

LA JOLLA PARKS AND BEACHES, INC.  
**DRAFT** MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING, MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2015  
La Jolla Recreation Center: 618 Prospect St, La Jolla 92037

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1. Quorum was established. Dan Allen welcomed all and the meeting was called to order at 4 PM.

**Attendees: Members:** Patrick Ahern, Dan Allen, Debbie Beacham, Bob Evans, Judy Halter, Nancy Linck, Melinda Merryweather, Sally Miller, Phyllis Minick, Stan Minick, Rebecca Morales, Mary Ellen Morgan, Jane Reldan, Bill Robins, Kent Trego.

**Members Absent:** Mary Coakley-Munk, Ann Dynes, Ken Hunrichs, Marie Hunrichs, Mariliers Schoepflin.

**Guests, signed-in:** Tom Brady, John Shannon, Ed Comartin, David Pierce, Doug Burleigh, Cindy Greatrex, John Leek, Julian Grainger, Cynthia Chassen, David Talcott, Paul Vickrey, Nick LeBeouf, Travis Winger - La Jolla Music Society, Kira Finkenberg - S D Sports Medicine Foundation, Ashley Mackin - La Jolla Light, Dan Daneri - City of San Diego, Park & Rec, Rich Belesky - City of San Diego, Park & Rec, Guests, noted in attendance: Dan Simonelli - L J Cove Swim Club, Justin Garver - Council Representative for Sheri Lightner, City Council First District.

2. **The agenda** was approved, motion by Jane Reldan, seconded by Sally Miller, passed by unanimous voice vote.
3. Dan Allen introduced **new member Nancy Linck** who replaces Ester Viti, who passed away. Jane Reldan asked that LJP&B observe a moment of silence in honor of Ester Viti.
4. **Public Comment:**
  - **Dave Talcott** and **Cynthia Chassen** spoke about trash accumulation and apparent drug usage coincident with large off-hours crowds at Marine Street beach. Gatherings seem to be organized through Facebook.
  - **Melinda Merryweather** suggested a program of “adopt a view” for Torrey Pines Road where visual obstructions are being removed. The program would be funded by commercial landscapers.
5. **New Business:** Scripps Park Use
  - a. **La Jolla Music Society SummerFest** – Travis Winger presented the plan, which will be essentially as in prior years. They will use approximately 60% of the Park. The event will be a free concert 5 August.
  - b. **Taste of the Cove** – Kira Finkenberg presented for San Diego Sports Medicine Foundation. The event will be 27 August. They will use approximately 30% of the Park.
6. **Minutes:** There was no report from the Secretary.
7. **Treasurer’s Report** for month of March; motion to accept by Mary Ellen Morgan, seconded by Phyllis Minick, passed by unanimous voice vote.
8. **President’s Report:** No significant issues.
9. **Committee Reports:**

Status reports were given on **Children's Pool Walkway Beautification**, Phyllis Minick, **La Jolla Cove Pavilion**, Judy Halter, **Whale View Point Shoreline Enhancement**, Rebecca Morales, **Signs**, Bill Robbins, and **Marine Protection Areas**, Debbie Beacham. The committee on **Exchange Place Reservoir** has not yet met.

#### 10. **Old Business:**

**Priorities for City of San Diego operating budget for FY2016.** This is continued from January. Resolved as follows, moved by Melinda Merryweather, seconded by Kent Trego, passed by unanimous voice vote.

We ask for more staff, services, supplies and support for shoreline and beach community parks. Priorities would be as follows:

- Review and enhance trash collection in heavily used parks and beaches,
- Trim growth and pick up trash in parks and roadside right-of-way, including trails in open space parks, beach accesses and view corridors,
- Enhanced rodent control to preserve shoreline bluffs and slopes.

#### 11. **New Business, continued:**

##### a. **More Trash Receptacles at Parks & Beaches**

It was noted that this is included in the operating budget priorities (Item 10, above). Gull-proof containers are essential. Resolved:

Increased use of all La Jolla parks and beaches is causing a significant trash problem. Locations where trashcans are overflowing are the foot of Marine Street, Sea Lane and Vista de la Playa. The problem persists to some degree at all shore-line parks and beaches. We request more and better trash receptacles. Present ones are too few and inadequate to resist seagull attack. Motion by, Debbie Beacham, seconded by Kent Trego.

The above position was voted unanimously.

##### b. **Sea Lions at La Jolla Cove**

Issues of stench and conflict with shoreline park use. Moved to request:

1. Installation of some form of gate mechanism or other temporary barrier on the stairway leading to/from La Jolla Cove Beach to prevent sea lions moving off the beach.
2. Regular cleanup of sea lion feces from the stairs, deck and walkway areas.
3. City institute a program of beach inspection and sand cleaning at La Jolla Cove.
4. For protection of Cove Beach users and to relieve lifeguards of diversions from their prime duties, seek means of sea lion behavior modification to deter human-sea lion conflict on the sand. This would include implementation of measures identified in Section 109(h) of the Marine Mammal Protection Act Guidelines.

And ask that we have the City's response to the above for our 18 May meeting.

In addition based upon information and discussion at the La Jolla Town Council's Forum on Sea Lions at the La Jolla Cove on April 9, we request that several suggestions from the Forum be pursued:

5. Along the rocks and bluffs east of the Cove Beach where sea lions congregate, install a temporary long-shore low stand-off to limit as much as possible sea lions climbing up to the levels that are normally dry. This would address their deposition of feces on the areas where sea water action does not provide any natural washing.
6. Continue the regular application along the rocks and bluffs of the approved cleaning agents and manual brushing that has been periodically used by City contractor to reduce the stench.
7. Initiate the state and federal permit processes to allow use of water spray (sea water or fresh water, where appropriate replicating the natural process) on the bluffs and rocks on an as-need basis to prevent build-up of stench-causing sea lion and seabird feces.

Lastly LJP&B would iterate our request of March 5, 2014:

8. We support the proposal that the City perform a coastal environmental assessment, with biological experts including NOAA experts, potentially leading to a comprehensive shoreline wildlife management plan. Such a study should yield explanation of the present abnormal sea lion and seabird population levels and behaviors, give a prediction of how the situation will play out and provide a basis for instituting remedial actions if called-for.

The above eight items were passed by unanimous vote.

c. **Children's Pool Rope**

Whether to address Coastal Commission on City's permit renewal. Moved by Judy Halter and seconded by Nancy Linck to write in opposition. Passed by vote of 10-2-1.

d. **LJP&B Meeting Location and Time for Remainder of 2015**

A consensus was to make no changes, voted 13-0-1.

12. **Next Regular Meeting:** 18 May at 4 PM, La Jolla Recreation Center.