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**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

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

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**Members Present:** (17) Patrick Ahern, Dan Allen, 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, Mary Ellen Morgan, Jane Reldan & John Shannon.

**Members absent:** (2) Debbie Beacham & Bill Robbins.

**Guests signed-in:** (22) Phoebe Davis, Connie Beardsley, Eren Branch, Heather Reeves, John Reeves, Jack Clausen, Nancy Lo, John Ferguson, Mary Durham, Richard Smith, Dorie DeFranco, Barbara Kyellos, Barbara Dunbar, David Dunbar, Doug Burleigh, Steve Cross, Mauricio Medina (Council Rep. for Barbara Bry), Debbie Adams, Melissa Elliott, Marie Michetti, Jack DeFranco and Mary Munk.

1. Welcome and Call to Order – Ann Dynes, President
2. Approval of Agenda for this meeting – approved unanimously.
3. Approval of Minutes of meeting of January 28, 2019 – approved unanimously
4. Approval of Treasurer's Report for January, 2019 – approved unanimously

Report by Councilwoman Bry's Office -- Mauricio Medina passed out the Bry Bulletin to all in attendance, and briefly reviewed the State of District address and outlined priorities. Important is getting fees from dockless bike/scooter companies and rules/regs. The councilwoman is partnering with 'I Love a Clean San Diego', and a budget meeting is upcoming.

Non-agenda Public Comments—issues not on the agenda within the LJP&B jurisdiction (two minutes or less)—

- Joe LaCava announced his running for Council District #1, and passed around his volunteer sign-in sheet.
- Richard Smith said much of the infrastructure around Windansea, such as streets, is undermined. He would like to create an inventory of retaining walls, storm drains, etc. that need maintenance. Ann encouraged him to work with our board to create a "wish list" for his area as Janet and Patrick have done for the coastal areas north of Windansea.

President's Report -- Ann Dynes welcomed many new people to meeting.

- She asked visitors to please write their names and email addresses neatly, so Dan can correctly manage the meeting notice distribution list and Bob can get the names correct in the minutes of each meeting.
- She reported that the displaced metate/"rock of interest" that was by the Wedding Bowl until the sidewalk project was initiated, and which is now stored in a City storage area, is having much discussion with interested parties as to where and how to re-install. Diane Kane is working on a history of the metate.
- The flagpole upgrade/ refurbishment at Union Square–Park Row is in process and a ROE permit should be issued shortly to Grunow Construction.

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- She reported that the request from BRCC to replace and upgrade the trash can at the foot of Midway Street was successfully completed by the City with the appreciation of all.
- Ann reported that she is working with Janet on the bike rack project and installation sites in Village. She and Janet walked the village with the City representative from the Transportation Department and listened to his vision for the area as well as identifying suitable sites for branded bike racks. One objective is to change the behavior of dockless users to use GPS-designated racks and not leave bikes and scooter strewn on sidewalks and streets. The City is also planning to place dockless vehicle corrals on streets in the unused space at the end of diagonal parking spaces. Ann will be meeting with Bry and other community group leaders on the subject on Mar 8. Brief member discussion ensued.
- Ann reported that she met with the Traffic & Transportation Committee to urge establishment of a needed street repair “wish list” with a priority for concrete streets, saying that wish lists have worked very well between LJPB and the City and could be expanded to other subject matters.
- Ann reported that she spent time with Melinda and Brenda Fake regarding Coast Walk /Trail –as a result of which this subject is not on today’s agenda.
- The new San Diego Parks Foundation obtained its IRS 501(c)(3) status, so can now receive donations that go toward City parks, and not to a general City account.
- Ann reported that she had met with Erik Holtsmark, and asked him to deploy his talents in other ways or on other projects, e.g., a plan to use memorial plaques on the tables in Scripps Park to remodel that area, including new BBQs, tables, vegetation. She hopes to possibly resuscitate a plaque/memorial endowment inside the new SD Parks Foundation to help defray and manage costs of a plaque program and generate revenues for parks infrastructure.
- Ann reported that Janet has met with Doug Burleigh about Goldfish Point, and the many improvements needed for the road, sidewalk, vegetation, and hillside erosion. Details of needed action there will be put on our wish list.

### Action Items

5. Action item relating to Marine Street Memorial Mall – Ann read Erik Holtsmark’s email sent to LJPB Board of curtailing his project, which is not a withdrawal of his proposal. Catharine Douglass, representing opposition, presented slides criticizing mainly public safety reasons for objecting to Erik’s proposal. Jack DeFranco spoke on behalf of neighborhood residents about the impracticality of the proposal including storm tides and seasonal flooding. Mike Cole said the Beach Barber Tract Homeowners Association unanimously opposes the proposal for all reasons mentioned. Dorie DeFranco stated the foot of Marine Street is slated to be reconstructed to change access to handicap access and make it ADA compliant. Patrick passed out letter from Tony Ciani to the Board opposing the project and detailing California Coastal Commission non-compliance and other issues. Motion to deny the Marine Street Memorial Mall based on issues including safety, not fitting community character, pollution, parking, maintenance and noises issues-- Passed unanimously.

6. Motion to create working group for Coastal Commission Permit relating to seal barriers at Children’s Pool —John Leek. A working group will submit recommendations to be approved by LJPB to submit to City Parks & Rec and the Coastal Commission concerning the application to extend

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Closure and Rope Barrier at the Children's Pool for another decade. Passed 15-1(Dan). Members joining working group: John, Jane, Melinda, Ken, Marie, and Heather Reeves.

7. Park Vendors/SB 946 working group – A discussion ensued on community opposition to this State law given its potentially devastating impact of coastal parks. Phillis will write up rough draft letter to be approved by LJPB, which will be sent to Barbara Bry and other local and State legislators. Members expressed considerable concern about sidewalk vendors taking over the parks and wrecking the natural beauty and enjoyment.

8. Transfer of San Diego Parks Foundation temporary donations -- Ann asked motion to distribute recent donations of \$10,000 and \$1,000 checks to the SD Parks Foundation account. Passed unanimously.

## Discussion Items

9. La Jolla streets repair list – Melinda is organizing a street repairs list, and asked that people send their suggestions to her.

## Information Items/Working Group reports

10. La Jolla Cove Pavilion Update – Elizabeth Schroth-Nichols, Project Manager City of SD, updated the meeting on the delayed starting date for this project. The contract has been awarded to Atlas Construction and will take 440 working days to complete. Start date is delayed few months to work on redesign for drainage issues. The project will have a community liaison person appointed. Also George Freiha spoke to timelines, and presence of porta-potties and wash basins. Some members questioned delays, and the impacts of the project on park events. Also questioned no shower facilities during the project, but George advised that too many City regulations come in to play if temporary ones are installed. Dan asked about equipment storage area, which would be on grass area next to Cove and expressed the hope that better grass gets installed when done. Member discussion ensued.

11. Coastal Access Updates – Melinda Merryweather/Debbie Beacham – nothing reported.

12. Signs -- Bill Robbins – nothing reported.

Adjourn to March 25, 2019 at the La Jolla Recreation Center at 4 p.m.

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Minutes submitted by: Bob Evans, Recording Secretary.

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