

La Jolla Community Planning Association

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Annual & Trustee Meeting Final Minutes

3 March 2022, 6pm

President: Diane Kane

1st Vice President: Greg Jackson

2nd Vice President: Brian Will

Secretary: Suzanne Weissman

Treasurer: Larry Davidson

Regular Monthly Meetings: 1st Thursday, LJ Recreation Center, 615 Prospect St
(In accordance with AB361, meetings are being held online during the California public health emergency)

Links for Registration and Materials pages can be found at <https://lajollacpa.org/2022-agendas-minutes/>

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The public is encouraged to participate in Committee/Board meetings before LJCPA discussion:

PDO – Planned District Ordinance Committee, Chair Deborah Marengo, 2nd Monday, 4:00 pm

DPR – Development Permit Review Committee, Chair Brian Will, 2nd & 3rd Tuesday, 4:00 pm

PRC – La Jolla Shores Permit Review Committee, Chair Andy Fotsch, 3rd Monday, 4:00 pm

T&T – Traffic & Transportation Board, Chair Brian Earley, 3rd Wednesday, 4:00 pm

Annual Member Meeting

Quorum Present: 20% of 94 members confirmed.

1. Call to Order (6:00pm, ACTION items)

1.1. Approve Agenda (ACTION)

Motion: Approve agenda as presented (Boyden/Jackson) Vote: unanimous, Motion carries.

1.2. Approve Minutes (ACTION)

Motion: Approve Annual Meeting Minutes March, 2021 (Jackson/Boyden) Vote: unanimous, Motion carries.

2. Non-Agenda Public Comment (information only)

Items not on the agenda. 2 minutes or less. No votes or action.

None

3. Annual Report (ACTION)

Approve draft annual report.

No comments or objections. Report approved to submit to the City

Neil, Kane: thanks to secretary for preparing and keeping track of many things.

4. Election Committee Report (ACTION)

Emerson: Thanks to the Election Committee and all who helped count ballots:

Manno, Weissman, Davidson, Aprea, Dunbar Baranowski, Donovan, Pangilinan. 60 ballots were returned out of 94 sent, 3 were disqualified, total counted was 57.

Boyden, 41, Costello, Barancchini, 38, Terry, Brady, Fremdling, 36 each, Kriedeman,

33, 5 write ins. New trustees will be Boyden, Costello, Barancchini, Terry, Brady, Fremdling. Shannon's term will be up in July making that seat up for election. Costello's term ends in December so that seat will be added to next year's ballot. There are 10 days to contest the election; if no objections the ballots will be destroyed.

Kane: Thanks to election committee for hard work under difficult circumstances; I urge everyone in the community to get involved with this organization. Many committee appointments will be available for anyone interested to get involved as we encourage diversity in the group. Thanks to retiring trustees who were termed out or declined to serve for their service to the community, Courtney, Ish, Neil.

I have tried to reach out to other organizations in La Jolla to work together and speak with unified voice. As representative for LJ in various City organizations I have heard frequently that La Jollans are old, privileged, wealthy and whiney. We are whiney because we contribute 20% of the City budget in our taxes and we are only 3% of the population. We are not getting respect or thanks for our contribution. We have looked at some of the infrastructure deficits and see that we are not getting our fair share of public resources. Our infrastructure is old; I hear from the community that they are dismayed that our community is in such poor disrepair. A committee was formed about 18 months ago to look at public right of way allocation to LJ. I have sent the following email to the Community Leaders: *"Please make space on your March agendas for a 20-minute presentation/discussion of the long-awaited draft Streetscape Enhancement Plan. This plan has been prepared by the ad hoc La Jolla Community Association Village Visioning Committee. This committee has been assessing how to improve traffic flow, parking availability, sidewalk comfort, street tree coordination and overall aesthetics of the Public Right of Way in LJ. The committee is excited to share its work with La Jollans. We would like your feedback and support for future capital improvement project priorities, grant funding, and future implementation. We have been advised to add this work to our Community Plan and are pursuing measures with City staff to do so. We are hoping to roll this out during March and anticipating it will be back to this body for approval in April and look forward to adding it to our community Plan as a gift to the community. I want to thank the members of the Visioning Committee who have been giving us pro bono expertise over the last year and half: Trace Wilson, Andy Fotsch, John Shannon, Patrick Ahern, Jodi Rudick, Brian Will. "*

We have taken this to Enhance La Jolla whom we hope will be a partner. We have also discussed it with our Councilmember, Joe LaCava, with our congressional representative, Scott Peters, and Senator Toni Atkins staff and are making arrangements to meet with Supervisor, Terra Lawson-Remer, and the Mayor. We are pursuing the political route to access some of the infrastructure funding from Washington and looking at other opportunities for funding. I want the members

know what we are doing regarding planning and improving LJ on your behalf. We appreciate your support and input.

5. Adjourn to next meeting: 6:27

2 March 2023

Regular Trustee Meeting

Quorum Present: Ahern, Boyden, Costello, Courtney, Hostomska, Ish, Jackson, Kane, Manno, Neil, Rasmussen, Rudick, Shannon, Steck, Weiss, Weissman. **Absent:** Davidson, Will.

1 Call to Order (6:27pm, ACTION items)

1.1, Approve Agenda (ACTION)

Motion: Approve agenda (Jackson/Steck) **Vote:** Unanimous, Motion carries.

1.2. Approve Minutes (ACTION)

Neil: add additional text under item 4.3 that 1851 Spindrifft was pulled by applicant after agenda was published. This will make the minutes clear when reviewing later.

Emerson: Applicant pulled this item in February to re-review in March.

Motion: Approve minutes as corrected (Neil/Boyden) **Vote:** Unanimous, Motion carries.

2. Non-Agenda Public Comment (information only)

Items not on the agenda. 2 minutes or less. No votes or action.

Carol Archibald: Regarding article in LJ Light and UT accusing Sierra Club Docents at Point La Jolla of yelling, grabbing and other incivilities. We never grabbed anyone in our role as docents and yell only regarding masks. Docents educate visitors to not get close to sea lions for their own safety as these animals can bite, lunge, and chase them; disturbing animals is against Marine Mammal Protection Act. We have concern for the safety of the sea lions as well. We do not want to police only to educate.

The City's Coastal Development Plan for the closure dates of the sea lion rookery from May 25 through Sept. 15, is not workable and does not meet the requirement and purpose of the closure to protect the sea lions, moms and pups, from human interactions and public safety. Typically, sea lion pupping season begins in early May and concludes in October. Closure dates must be based on scientific evidence from May 1 through Oct.31.

Robin Davidoff: This is the only sea lion rookery on the west coast of California and is unique wildlife experience for people coming to see the sea lions. Also park equity for people who can't afford to go to the Zoo. Great tourist attractions that generate revenue for LJ. There has been vandalism targeted to the sea lions and to our group. Signs have been ripped off and thrown into the marine preserve leaching chemicals,

signs have been stolen and replaced several times. Please ask our opposition to be civil.

Jim Fitzgerald: Thank you to Phil Merten for his persistent effort to hold the City accountable for enforcing the Municipal Code dealing with that project at 1011 Muirlands Vista Way. That structure should not be built, and we should be grateful for his efforts.

Carol Toye: Volunteer Docents are given training to encourage safe viewing by staying behind the City provided signs or on the sidewalks. On weekends there are 300 people per hour with few rangers present requiring crowd control which is not the job of the docents. We ask that you ask the City to assign rangers to the area. Too few rangers were allocated during last year's budget. This would avoid the confrontation that occurred last weekend and is in everyone's interest.

Phil Merten: The City refuses to enforce the Municipal Code regarding the building at 1011 Muirlands Vista Way.

Paul Emus: I am a member of the Sierra Club Photo section. I have been helping with my drone photos showing the seals to do a count. A photo was shown of Boomer Beach showing impossibility of sectioning off the beach for public on one side and seals on the other.

3. Consent Agenda (consolidated ACTION item)

The Consent Agenda enables LJCPA unanimously to ratify recommendations from joint Committees or Boards that findings CAN or CANNOT be made. Those recommendations become LJCPA's. The public may comment on consent items, but there is no presentation or debate. Anyone may request a consent item be pulled for full discussion by LJCPA at a subsequent meeting.

3.1. 7116 Vista del Mar (691944, Marengo)

(Process 2) Substantial Conformance Review for a modification to existing jacuzzi and landscape on a site with a two-story, 3,463 square-foot single family residence approve per CDP No. 6794 (PTS 4116). The site is located at 7116 Vista del Mar in the RS-1-7 zone, Coastal (Appealable) Overlay Zone, Coastal Height Limit, Sensitive Coastal Resources, in the La Jolla Community Plan. CD 1.

- **DPR 2/8: findings CAN be made, 5-0-1**

3.2. 5648 La Jolla Hermosa Av (696584, Leon)

(Process 2) Coastal Development Permit to maintain an unpermitted 511 square foot Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU), on a site with an existing 2,145 square foot single-family residence, located at 5648 La Jolla Hermosa Avenue. The 0.13-acre site is in the RS-1-7 and Coastal Overlay (Non-Appealable) zone within the La Jolla Community Plan area, in Council District 1.

- **DPR 2/8: findings CAN be made, 6-0-1**

3.3. 7104 Olivetas Av (696234, Paola)

(Process 2) Coastal Development Permit for demolition of existing residence and construction of a new 3,983 s.f. two-story single family residence, located at 7104 Olivetas Avenue. The 0.16-acre site is in the RS-1-7 and Coastal Overlay zone (Non-Appealable Area 2) within the La Jolla Community Plan area. Council District 1.

- **DPR 2/15: findings CAN be made, 5-0-1**

3.4. Street Closure Indian Wedding Procession (Jefferson) Pulled for full discussion at subsequent meeting.

Proposed for Monday, May 30th, the “Baraat” will be part of a cultural (Indian) wedding ceremony, the procession will start at the intersection of Coast Blvd. and Girard Ave. and will end at the main entrance of La Valencia Hotel (on Prospect St). Total event time is estimated at one (1) hour.

- **T&T 2/16: APPROVE, 8-0-0**

3.5. End of Summer Four Mile Run (Goodenough)

Proposed for Sunday, September 18th the annual race/walk event takes place along La Jolla Blvd. starting on Prospect ending in Pacific Beach. Benefitting San Diego public schools.

- **T&T 2/16: APPROVE, 8-0-0**

3.6. La Jolla Half Marathon (Calame)

Proposed for Saturday, April 16, 2022, Request for Temporary Street Closures and No Parking in conjunction with this annual race.

- **T&T 2/16: APPROVE, 8-0-0**

3.7. 1851 Spindrift (693529, Duke) Pulled by applicant for full discussion at subsequent meeting

(Process 3) Site Development Permit and Coastal Development Permit to demolish an existing 1,863-sf single family residence with garage and construct a two-story, 2,924-sf single family residence and 500-sf garage with 302-sf ADU above garage at 1851 Spindrift Drive. The 0.10-acre site is in the LJSPD-SF zone and the Coastal (App & Non-App) Overlay zone within the La Jolla Community Plan area, and Council District 1.

- **PRC 2/22: findings CAN be made, 4-1-1**

3.8. 2382 Via Capri Ct (647594, Diamond) Pulled for full discussion at subsequent meeting.

Combination building permit for a new two story single dwelling unit. LJSPD-SF. Costal: N-APP-2. Brush Management. Transit Priority Area. Geo Haz 22. Geologic Hazard Category 12. SD Unified. CDP# 1012109 SDP#1314584

- **PRC 2/22: findings CAN be made, 4-1-1**

Motion: Approve items 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.5, 3.6. (Jackson/Boyden) **Vote:** Unanimous, Motion carries

4. Elected Officials, Agencies & Other Entity Representatives

4.1. Council 1 (LaCava): Steve Hadley, 619-236-6611, srhadley@sandiego.gov

Hadley: Short term rental ordinance will be heard at Coastal Commission Wed. March 9, item 14F. Spaces as Places will be heard sometime in April. Vending Ordinance will be implemented outside of the Coastal Zone June 1. Added amendment by Joe LaCava was inclusion of Coast Blvd from Cuvier to Jenner as a year-round prohibited area and board walk at Scripps Park. We don't have a date for Coastal Commission hearing of this ordinance.

Kane: When will the recent amendment to the Municipal Code that adds the Citywide FAR provisions to the La Jolla SPDO take effect? Does the CC have to act on it?

Pangilinan: It won't go into effect until the CC certifies those amendments to the local coastal program. The planning dept staff is in process of submitting those amendments to the CC to approve. Inside the Coastal Zone the CC has jurisdiction.

Boyden: Part of the area covered by the LJSPDO is outside the Coastal Zone, i.e. La Jolla Shores Heights, so those amendments will take effect for a Site Development Permit that doesn't require a Coastal Development Permit.

Further discussion by Courtney, Neil, Emerson, Kane regarding the public process of submitting the amendment to City and the City's long and public process of noticing and vetting the code update amendments.

4.2. SD Mayor's Office (Gloria): Matt Griffith, 619-964-7748, griffithm@sandiego.gov Not present.

4.3. County 3 (Lawson-Remer): Spencer Katz, 858-289-9205, spencer.katz@sdcounty.ca.gov

Spencer Katz: 90 miles of new carpool lanes are now open on north and southbound on I5 from Carlsbad to Solana Beach. Construction on next stretch began in October continuing north from Palomar Airport Road to 78. The Supervisor is a big supporter of infrastructure projects that will reduce pollution and increase our quality of life. County supervisors voted unanimously to prohibit investments in the county in any corporation that engages in the production, drilling or refining of coal, petroleum or natural gasses to not support fossil fuel industries that profit from destroying our planet.

4.4. Assembly 78 (Ward): Rachel Granadino, 619-413-0674, rachel.granadino@asm.ca.gov not present

4.5. Senate 39 (Atkins): Cole Reed, 619-645-3133, cole.reed@sen.ca.gov

Cole Reed: SB 1041 was passed to make temporary tax exemptions for veterans permanent. This will benefit the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society that benefits veterans and military families. Budget items include SB 113 that provides 6.1 B toward relief to help small business recover from pandemic. SB114 expands State's Covid 19 sick leave. SB 115 provides \$1.9 B. to boost Covid 19 response needs including statewide testing and hospital and medical surgery infrastructure across the state.

4.6. SD Planning: Marlon Pangilinan, 619-235-5293, mpangilinan@sandiego.gov

Marlon Pangilinan: Regarding your question about the process for code update recommendations: we do screen the proposals based on insuring they are consistent with the City's climate action goals, equity, housing; that they are streamlining the permitting process; comply with state and Federal regs; they eliminate redundancies, barriers, and contradictions in the MC. The webpage shows the general process. Next there is vetting with stakeholders, then on to adoption process. If unaccepted, the proposer has the opportunity to meet with staff to discuss further. Regarding updating your plan, it seems the streetscape proposal is something many plans typically do support. If there is something technical, we can discuss this further, to see if it is necessary to amend the plan. You don't want to amend the plan if not necessary.

4.7. UCSD Planning: Anu Delouri, 858-610-0376, adelouri@ucsd.edu not present

Kane: At the Friends of Architecture event last Saturday, Jeff Graham gave a very interesting presentation about the future of the UCSD campus. The recording is on the Friends of Architecture website.

5. Local Project Reviews (action items as noted)

These may be *de novo* considerations. Actions by committees are listed for information only. Written comments can be submitted via the Materials & Comments page, link above. In general, applicants for each project have 10-15 minutes to present, an individual representing organized opponents (if there are such) has 10 minutes to respond, and members of the public have 15 minutes for 2-minute comments not already covered in presentations. Trustees then discuss the project for 20 minutes, at which point the President may call for motions and vote.

(none)

6. City/State/UCSD Project Reviews (action items as noted)

(none)

7. Policy Discussions, Reviews, & Recommendations (action items as noted)

7.1. Municipal Code Amendment Recommendations (Will) ACTION

Endorse two SDMC amendments proposed by DPR, one to limit "50% rule" exemptions from CDP requirements for property improvements, and the other to require geotechnical reports for proposed new basements.

Jackson: Shared screen showing and describing two proposed amendments that were submitted. We propose adding two provisions to SDMC §126.0704(a), one specifying that an “improvement” that increases the size of a structure beyond a certain limit requires a CDP, and the other that successive smaller “improvements” within a five-year period require full CDP review. The other is to ensure that there is appropriate geotechnical analysis of basements before they are approved. Expand §145.1803(a)(1) to include basements. Also specify that the geotechnical investigation required by §145.1803(a)(1) must result in a geotechnical report, as defined in §113.0103. (see Materials page for full text of proposals.)

Ish: There may be pushback on the 5 year time period. I encourage you to stand firm on this.

Merten: I suggest use term "gross floor area." The code doesn't define term "interior floor area."

Weiss: No sense in changing regulations if the City does not enforce them.

Kane: Does a Geotechnical report look at underground water flows? **Reply:** No provision for separate hydrology report; this is part of geotechnical in the code as it stands.

Ish: Does the definition of basements include underground garage or subterranean floor? **Reply:** it is adopting the definition of basement already in the code. I need to check.

Neil: A geotechnical investigation already increases the cost; city has a technical program in place that is not very good, but it will be hard to get this one in.

Merten: Basement is defined as a building space below grade. MC definition of Geotechnical investigation makes no reference to hydrology studies. You need to include hydrology or water flow as something to be addressed specifically in the report. **Reply:** we need to follow up.

Courtney: Basements are a way of cheating on FAR. This does not go far enough.

Motion: Endorse in concept these proposals (Weiss/Boyden) **Vote:** Unanimous: Motion carries.

7.2. Coast Walk (Fake)

Update on current and planned projects from Friends of Coast Walk.

Brenda Fake: Described the location of Coast Walk Trail and showed slides describing the updates to the trail in 2021 and those proposed for 2022.

- Repaired fence and view platform
- Replaced Torrey Pine Trees @ Goldfish Point and California Golden Poppy
- Repaired walking bridge railings (Troop #4 Eagle Scouts)
- Added natural water mitigation efforts below the bridge (check dams)
- Installed new post/chain for safety next to Coast Walk overlook
- Cleaned up excess dead vegetation and brush trimming from Cave Store to Torrey Pines Road
- Increased community engagement (Eagle Scouts, La Jolla High School) and continued with extensive social media efforts (La Jolla)

- Supported Fay Avenue Project in their effort to obtain an extended permit through project comparisons and helpful introductions.

Proposed for 2022:

- Native vegetation planting from Goldfish Point to TPR
- On-going invasive plant removal
- Complete 3 Eagle Scout Projects to finish the fence repairs @ Goldfish Point
- Slope repairs at the base of Prospect and on Coast Walk Trail across from 1535 (Recent D#1 budget request for slope repair-7981 Prospect)
- Continue with community outreach efforts (Bishop's, La Jolla High, and Eagle Scouts)
- Replace old signage with new and updated logo w/History Hike QR Code

Another slide provided thanks to all the people, volunteers, and community groups supporting Friends of Coast Walk, links to videos showing the transformations of Coast Walk, Facebook link and request for donations.

A video showing the improvements was also shown. (see Materials page for full presentation.)

Weiss: what about South American Palm Weevil that kills date palms? **Reply:** We can't touch them. City is doing nothing, and I post a warning about swings with weevils in the trees. We are working on it.

Kane: Thanks for all your work and I hope you will help us with social media.

8. Officer Reports (action items as noted)

8.1. President: no report

8.2. Secretary

Weissman: LJCPA is an organization open to La Jolla residents, property owners and local business and non-profit owners at least 18 years of age. Everyone is invited to attend and participate in the meetings. The La Jolla Community Planning Association welcomes the community to our public meetings and encourages expression and discussion of all viewpoints in our open forums.

I encourage everyone here tonight to sign up to give us a strong voice at city hall and show that you support the work of the Community Planning Groups. Please encourage your friends and neighbors to participate and attend meetings to let our City officials know that La Jolla residents support the La Jolla Community Planning Group.

For information on how to participate in this group, the application is on the Website – LaJollaCPA.org. Attendance & Membership. To be eligible to vote in the March 2, 2023, election you must have completed a membership application and attended one meeting between February 2022 and February 2023.

If you register and attend an online meeting your attendance will count towards your meeting attendance requirement.

Thank you.

8.3. Treasurer

Kane reported.

Beginning Balance as of Feb 1, 2022	\$ 796.23
Total Income	0.00
<u>Total (Expenses)</u>	<u>(320.00)</u>
Net Income/(Expenditure)	(320.00)
Ending Balance of Feb 28, 2022	\$ 476.23

Donations can be made by mailing a check made out to the LJCPA. Email the Treasurer via info@lajollacpa.org for instructions and address.

9. Reports from Standing, Ad Hoc, and Other Committees (information only)

9.1. Community Planning Committee (Neil)

Udate on CPG reform proposals:

Neil: CPC recommendations opposing the new draft of Council Policy 600-24 may not make a difference. The real issue is that this new draft would reduce the influence of CPGs and will not increase participation. My personal opinion is that the changes made by Mr. LaCava in Jan & Feb to the draft cannot be considered improvements. The fact that he is still revising tells me that he is trying to placate some of the requests from the CPC to get them to stop pestering council members. As I stated at CPC on February 22, the only way this change will not happen is if City Council does not vote to approve it. Dist. 2, 3, 9, are vocal at wanting the changes. LJCPA has no voice; our Council Member is not listening to the things we want addressed. The 5 remaining Council Members will have to oppose this to stop it. There is no doubt the Mayor will sign it if only to reduce the Planning Dept. budget. If adopted, it will be difficult to change it going forward. It is expected to be in place by the fall of 2022. LJCPA would need the following new documents:

- Bylaws, redo with major revisions to membership and elections - no attendance requirement to vote, no template provided for elections.
- Required operating procedures, we already do a lot of these but will need overhaul
- Possible template for ethical standards.
- Community participation and representation plan, template indicated but not provided yet.

Mr. LaCava indicated in January when asked what would happen if a planning group didn't seek recognition or was not certified, that the group would be merged with another CPG. We would lose our voice to Pacific Beach or Torrey Pines CPG.

I told the other groups at CPC to keep contacting your Council Member and letting them know you don't like these plans that are telling volunteers to do more work for less influence. I will stay involved.

Also, the city is collecting feedback on infrastructure repairs. There was a presentation at CPC by city staff about this feedback data. This is not for CIP priorities; this is a council policy revision to prioritize how the City looks at various recommendations. The City gathers input for CIP projects in a three-part process, first from community planning groups' listings, then Council Members list CIP priorities along with their budget priorities, then the City does a five year outlook and planning report showing needs, but not funding. Currently funding is prioritized based on Sandag census tracts, but now the City is trying to change that policy based on the Climate Equity Index. The result of this is that the communities south of I8 will get priority. Communities north of I8 are considered high economic opportunity areas and not prioritized. If you do this survey, please enter your zip code.

We were asked to advise newly elected trustees to take eCOW training. We were reminded for secretary to send new roster of trustees to Tony Kempton and Wally Wulfeck at CPC. Please email me if any questions.

10. Non-Agenda Trustee Comment (information only)

Opportunity for Trustees to comment on matters not on the agenda, 2 minutes or less. No votes or action unless properly noticed at least 72 hours in advance.

Weiss, Kane, Sally Miller, Jim Fitzgerald commended Ms. Neil for her valuable service.

Fitzgerald: What does recognition by City mean when the thrust of these proposals is to cut off any official connection with the city?

Hadley: I do present all these comments to the Council Member.

Further discussion about the motivation and negative effects of the Planning Group Reform proposals, the lack of participation in civic life, apathy and its effects on democracy.

Brady: Closing thought: please read Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address; you will all feel better.

Jackson: also book, Lincoln at Gettysburg which explains why that speech is so wonderful.

11. Adjourn to next LJCPA meeting, 8:38 pm

Regular meeting 7 April 2022, 6pm.

Prepared by:

Suzanne Weissman

LJCPA Secretary