

CITIZENS FOR SURFBOARDING

Minutes of Meeting

February 22, 1961

*Presented -  
City Council  
April 25, 1961  
10:55 am*

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Ron Church at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Church made it clear that this meeting was to establish a positive rather than a negative approach to the surfing issue. Mr. Church then introduced the members of the panel who were: Messrs. Andrew Jones, Jack Dows, Chuck O'Grady and Robert Maves. Mrs. Cobb, a Councilwoman was then introduced. Mrs. Cobb said she thought the group was putting forth a wonderful effort and she would do all she could to help the surfing cause. Mr. Jones then told about a 'phone call he made to Capt. Schlack explaining our new proposal. Capt. Schlack was agreeable to this proposal provided it would alleviate the congestion in his residential area. Mr. Jones then read and explained the new proposal. Mr. Church read a letter from a resident in the Bird Rock area which stated that he would hate to see the surfers banned from that location as they had provided he and his family and guests many hours of pleasure. Mr. Dows then showed the group a map of the La Jolla and pointed out fourteen areas that had been used in the past, and the two areas that would remain if the present proposal is passed.

Mr. Don Vynn then introduced himself and brought the group up to date on the recent actions of the City Council. He explained that certain other areas might be opened up in an amendment to the original proposal and also told of the proposed access roads and parking areas and the estimated time and cost involved in these matters.

Mr. O'Grady was then called upon to discuss rowdiness that is associated with surfing. He emphasized that this problem does not originate with the surfers in the water, but bystanders and onlookers who litter and trespass - so, surfer or not, all are considered as such in the eyes of the homeowner. It was stressed that <sup>they</sup> should police their own groups and make an effort to eliminate all trash in and around surfing areas.

Mr. Maves was then called upon to discuss the progress in the Ocean Beach area. He discussed the Citizen's for Surfboarding organization in order to show the surfing clubs that they were being backed by an adult organization.

Mr. Church then called on Mr. Ford of the La Jolla Town Council to review the ordinance and the proposed ordinance. At this point it was suggested that an amendment be added to the proposed ordinance which would temporarily alleviate the pressure in the Archer St. Area.

A representative of the Lifeguard Service was called on to discuss the number of swimming areas as compared to surfing areas and it was also pointed out by him how many rescues and assists had been made by surfers near swimming areas.



Mr. Ray Spencer of the Ocean Beach Town Council said he was for the surfing cause and has been doing all he can to help in his area. He also mentioned that the Pt. Loma Council was behind the group too.

The President of the Pt. Loma Surf Club was then called upon. He mentioned that 17 areas would be taken away if the present ordinance went through and that they had been accused of trespassing and showed on a map the areas that were being surfed and explained that there were access roads to nearly all of the areas.

Jerry Sterncourb of the La Jolla Surf Club was called upon to give the progress his club had made to help eliminate the problem at hand. He also said that the new proposed ordinance was ideal.

Mr. Church called upon anyone else who would like to speak to step forward. Dick Swan of the Pacific Beach Surf Club mentioned that they were doing their best to keep their members out of mischief by possible suspension from the club. A member of the Kala Kai, a junior surfing club, said that they were doing their best to keep the beaches clean and would fine any members who did not adhere to this rule.

Mr. Vynn (Aquatics Supervisor) again stated that he thought surfing was a very healthy sport and should be promoted, not curtailed.

Mr. Jones said that he hoped everyone would make an extreme effort to get petition signatures to show the Council that the citizens of San Diego finest aquatic sports and tourist attractions.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m. by the Chairman, Ron Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Allen  
Recording Secretary