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## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Monday, May 20, 2019 – 4:00 PM, La Jolla Recreation Center, Auditorium

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Members Present(15): Ann Dynes, Dan Allen, Debbie Beacham, John Leek, Jane Reldan, Bob Evans, Judy Halter, Janet Stratford Collins, John Shannon, Mary Ellen Morgan, Melinda Merryweather, Patrick Ahern, Phyllis Minick, Tom Brady, Sally Miller, and Stan Minick.

Members Absent(4): Debbie Beacham, Bill Robbins, Ken Hunrichs, and Marie Hunrichs.

Guests signed-in(9): John & Carol Abbe, Richard Smith, Pam Heatherington, Courtney Coyle, Dave Schwab, Gail Forbes, Mary Lynn Hyde, and Barbara Dunbar.

Welcome and Call to Order – Ann Dynes, President

Approval of Agenda for this meeting – approved unanimous

Approval of Minutes of meeting of April 22, 2019- (not finished in time, to be on agenda for next meeting)

Approval of Treasurer's Report for April, 2019 – approved unanimous.

Report by Councilwoman Bry's Office -- Mauricio Medina spoke briefly on following items;

- Passed out the latest Bry Bulletin
- Scooter laws having been adopted, he reviewed some of them effective July 2019. There was a brief discussion by members, including Sally complaining that the Fay Ave path is littered with them; she wants signage prohibiting scooters on the path.
- Updated on the vehicle habitation ordinance and its prohibitions. He described the attempt to direct such vehicles to City approved 'safe lots.'

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

- Guest Richard Smith spoke and presented detailed slides on the storm drains and retaining walls along Windansea and area. He reported that public infrastructure decay and erosion are an immediate threat to access. Included in his report were the storm drain and erosion at foot of Westbourne, the retaining wall at Kolmar & Neptune, the foot of Rosemont, the foot of Palomar, and at Cortez PI (Hogans). Discussion among Members was to add to our Capital Improvement Projects list.
- Guest John Abbe, Casa de Manana resident, spoke about his and other's efforts of picking up trash along Coast Walk. He reported that he had placed 5-gallon buckets for trash collection along the trail, but they had been stolen. He hopes that the City will assume responsibility and pick up trash.
- John Leek stated that, for last 2 years, he has been recording pictures of Sea World-tagged sea-lions and sending them to NOAA. He has applied for a 'harassment permit'. Now the response from NOAA is that by taking pictures it is considered a 'take' in the MPAA, therefore illegal.

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President's Report -- Ann Dynes stated the President's role currently is extremely busy, with dozens of emails daily, and many current projects. Patience with the handling of things is appreciated. She noted the rule that member attendance is extremely important, and 3+ absences in 12 consecutive months can be cause for termination. Noting that long time member Bill Robbins has been absent for several months exceeding the absences for removal, she expressed the view that there is no point in dropping a member at this time because we have a vacancy. There was no disagreement in response to her request for feedback.

### Action Items

1. Establishment of the La Jolla Open Water Swim on September 8, 2019 and related action items (fund establishment, waiver forms, additional liability insurance, other) – Judy Halter summarized development of the LJOWS and all of the steps which she has taken to re-establish a swimming event at the Cove after several years of discontinuance. She reported that its website is up and registration is open. She is starting simple and getting sponsors, reviewing appropriate insurance coverage, obtaining appropriate permits from the City and doing all that is necessary to enable this event to occur this fall. Approved unanimously for this year as operating under the LJP&B corporate entity, the net proceeds to go 75% to Friends of Scripps Park to help maintain the Park, and 25% proceeds to city swim lessons/programs.
2. Adoption of Coastal Maintenance List – Melinda Merryweather/Mary Lynn Hyde-discussion about adopting some of the maintenance-needed areas cited in the Bird Rock Outlook Report to our Capital Improvements Project list. It was noted that Moss Lane neighbors had recently cleaned up very nicely the area, trimmed and cleared bushes and shrubs, and installed trash can. Motion to update the CIP list at least yearly to reflect the recommendation of the list, passed 14-1 (Jane).
3. Adoption of Photographic Record of La Jolla Coastline for website posting (May update) – Melinda Merryweather/Mary Lynn Hyde – there was much member discussion, with Ann, at Mauricio's urging, suggesting that the record should be sent to City Planning Department for its review, especially regarding the wording used and legal definitions such as "dedicated." Melinda stated the wording for the Photo Record is straight out of the LJ Community Plan, and is only meant to be a 'picture book'. Motion to adopt Photo Record and post to website. Gail Forbes urged the board to first send to City for input given the contentious elements of the characterizations in it, but several members said that we will never get a response from City. Passed 10-3 (Jane, Patrick, Dan). Separately, Ann stated that she will also send the report to the City for review and feedback as suggested by Mauricio.
4. Approval of invoice of \$750 for Russell Ingeldew for state filing – John Shannon. Approved unanimously.

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5. Letter re SB 946 – Bob Evans/Doug Burleigh – Bob reviewed the draft letter to the City departments as a request to regulate sidewalk vending in the beach and parks area. He cited the efforts of many other cities in California which already have regulations in place to protect natural scenic and high-pedestrian areas. Bob's letter is expected to be supported by LJ Shores Assoc, and the LJ Town Council. A motion to finalize and send the letter passed unanimously.
6. Payment to Diane Kane of up to \$500 for expenses associated with the Children's Pool historical designation – Phyllis Minick explained that these expenses involve mostly office /copying expenses, and not the tremendous work which Diane actually put into this project. Motion to approve passed unanimously.

### Discussion Items

7. Presentation by Courtney Coyle re metate – Courtney provided an update on the bedrock/ mortar that used to be along the old sidewalk next to Cuvier Park, before the City installed new sidewalk about two years ago. At issue is why City removed it, and what's going to happen next. It is currently in City storage. She stated that the City never apologized to local tribes whom she reported considered this a sacred location. Maybe up to Tribes to recommend what to do next? There was a discussion about LJP&B support for Tribal wishes, and how to acknowledge what happened, and to help bring it back to the Cuvier Park area. Melinda asked that LJP&B write a letter, one will be brought forward to members at next meeting.
8. Princess Street Access Update – Pam Heatherington reported her group has received a \$38,000 grant from the California Coastal Conservancy to reinstate the trail down to beach. It hopes to begin clearing brush in next 2 weeks. There will be signage installed to show access.

### Information Items/Working Group reports

9. Children's Pool Historical Status Nomination Letter – nothing new to report.
10. Gold Fish Point project – Janet described her list documenting all the needs at this area needing to be integrated into the master CIP list for the City. Passed unanimously to incorporate these concerns in to the annual list.
11. Whale View Point/palm trimming project -- Bob reported that the 6 palms by the Belvedere at 300 Coast are now all trimmed neatly, and was a successful project with LJP&B hired vendor, City permitting and approval, and local community funding.
12. Windansea Working Group – nothing to report
13. Bird Rock Outlook Working Group – nothing to report
14. Bicycle Racks Project – Janet has raised \$4,500 in funding (\$2,500 from LJVMA) for new racks, and now getting quotes. Will be coordinating with community on areas for installation.
15. Union Circle Flagpole Update – nothing new to report.

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Adjourn to June 24, 2019 at the La Jolla Recreation Center at 4 p.m.

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