

LA JOLLA SHORES ASSOCIATION (LJSA) Meeting Minutes January 14,2009

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 11 2009, 7 pm at Martin-Johnson House (Bldg T-29), Scripps Institution of Oceanography.
Present: Terry Winn-Kraszewski, Ruth Padgett, Darren Fulhorst, Dave Laney, Todd Lessor, Mary Coakley, Jim Heaton, Audrey Keane, Pat Nissan, Sharon Luscomb, Tim Lucas, John Metzger, Ed Furtek and Coco Tihanyi. Audience 7+.

A. POLICE UPDATE. Alan Alvarez provided an update on the Gate Closure at La Jolla Shores Kellogg Park. The spikes have been removed since they were not working. Police are not able to commit to closing the park every night during off-season, as they do not have the manpower. From May until Labor Day they will be able to assist with gate closure of the park. He said he would work with Mary and Jim to come up with some sort of consistency for handling the gate closure.

B. CHAIR Jim Heaton called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm;

a. **December minutes were not approved** and Sharon will make changes and send to the board for approval.

b. **Treasury**-As of the end of December, balance is \$2187.29. There were no payments this month. Discussion around the need to fundraise to be able to make second half of insurance payment and newsletter. John requested that we change our bank account to a Basic Business account.

Motion: Approved 13-0-0 to change the principle signer on the LJSA basic business checking account at San Diego National Bank from Sherri Lightner to James Heaton. Mary will be paid for her La Jolla Christmas Parade expenses. Two donations were turned in that will increase our account by \$70.00.

- c. **Alex Varon** discussed issue of missing trashcans along beaches at Marine Street. He informed us that the city has made a budget cut and that is why they are not picking up the trashcans. He requested residents and business's to take photos of trash in the street and send it to him. He needs to generate evidence that this cutback in trashcans and their pick-up are a real problem and then he can assist us.

It was also suggested to we look into creating some sort of coalition of all the various groups in La Jolla so that we can have a representative voice when we go to City Council with our various requests and issues. It is noted that Mission Bay has a representative at Parks and Recreation and that it would be desirable for La Jolla to also have this.

Lack of trash pick up is also affecting palm fronds piling up for both residents and businesses. The solution for now is to break them up and place in our regular trashcans. It was suggested that an article in the local La Jolla newspapers also address this issue so that all residents will know how to handle this situation

Alex will do some research on original PDO documents as it relates to the shores, so as to have clarity on whether the city should recognize LJSA.

- d. **Chair Report**-Jim Heaton has asked that we create a quarterly newsletter and monthly agenda that goes out to all the residents in the Shores. It will be necessary for all the residents to take on more financial responsibilities in the future, as the city continues to do budget cutting. Fund raising will be necessary and our goal will be to make our community more self-sufficient.

Jim asked Alex to do some research and get clarity on care and maintenance of city trees on public land in front of

private resident's property, since the city is cutting back on services.

Goals of LJSA- "To protect the lifestyle and value of our community. "

- Jim hopes to have new Councilwoman, Sherri Lightner, meet with all five La Jolla groups.
- Quarterly newsletter
- New Web Site that will provide agendas, minutes of meetings and be a place for residents of the Shores to come to for local information.
- Mobilize, motivate and communicate to our communities those services that are being taken away.
- Assure that LJSA is recognized by the city.

C. Public Comment-

- Asked who has history of LJSA. Corresponding Secretary only has the last few Years of records.
- CPA election coming in March. Greg Salmon will be running. Requests were made for all to join and attend February meeting, in order to be eligible to vote in March.

D. UCSD UPDATE. Milt Phegley was not in attendance Ed Furtek said that there were no new updates for the community groups report for January 2009.

E. Election of Officers-

Jim Heaton-President
Joe Dicks-Vice President
Pat Nissan-Secretary
Todd Lessor-Corresponding Secretary
John Metzger-Treasurer

Motion to accept slate of officers as presented unanimous-13-0-0

Still one spot on our board and board was instructed to bring candidates forward to next meeting.

F. COMMITTEES.

1. Land Use-Tim Lucas-Discussion of review of the PDO and what “review minor in scope” actually means. The La Jolla Shores Permit Review Committee is working on creating a very specific definition of this term “review minor in scope” encompasses and shared the document they are working on for our review and feedback. Jim Heaton asked the board to review the document and said the board will discuss and vote by the next meeting.

Permit Review meeting is the last Tuesday of the month, January 27th at 4:00PM. Jim Heaton then asked for the updated version of the PDO document after the Permit Review Meeting

2. Traffic and Transportation-Todd Lessor-Signage change which will allow for a stop sign at Soledad Mountain Rd and Soledad Road.

Children’s School has changed to times of parking in front of school as it relates to all day parking and red zone parking.

3. Parks and Beaches-Mary Coakley- Playground equipment is ordered and they are working on the final details. Pictures were passed around of the playground and of the art that will be incorporated. The north end of the playground will have a life-size JJ the Whale (material is still being discussed). The Whale and Seawall project will occur after September. There will be a community build to install the playground sometime in April and before Memorial weekend.

We have an attorney who has volunteered to write a 501(c)(3) for Kellogg Park and will send it out to us for review.

Mary has written four other grants for the playground and Kellogg Park and hopes to have the 501(C)(3) established to maintain the playground.

Cliffridge Park bathrooms are almost complete.

RFP Process: Permits have been issued and many of the things that our community spent hours working on were considered. A long discussion of the RFP issues took place and ended with Jim Heaton asking the board to direct him to write a letter to the Mayor's office. Concern expressed about wholesale distribution from one company to another, in terms of time slots.

Motion Made by Todd Lessor to have James Heaton write a letter to the Mayor and discuss the lack of due process regarding the entire RFP process.

Motion was accepted 10-0-2 with two board members who are also business owners recusing themselves from the vote (Sharon Luscomb and John Metzger)

Jim asked the board to read and respond to his letter within 24 hours of receiving it.

4. Business Association-Pat Nissan- Spring Fling is in the works and the committee will meet next Monday to continue planning. Streetlights are out and need to be replaced. Concerns over poor lighting and pedestrian safety continue to be a concern for residents and business owners.

Continued discussion on this group creating a sign for La Jolla Shores at the corner of Avenida Playa and La Jolla Shores Drive, so that people can more easily find the shores shops and beaches.

G. Seal Watch Presentation- Dorota Valli and Christina Tacoronti made a presentation to protect the seals. The city has been ordered to dredge and excavate the sand from the Children's Beach/Seal Beach and they want to save the city money and keep the seals put. They are asking for the board's support in releasing the city from this and allowing the seals and children to share the beach. Issues over legality were discussed and it was decided that the board was not able to vote on this issue since no notice was given. The board will look further into this issue and address this down the road. They submitted a letter entitled: **RE: Amending the 1931 Tidelands Grant-Support**

H. Goals for 2009-

- Monthly Mailer via email tied into our new website, which Todd Lessor is creating.
- Create newsletter with our agenda and be able to store on our website. Talk to Dan G. about having the website transfer going.
- Capture all email addresses of residents in the Shores and illuminate to them that all residents are automatically members of the LJSA.
- Electronic voting
- Greater awareness of who and what the LJSA is
- More active attendance at the LJSA meetings
- Address security at Kellogg Park and other areas in LJSA.

Motion to Adjourn at 9:50PM .Unanimously accepted 13-0-0.

Next Meeting February 11th at 7:00PM

Minutes prepared by Pat Nissan