



La Jolla Community Planning Association

Regular Meetings: 1st Thursday of the Month | La Jolla Recreation Center, 615 Prospect Street

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LA JOLLA COMMUNITY PLANNING ASSOCIATION MINUTES JUNE 2017

1.0 Boyden presided in the absence of President Greatrex. The meeting was called to order at 6:08 PM. A quorum was established of 14 members including the chairperson. Present were: Rasmussen (acting as recording secretary), Boyden (acting as president), Steck, Courtney, Merten, Ahern, Emerson, Costello, Little, Brady, Gordon, Weiss, Will and Shannon. Absent: Greatrex, Donovan, Palmer and Collins.

2.0 **Adopt the Agenda (voting line item 1): Motion to Adopt the Agenda. Emerson/Palmer APPROVED 10-0-1.**

3.0 Adoption/Correction of May Minutes: The May Minutes were not submitted timely enough for the trustees to review them prior to the meeting. Motion to approve/disapprove will be made at the next meeting.

4.0 Elected Officials Reports:

Mauricio Medina for 1st District Councilwoman Barbara Bry stated there were no newsletters available and that his email address in the Agenda is incorrect: It is mauriciom@sandiego.gov.

No other Official Reports were presented.

5.0 President's Report:

5.1 ACTION ITEM: 2017-18 LJCPA Committee Appointment Ratifications:

La Jolla Shores Permit Review Committee: Myrna Naegle, Bob Steck and Tony Cristafi.

Coastal Development Permit Review Committee: Mike Costello, Bob Collins, Jim Ragsdale, Brian Will and Beth Gaentzle.

Planned District Ordinance Committee: Gail Forbes, Peter Ovanessoff.

Traffic & Transportation Committee: Dave Abrams, Tom Brady.

Motion to approve LJCPA appointees (voting line item 2) made by Weiss/Emerson APPROVED 11-1-1.

The La Jolla Shores Association Appointees to the LJCPA Committees (no approval required) are:

La Jolla Shores Permit Review Committee: Dave Gordon, Janie Emerson and Angie Priesendorfer (note: 2 others will be appointed at the LJSA June meeting).

Traffic & Transportation Committee: Brian Early, Daryl Tschirn.

5.2 ACTION ITEM (voting line item 3): Extending the sound wall along LJ Parkway, south side:

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This was an action item from last month. Mark Pretorius sent an email with associated supporting materials to the LJCPA on May 23, requesting 4 things: 1) That the City perform updated engineering, traffic and noise studies; 2) That the City perform a feasibility study on extending the existing sound wall east of Hidden Valley Road; 3) That the City better enforce the speed limit and conduct a risk analysis of traffic on La Jolla Parkway; 4) That the City determine why “La Jolla Parkway” does not exist in the La Jolla General Plan nor on the California Department of Transportation list of streets.

Unfortunately, Mr. Pretorius’ email (and associated materials) was not circulated to the trustees in a timely fashion.

Motion to defer this action item to obtain a presentation by the City on the sound wall and to distribute Mr. Pretorius’ complete packet to the trustees in time for review for consideration at the next meeting. Emerson/Courtney APPROVED 12-1.

5.3 ACTION ITEM (voting line item 4): Request City to Regularly trim vines and trees on the fences and on City property on the slope of the fences on the north side of Torrey Pines Road:

From last month’s vote, this is an action item. Melinda Merryweather presented at both meetings, requesting that the LJCPA: 1) Ask the City to trim trees and vines on City property to 4’; 2) Ask the City to keep the Charlotte Street Right of Way (a paper street 50’ wide, between Princess St and Coast Walk) trimmed to sidewalk level; 3) Ask the City to remove plywood placed on the gate near Prospect St.

Melinda believes homeowners have planted vegetation on the slope on City ROW after the fence was trimmed some years ago, to open views from vehicular and pedestrian traffic to the ocean.

Michael Pallamary presented on behalf of adjacent property owners. He stated he did engineering work in this area and that the City installed retaining walls to stabilize the hillside and that the vegetation helps stabilize the soil.

Motion to ask the City to trim trees and vines on City property to 4’, to keep the Charlotte Street ROW trimmed to sidewalk level and to lower the plywood on the gate to the 4’ level of the fence. Ahern/Will APPROVED 7-6-1 (the Chair declined to vote).

5.4 ACTION ITEM (voting line item 5): Climate Action Campaign, Community Choice Energy Proposal:

Bill Powers made a presentation requesting the LJCPA endorse the City of San Diego becoming a “community choice energy provider,” which means that the City utilize only “clean energy” (that generated without environmentally harmful emissions) that will then be provided to consumers by the City. This allows the City to compete on behalf of consumers for lower rates and emissions, rather than from the sole source of SDG&E. Consumers are still free to “opt out” and purchase their energy from SDG&E or other suppliers.

Motion to support the City of San Diego to become a “community choice energy provider.” Weiss/Brady APPROVED 8-5.

5.5 ACTION ITEM (voting line item 6): LJCPA Rotating Minutes:

Costello provided “some options” for consideration by Trustees to allow the secretary to 1) delegate minutes-taking on a rotating system among trustees alphabetically, 2) pay someone, or 3) radically change our procedure to a) shorten the content of the minutes or b) use a digitized recorder to produce written content. It was suggested that 2) cannot be done under our charter and that 3) is costly and fraught with errors.

Will offered to take the minutes at the July meeting. **Motion to postpone discussion of a better plan until the July meeting. Ahern/Will APPROVED 11-2.**

Continuing with the President's Report: The acting chair noted this is Greatrex's third missed meetings, for personal reasons, so under the bylaws she is disqualified as a trustee and as president. She could be re-elected, but would be termed out in July, 2018. Other officers also have personal limitations, but they will work out a means to lead the July meeting. Weiss pointed out that Council Policy 600-24 is less strict on excused absences than our bylaws and suggested changing the bylaws. Courtney suggested changing the bylaws is a difficult process requiring a 2/3 vote and then approval by the City. Regardless, a special election will need to be held to elect a trustee, and then the trustees will elect a President.

6.0 Non-Agenda Public Comment:

A. Bob Whitney asked about the Membership Committee; per Article 6, section 3, paragraph 2b (page 13): 4-7 members are to be on this committee, it shall meet quarterly and the secretary is responsible for correspondence and attendance records. Acting Chair Boyden stated that secretarial duties can be assigned. She also stated that the officers will work on forming a Membership Committee.

B. Mark Pretoris asked how to get information to the trustees, to avoid a situation like 5.2. He was advised that printed materials can be sent to PO Box 889, La Jolla CAA 92038. He did that. The Acting Chair apologized for the circumstances that led to the delay of agenda item 5.2.

C. Gail Forbes expressed concern that the LJCPA has allowed the lapse of the, the lapse of the membership committee and the lapse of the secretarial duty of taking minutes each month.

7.0 Non-Agenda Trustee Comment:

A. Costello indicated the Blue Heron project was approved by a hearing officer despite disapproval by the DPR and LJCPA. Neighbors want the CPA to pursue an appeal. The CPA bylaws provide it is the duty of the CPA to file this appeal and the 10 day window to file this appeal started yesterday. Costello will prepare the appeal.

B. Courtney expressed concern that the LJCPA has problems with illnesses and other issues that keep us volunteers from fulfilling some commitments.

C. Merten requested that the draft agenda be provided earlier; since we are posting them on the City's website, yet that first posting occurred only yesterday. He is concerned that the official, required postings of 72 hours prior to the meeting on the Rec Center bulletin board do not provide effective notice if the other means of notification are less or not working. The LJCPA website is not being maintained in order to provide "unofficial" notice; Greatrex was personally paying for someone to maintain the website, but the City disallowed this. The City does not require a website.

D. Ahern commented that the citizens' committee that is looking at alternatives to the "50% rule" of avoiding higher-level processes of building approvals in the Coastal Zone when homeowners agree to certain limits of residential expansion, is going to be coming out with recommendations.

8.0 Officers' Reports (given previously in the meeting):

8.1 Treasurer's Report: The treasurer noted receipts, expenses and bank balance.

8.2 Secretary's Report: The secretary was absent; Ahern read the guidelines regarding meeting attendance and membership requirements.

9.0 Reports from Ad Hoc and non-LJCPA Committees:

9.1. No one went to the Community Planners Committee.

9.2. The Coastal Access and Parking Board did not meet.

9.3. There are ongoing community presentations of the UCSD Long Range Development Plan.

10.0 Consent Agenda – **ACTION ITEMS (voting line item 7):**

No items on the consent agenda were pulled by trustees or members. Emerson pointed out that the motion stated in item 10.3 in the Agenda is incorrectly worded. The correct wording are 2 motions considered by the PRC, located at page 11 of the trustee packet (La Jolla Shores Permit Review Committee Minutes for May 23, 2017, item 7a: Shore House Restaurant-2nd review). Adopting that language, **Motion to approve the consent agenda. Emerson/Costello APPROVED 13-0.**

11.0 Calle Chiquita Residence 2326 Calle Chiquita – **ACTION ITEM (voting line item 8):**

This CDP and SDP item to demolish an existing residence and construct a new two-story over basement/garage was recommended for approval by the PRC. Merten pulled it last month for further discussion. Neighbor Christa McReynolds expressed concerns over the impact of this expansion on her privacy. Architect Laura DuCharme Conboy made a presentation concerning mitigation of neighbor's concerns, particularly with respect to the new swimming pool and slope between the houses. Merten expressed that the La Jolla Shores Planned District Ordinance is different than the PDO covering the rest of La Jolla, in that it requires design in context with neighboring structures. What is the "vicinity" under the LJSPDO is the question. Merten felt that this structure is too close to the neighbor's. Other trustees and members asked questions which the architect addressed. **Motion to support the PDO's recommendation to approve the project. Steck/Ahern 8-3.**

12.0 Selection of the July LJCPA Minutes-Taker was handled previously; Will will do it.

13.0 Adjournment. The next meeting will be July 6, 2017, 6 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Glen Rasmussen acting recording secretary.

**LA JOLLA COMMUNITY PLANNING ASSOCIATION
MAY 2017 MINUTES**

1.0 Boyden presided in the absence of President Greatrex. A quorum was established of 16 members. Present were: Rasmussen (acting as recording secretary), Boyden (acting as president), Steck, Donovan, Courtney, Merten, Ahern, Emerson, Collins, Costello, Little, Palmer, Brady, Gordon, Weiss and Shannon. Absent: Greatrex, Will.

2.0 a (voting line item 1). Motion to Adopt the Agenda modified to make item 6.5 an action item Emerson/Gordon 9-5 not passed (a 2/3 vote is required to adopt as an agenda item a matter not posted on the agenda, per City Planning Department Official Marlon Pangilinan).

b(2). Motion to Adopt the Agenda absent item 6.5 Donovan/Merten 5-7-2, not passed.

c(3). Motion to Reconsider Adopting the Agenda including 6.5 as an action item _____/Emerson 12-2-1 passed.

d(4). Motion to make 6.5 an action item Emerson/Donovan 9-6, not passed (2/3 vote required).

e(5). Motion to Adopt the Agenda as printed _____/Donovan 12-3 passed.

3.0 Adoption/Correction of April Minutes: Remove Ragsdale as a Trustee. Weiss was not present. Motion to Approve Minutes as corrected Steck/Palmer 13-1, passed.

4.0 Officers' Reports

4.1 Treasurer's Report (Emerson) submitted. Ending balance \$767.17. No vote.

4.2 Secretary's Report (Ahern); summarized the bylaws as they affect membership and trustees. No vote.

5.0 Elected Officials:

1. Mauricio Medina for Councilwoman Barbara Bry: Q&A about 30' height limit and inquiry with City Attorney's office.

2. Javier for Assemblyman Todd Gloria: Presentation of pending legislation.

6.0 President's Report

6.1 Election of Officers. Discussion: Gail Forbes pointed out that the secretary is required to certify trustees' and members' addresses. The acting chairperson indicated says the President is supposed to do this. 600.24 requires this also. Donovan stated this was done prior to the March election. She alleged Greatrex is not a resident of La Jolla. The acting chairperson stated the bylaws do not require La Jolla residency to belong to the LJCPA nor to be elected a trustee. There was a discussion about postponing the election of officers but Marlon pointed out Robert's Rules required elections proceed and suggested if there is some doubt about eligibility, the election could begin, then be postponed. Weiss argued that there is no credible evidence a trustee is no longer residing in 92037 as required, that if this trustee is proven to be ineligible, removal is the option. There was a general consensus with this approach.

There was one person nominated for each officer position, and each was elected as follows:

(7) Greatrex as President 12 votes in favor, passed.

(8) Boyden as 1st Vice President 15 votes in favor, passed.

(9) Steck as 2d Vice President 14 votes in favor, passed.

(10) Donovan as Secretary (Note: Donovan agreed to be nominated as Secretary with conditions: She will resign unless the Trustees agree on a reliable method of rotating the task of taking and transcribing the minutes. She suggests an alphabetical rotation. She also agreed to be nominated if Boyden will maintain the membership records, and if all correspondence is performed by the President. 14 votes in favor, passed.

(11) Emerson as Treasurer 14 votes in favor, passed.

6.2 Ratification of Committee Appointments:

(12) Motion to continue this item Weiss/Emerson 15-0 passed because there was no list of appointments available. Little suggested the list of available positions be publicized to encourage public participation.

6.3 Marine Conservation Facility, UCSD (combined with Anu's UCSD long-range planning report from 9.3:

a. Announcement of public scoping meetings—long range planning.

b. Marine Conservation Facility presentation on changes to proposed facility upgrades after March LJCPA meeting. There were several expressions of concern regarding view impairment and facility recommendations (the shade structure). The UCSD office will erect story poles to illustrate building profiles.

6.4 Ardath Road Traffic Issues: Dr. Rayan Hourani, resident of Hidden Valley Rd made a presentation on traffic noise in his neighborhood and some history about the partial sound wall present.

(13) Motion to send a letter to the City in favor of extending the sound wall along the south side of LJ Parkway Little/Collins 8-8 (the chair voting to make a tie) not passed.

(14) Motion to invite appropriate City officials concerning the sound wall to a future LJCPA meeting for a presentation and then to place this item on a future agenda as an Action Item Donovan/Gordon 13-2 passed.

6.5 Tree Trimming at ROW/Charlotte Park; removal of plywood gate above Coast Walk (Melinda Merryweather, presenting). Along Torrey Pines Road east of Prospect, residents are planting trees public property below the sidewalk fence and the City is not maintaining plantings, which block views.

(15) Motion to place this as an Action Item on the June agenda Emerson/Gordon 14-0-1 passed.

6.6 Discussion on Policy regarding financial disclosure of private enterprises (for profit or non-profit) using public parks. Concerned trustees were encouraged to list issues and make a presentation.

7.0 Non-Agenda Public Comment:

a. Bob Whitney asked that a Membership Committee be formed per Bylaws Article 6, section 2 (Chair to appoint members).

b. Kim Whitney suggested that the LJCPA needs a full service secretary.

8.0 Non-Agenda Trustee Comment:

a. Shannon announced plans for a celebration of Walter Munk's 100th birthday.

b. Little: 1. Overheight buildings are being built in La Jolla; 2. Discussion on affordable housing.

c. Courtney: We need new people on the Board with fresh input.

d. Costello: The Hillel project (site 653) was unanimously approved by the Planning Commission and he encouraged attendance at the hearing at City Council because of the impact on the adjoining residents. Emerson added that the Planning Commission vote may not have been properly noticed.

e. Merten: [comments not recorded by the acting secretary]

9.0 Report of Ad Hoc and non-LJCPA Committees (information only)

9.1 Community Planners Committee – no report

9.2 Coastal Access and Parking Board – did not meet

9.3 UCSD Long Range Development Plan (see 6.3)

10.0 Consent Agenda (from subcommittees. "Pulling" an item means removing it from the consent agenda for full hearing next meeting. The trustee or member pulling the item must be present at the next meeting to state the reason for pulling the item).

10.1 Pulled by Merten due to split vote at subcommittee.

10.2 is the only item on the consent agenda.

(16) Motion to approve the consent agenda Emerson/Rasmussen 15-0 passed.

11.0 Spa La V presentation. The La Valencia Hotel's Mark DiBella et al made a presentation on this all-interior remodeling, which is located down the long steps on the north side, a historical building presently used as apartments. A deck will be added over the west-facing landscaped area. Heath Fox of LJ Historical Society affirmed the historic nature (not designation) of the building, which endorsed this adaptive re-use. There was a discussion about access.

(17) Motion to approve PDO subcommittee's recommendation of proposed remodel project Little/Brady 13-0-1, passed.

12.0 Conversion of time limit for parking spaces 7441 Girard Ave (in front of Waters Catering).

(18) Motion to approve T&T's recommendation to conversion of one 2-hour limited parking space to 15 minutes in front of 7441 Girard Ave, with a second parking space being converted only if an existing 15-minute space on this block is converted to two hour time limit Emerson/Gordon 13-0-1 passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Glen Rasmussen acting recording secretary.