

La Jolla Recreation Center Community Group  
La Jolla Recreation Center, 615 Prospect Street, La Jolla, CA 92037

**MINUTES**  
**December 9, 2020**

**Call to Order:** Coakley Munk, 5:05 p.m.

**Present:** Jill Peters, Jan Harris, Mary Coakley Munk, Alexis Mccandless, Gail Forbes, Lizzet Fitz Cluster, Pat Miller

**Absent:** Alan Dulgeroff, Don Goertz

**Staff:** Rosalia Castruita, Jesse DeLille, Brittany Mitchell

**Guests:** Elizabeth Frausto, Barbara Bry, Steven Hadley, Jennifer Phelps, Trace Wilson, Diane Kane, Tom Grunow, Dan Mccandless

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve October 28 minutes: Motion--Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup>-- Peters. Unanimous approval.

**Non-Agenda Public Comment:** None.

**Request for Items to be Placed on Consent Agenda:** None.

**Request for Continuance:** None.

**Committee Reports:** None.

**Council District 1 Report:**

Bry—This is her last day in office as SD Council District 1 representative. Several LJRCG members expressed their pleasure that Bry chose to spend part of her last evening in office at our meeting. She reminded us that she has lived in La Jolla since 1983, and her kids and grandkids have all enjoyed the Rec Center. She is appreciative of our work, and she looks forward to seeing all of us out in the community.

Wilson—He expressed thanks for her service and he looks forward to moving ahead with the plans for renovation of the Rec Center building and grounds.

Munk—Pleased that Steven Hadley, an aid to Bry, is staying on with Bry's successor—Joe LaCava. He is very helpful in smoothing the way for desired changes.

Hadley—He knows that Bry considers community service to be important, and that she has cared about what members involved in community service are doing. Hadley also mentioned

that shades on some of the outdoor playground and tennis court lights have been adjusted in response to complaints from La Jolla neighbors who are bothered by the brightness of these night lights. There is a compromise between what is safe for recreational activities, and the level of darkness that neighbors want.

#### **Chairperson's Report:**

\*\*\*Bocce Ball—Coakley Munk is hoping that the temporary court will be installed soon along the Draper Ave side of the front yard.

\*\*\*Thanks to Ann Kerr and the committee that organized the La Jolla Christmas Parade on December 6. At least 250 kids saw Santa (socially distanced, of course), and the parade was “reverse”—floats were stationary and spectators drove by.

#### **Board Member Comment:**

Peters—Las Patronas found a bocce ball set as they were cleaning out their storage area. They are donating it to the Rec Center.

#### **Parks and Recreation Staff Reports:**

Rosalia Castruita:

\*\*\*She is pleased that Barbara Bry is spending her last evening with us.

\*\*\*Closing/opening of the Rec Center has been changing quite a lot in the last few days due to COVID regulations, sometimes hourly. Bry said that the Governor has reversed his decision to close playgrounds, and they now can legally be open.

\*\*\*Christmas lighting at the Rec Center will be on until early January.

\*\*\*Bocce Ball: Munk asked Castruita about the outcome of the meeting between the irrigation specialist and the landscape people. Castruita said that they now know what needs to be done regarding changes in irrigation to accommodate the bocce ball court. This must be put in writing and submitted with the rest of the paperwork concerning the right of entry request to do the work of installing the court.

Jesse DeLille:

\*\*\*The holiday event with Santa was cancelled due to the new COVID guidelines from the Governor and the City.

\*\*\*Pickle Ball—people are still coming to play, especially in the morning. There were 3 groups there today. They bring their own nets and other equipment.

\*\*\*Finances—Since the last report, the Rec Center made \$1270, and spent \$1052, with a net gain of \$218. The total in the budget is now \$29,405.90.

Brittany Mitchell:

\*\*\*She is the new assistant director at the LJ Rec Center. Castruita added that Mitchell has been requested by other recreation locations around the City, so Castruita feels fortunate that she was assigned to LJ Rec Center.

\*\*\*Virtual Gingerbread House Class—This is still a “go.” Mitchell will be leading the class, and it is recommended that participants purchase a “Signature Select” gingerbread house kit.

**Information Items:** None.

**Action Items:**

- (1) LRCCG officer elections. The City will be issuing instructions on voting for officers in January. Forbes said that our by-laws state that the votes must be in writing (that is hard to do in COVID zoom meetings). Forbes added that we could temporarily suspend Part 7, Sec. 2C of our by-laws, and follow the City’s instructions when issued in January. (NOTE: Earlier in the meeting we voted on the following motion: Moved to defer the elections until the next meeting: moved—Peters, 2<sup>nd</sup>—Miller. Passed unanimously.) It was moved that we temporarily suspend Part 7, Sec. 2C of our by-laws, and follow the City instructions for voting after they are issued in January,. Moved—Forbes; 2<sup>nd</sup>—Peters. Passed unanimously.
- (2) Visioning Committee Conceptual Plan. Kane presented a brief history of the cultural zone and the Rec Center/Playground (including changes to the Rec Center/Playground since they were built in 1914). Wilson presented the conceptual plans for renovations of the playground and rec center building developed by the Visioning Committee over the past 3 years. The plans recognize the history of the building/playground while making them more useful for today’s needs. Phelps discussed landscaping plans, focusing on aesthetic, shade, and educational elements. Hadley suggested that an area be reserved to showcase “new and creative equipment” for perhaps 6-12 months. This would be a “pop up” creative recreational space that would be ever-changing. Coakley Munk likes the idea, but added that new things would be expensive to install. Others suggested that there might be ways to address this expense. It was moved to approve the conceptual plans presented today, including additional diagonal parking on Prospect Street and the vacation of Cuvier Street between the Rec Center and Bishops School. Moved Harris, 2<sup>nd</sup> Miller. Unanimous approval.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

