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## Meeting Minutes - ANNUAL MEETING

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

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**Members present** (14): Ann Dynes, Dan Allen, Debbie Beacham, John Leek, Bob Evans, Janet Stratford Collins, John Shannon, Mary Ellen Morgan, Melinda Merryweather, Patrick Ahern, Phyllis Minick, Stan Minick, Tom Brady, Sally Miller.

**Members absent** (5): Bill Robbins, Jane Reldan, Judy Halter, Ken Hunrichs, Marie Hunrichs.

**Guests signed in:** Salli S(sp?), Ken King, Jenna Ingrassia-Knox, Krystal Sanchez, Ira Parker, Robert Stacey, Christie & Chuck Dunning, Cory Pukini, Debbie Adams, Kim Camp, Rocky Camp, Mary Lynn Hyde, Suzanna Wright Flock, Margie McNair, Carole Sabin, Cristina (sp?) Sear, David Sear, Howard (sp?), Aaron Goulding, Bency Jimenez, Jennifer Holley, Stephani Claph(sp?), Karen Moranville, Brian Clarke, Dede Donovan, Indy Callaway, Doug Burleigh, Mauricio Medina, Thomas Baker, Cynthia Chasen, Jeff Chasen, Tom Grunow, Nancy Linck, Mike Cole, Judy Cole, Don Ankey, Dorie Defranco, Chris Freundt, Phemie(sp?) Davis, Leslie Anderson.

1. Welcome and Call to Order – Ann Dynes, President called the meeting to order.
2. Approval of Agenda for this meeting- approved unanimously
3. Approval of Minutes of meeting of December 3, 2018 – approved unanimously
4. Approval of Treasurer's Report for November and December, 2018 – John reported that he is currently processing gift contributions, several of which will be input to the new 'San Diego Parks Foundation' account. Approved unanimously

Report by Councilwoman Bry's Office -- Mauricio Medina passed out updates of the City Council news. This upcoming Wednesday is Barbara Bry's State of the District address at University City High School. There are 2 approved budgeted items that will be worked on for La Jolla parks and beaches area – installing a hand-rail along the Marine Room beach access sidewalk, and roof repairs on the North Comfort Station at Kellogg Park.

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

- Jack Defranco announced that he will be speaking and representing many local Marine Street area residents regarding the Marine Memorial Plaza proposal discussion item.
- Cory Pukini from Wildcoast announced and distributed new MPA guides for the public. He also mentioned upcoming teacher workshops for community education and outreach.
- Ken King, a docent for Torrey Pines Natural Preserve, asked who is the local bench contractor for City parks; Ann advised that memorial plaques and benches have been not approved by the City lately for several reasons (budget, maintenance, eligibility, etc.), but now the new San Diego Parks Foundation may have a future strategy for arranging to accept gifts for these items.
- Jennifer Holley, of Bird Rock Community Council, stated the BR Elementary School field often has loose dogs, feces, is not flat nor even, is poorly maintained, and is dangerous with many injuries to school children and users. She asked for how to get funds for repairs and would like

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to work with City for solution. Ann encouraged her to work with LJPB to raise necessary funds to clean up the fields as City funding for such needs is limited.

- Mary Ellen mentioned plans to start a working group or committee for managing Scripps Park events.

President's Report -- Ann Dynes reported on the following items;

- The trash can at the foot of Midway outlook in Bird Rock – someone within the BRCC needs to determine who removes the old can but Parks & Rec is on the case to replace it.
- She met with residents seeking improvements in La Jolla Alta Canyon area.
- She has spent numerous hours with both advocates and residents concerning the Coast Walk vehicle turnaround project.
- She reported on the approval by the City of item #8 of the Capital Improvements Project – installing bike racks in the village and in the parks. She and Janet have been working with the City regarding placement in and around the Village. The City will install the racks provided that funds are privately raised and Ann is working with the La Jolla Community Foundation to create a vehicle for that.
- She met with Marc Coleman, who is continuing to improve and update the new LJPB website.

## Action Items

5. Yoga After Dark Festival in Scripps Park, May 4, 2019 - Jenna Ingrassia-Knox presented and described the proposed event, and requested approval to host it in Scripps Park. She reported that she started the project through talks with City Parks and Recreation, and has met with LJ Village Merchants Assoc. Member discussion ensued, including comments in favor and against adding more events to Scripps Park. Motion to approve the event failed: 4-yes (John, Patrick, Tom, Bob), and 7-no (Melinda, Debbie, Mary Ellen, Phyllis, Stan, Dan, Sally)

6. Election of Officers (President, Recording and Corresponding Secretaries) —Dan Allen stated there was 1 candidate for each open position – the slate is Ann Dynes for President, Bob Evans as Recording Secretary, and Dan Allen for Corresponding Secretary. Approved unanimously.

7. Right of Entry Permit for Union Circle Flagpole -- Tom Grunow. Tom presented that he has reached out to his contacts who can volunteer or inexpensively offer their services to repair and clean-up the flagpole. The City's quote was \$16,000, but Tom says will cost his team approx. \$1,750 if done privately using a Right of Entry Permit from the City. Ann added that she has reached out to City Parks and Recreation for the Right-of-Entry permit to do the work and it should be forthcoming. Motion for LJP&B to authorize Grunow to repair and engage with City for ROE permit. A private donor has stepped forward to fund the costs making this a great example of community collaboration. Passed unanimously.

8. Approval for payment of Children's Pool Plaza expenses -- Phyllis Minick requests payment to for \$918.02. Approved unanimously.

9. Approval of payment for Fay Avenue Bike Path (\$750.00 Steve Burriesci) – Sally Miller requests for expenses during the Path cleanup. Approved unanimously.

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**10.** New plants at Whale View Point (Black Sage Environmental) – Ann Dynes requested for invoice of \$660.00. Approved unanimously.

**11.** Parks Master Plan letter to City – Ann Dynes reviewed the updated PMP. Debbie questioned #7 and the monetization of parks, and Melinda says that the parks should be for all public usage. Motion to approve, subject to amendment to clarify. Passed unanimously.

## Discussion Items

**12.** Marine Memorial Mall – Erik Holtsmark presented approx. 15 minutes with much information of architectural drawings and pictures of his proposal to develop the foot of Marine St. The plaza would include restrooms, benches, elevators, nautical and water sculptures, and new area for lifeguards. He says it would be privately funded, but ongoing maintenance would be the responsibility of the City. Discussion among guests, including Bob Stacey, ensued. John Defranco, representing many near-by residents, responded with a presentation strongly opposing the Mall. Appearing that all guests in the audience opposed the Holtsmark proposal, Ann Dynes stated that while there was to be no Board vote because this was on the agenda only for discussion. It was clear that this proposal has no support among Board and community members. She thanked him for his professional presentation and interest in the community and said that the proposal might be on next month's meeting as action item to be voted on.

**13.** Park vendors and SB 946 -- Phyllis Minick expressed concern with new California state law to allow sidewalk vendors at parks and public areas, such as at Children's Pool. The widening of the sidewalk there, increasing the seating, and new landscaping would have been wasted if allowed to be blocked by vendors. Much member discussion ensued, and Ann suggested that a Board position is needed. Motion to table to next meeting for possible action. Passed unanimously.

## Information Items/Working Group reports

**14.** La Jolla Cove Pavilion Update – No report.

**15.** Coastal Access Updates – John Leek stated that he has received letter from California Coastal Commission regarding the barrier rope at Children's Pool and the extending of the permit for another 10 years. He would like to create working group, to investigate the issues and send a letter to CCC to address that decision at a meeting to San Diego in next 2 months. No Board action was taken.

**16.** Signs – Bill Robbins/Debbie Beacham, no report.

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

Submitted by Robert Evans, Recording Secretary: **Bob Evans**

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