it may not be the best replacement tree, so maybe Torrey Pines instead. The City may permit some type of tribute or plaque reflective of Dr. Seuss.
14. Update on repairs to public benches/donor contributions – Debbie Adams/Melinda Merryweather. Already discussed.
15. Fire prevention efforts at Fay Avenue Bike Path – Sally Miller/Debbie Adams. No City response.
16. Update on City employee recognition idea – Judy Halter. No additional information.

Information Items/Working Group reports

17. The La Jolla Cove Swim Working Group – Nothing additional
18. Corrals for scooters update – Janet Stratford Collins/Tom Brady/Mauricio Medina
19. Goldfish Point Working Group – Janet Stratford Collins/Doug Burleigh
20. Windansea Working Group – Melinda Merryweather
21. Bird Rock Outlook Working Group – Melinda Merryweather/Mary Lynn Hyde
22. Bicycle Racks Project – Janet Stratford Collins
23. Marine Coastal Management Plan periodic update – John Leek

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Adjourn to September 23, 2019 at the La Jolla Recreation Center at 4 p.m.

Minutes by M. Hunrichs, acting Secretary.

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