

LA JOLLA TOWN COUNCIL MEETING January 11, 2018

Meeting was called to Order at 5:34 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Julio DeGuzman

Roll Call: Present: Kerr-Bache, DeGuzman, Forbes, Jones, C., Jones, R., McGowan, Murphy, Pitrofsky, Shannon, Zynda. Excused Absence: Haskins, Derschowitz, King, Von Buelow, De Riquer

President Kerr-Bache asked for a Moment of Silence and Remembrance for Deane Haskins, former President of La Jolla Town Council and the father of Trustee Steve Haskins. Deane Haskins service and participation in the community life of La Jolla were exemplary.

LJTC Crime Watch Committee Report from Cynthia Chasan & Catherine Douglas, Co-Chairs Cynthia presented a slide show and a handout. Statistics show diminution in Burglaries and assaults in 2017 = 102 and 78 respectively.

They also reported on the ongoing nuisance at Playa del Norte and Neptune Place including a harassment on Christmas Eve. The proposed removal of parking stanchions approved by the La Jolla Community Planning Assoc. has had a deleterious effect prior to the actual removal.

5:40 pm Review & Ratification of CPA Agenda Stanchions Issue:

A motion by the La Jolla Community Planning Association (LJCPA) to request the removal of the traffic stanchions and replace them with two parking spaces of 15 minute limits until 9 p.m. was approved at the LJCPA December meeting. The La Jolla Town Council did not meet in December and the Crime Watch committee takes up the complaints of the residents at this January meeting. The Committee presented photo documentation as well as anecdotal accounts of problems.

The Crime Watch committee maintains that the removal of the stanchions will re-establish a gang zone at the Playa del Norte corner. The LJCPA motion to establish a parking area will legalize a gathering area for criminal use. Despite opinions of the CPA trustees expressed at the Dec 2 meeting, the prohibition against parking after 9 p.m. will have little effect on the hangout area. Police enforcement is unlikely; many of the nuisance activities documented (drug deals, drinking, noise, garage and driveway skateboarding, trash, urination, harassment of residents) occur during the daylight hours. To date, no unofficial volunteers from Windansea Surf Club have been at the site to "police" the area, despite an offer to do so made at the La Jolla CPA meeting on Dec 2. There is some skepticism as to how effective such volunteers might be in view of documented incidents of harassment of residents.

The establishment of two 15 minute parking places to enhance the surf tradition of the Windansea area is unnecessary. Beach access and surf views are available 50 yards north of the intersection including 2 ADA spaces and 16 parking spaces. Surf reports are readily available on-line with surf views being streamed.

MOTION: Forbes/Murphy. To pull item 12. 0 "Bollards at the foot of Playa del Norte", received from the La Jolla Community Planning Association, December 2, 2017 minutes. Passed 8-0-1 (Shannon- CPA Board member).

MOTION: Forbes/ Pitrofsky The La Jolla Town Council recommends that the City of San Diego retain the stanchions (bollards) at Playa del Norte (unanimously approved by La Jolla Traffic and Transportation Board). Passed 8-0-1 (Shannon-CPA Board Member)

Approval of November 9, 2017 minutes: deferred to February

President's Report-

Sea Lions, Short Term Vacation Rentals Airplane Noise & FAA flight changes.

The City of San Diego continues the policy of protecting California sea lions. Sea Lion gates have been installed at the La Jolla Cove. The policy "move to exclude" duplicates the Seal policy, which has led to the closure of the Children's pool for six months of the year. The Mayor continues to ignore innovative solutions researched by LJTC with support from the La Jolla community and communicated to his office and to Park & Recreation Department..

Short Term Vacation Rentals. The La Jolla Town Council continues to consider the issue in co-operation w the Coalition of Town Council and maintains its interest in finding a solution. The City Council was unable to come to any conclusion after a lengthy meeting in December.

A report on Airplane Noise will be made in February.

Reports from Government Representatives:

State Senate District 39, Toni Atkins . Community Representative Chevelle Tate spoke.

(chevelle.tate@senate.ca.gov)

Toni Atkins is the elected President Pro Tem of the State Senate , taking office in March. Governor's budget has been proposed with increases in allocations for Education and a proposal to create the first ONLINE Community College. Transportation projects that will benefit from the \$4.6 Billion gas tax are online.

Scott Peters, US Congress 52nd District . Community Representative Kiera Galloway spoke (kiera.galloway@mail.house.gov). Congressman Peters has expressed opposition to the proposed Border Wall. Feb 23 from 10 A.m. to 11:30 A.m workshop in University City to prevent Scams and fraud. If you need assistance with Federal agency social Security, please call office. If you wish to obtain tour privileges for Washington DC please call office.

Chevelle presented each Trustee of the La Jolla Town Council with a certificate of "Special Congressional Recognition" ,in honor of the service to the community of La Jolla. Thanks for the recognition and appreciation were expressed by the trustees- a most pleasant surprise!

6:00 pm

Education Forum

Julio De Guzman, Moderator

Kevin Beiser, SD Unified School Board, President www.sandiegounified.org

Michael McQuarry, SD Unified School Board (former President)

La Jolla Education Cluster Principals:

Dr. Chuck Podhorsky, Principal La Jolla High

Donna Tripi, Principal La Jolla Elementary

Sarah Ott, Principal Torrey Pines Elementary

Harlan Klein, Principal Muirlands Middle

Amanda Hale, Principal Bird Rock Elementary was ill and did not appear.

John May, La Jolla Cluster representative

In extensive remarks to the La Jolla Town Council ,the Board members and the principals reassured the audience that La Jolla Schools are outperforming national statistics and are ranked in the top of the nation, the state, the county and the city. High School graduation rates are 92% compared to "like districts." S.D .City Schools are 4th in the nation. San Diego City School Board remains committed to small class sizes to retaining music and art classes, and to a good counsellor student ratio(400-1). San Diego County has ½ million students in 42 School districts. San Diego City Schools educate 100,000 students in 16 "clusters" .The SD Unified District schools have a vision to prepare all students for college. In the next year ,the Navy will transfer 300 ships to San Diego area and increase student load by an estimated 10,000 families. This and budget constraints are a concern and a challenge.

The Unified School district focuses on communicating "vertically" (between lower and higher grade levels) and "horizontally" , between schools and classes at the same grade level. The principals of the schools articulated the core mission of the La Jolla Cluster "to support students" and create successful learner outcomes.

La Jolla High has added a BioMedical Pathway and American Sign Language to the list of pursuits.

Muirlands Principal lauded the ability of his students, many are gifted or seminar. The students have participated in Robotics, Science Olympiad Math by the Sea. Like the high school support for student education and special educational needs is strong. Electives include : Latin, American Sign Language, Video production, Spanish Theater production , PE tennis archery art . Muirlands provides an authentic experience.

La Jolla Elementary(Principal Donna Tripi) has population of 550 students almost entirely local ,taught in 24 classrooms. English learning and transitional Kindergarten are additional elements of a strong curriculum at LJ Elementary. The school is committed to small class size and receives great support from teachers and parents. Fundraising is enhanced by the Weekly Farmer's Market . In 2017 LJ Elementary became a Blue Ribbon School. It too offers enhancements to the Core Curriculum.

Torrey Pines Elementary (Principal Sarah Ott) is a collaborative school ,working with the YMCA to enhance the learning experience and the after school student choices.

Proximity to the University of California, creates a diverse student body. Parents have high expectations for the students and Torrey Pines succeeds in meeting those expectations. It is a Blue Ribbon School and supports GATE program (gifted and talented education) and "Common Core and Beyond". Literacy and Mathematics are emphasized with the ability of

students to move vertically to achieve at the highest levels possible. With the YMCA so close swimming and gymnastics have been popular activities.

Questions from the audience . What is I-21 ? Answer :Innovations 21st Century - a code for the challenging efforts to bring new technologies and projects into the schools often using collaborative teaching and team consensus learning.

What are the funding levels at La Jolla Schools(Art and Wine Festival raises substantial amount)

LJ HIGH raises \$750,000 used for academics and athletics ; LJ Elementary =\$750,000 (½ from Farmer's Market); Muirlands Junior High= \$130,000; Torrey Pines Elementary= \$300,000.

The evening closed with thanks . The President expressed appreciation to all the Educators and parent volunteers that continue to emphasize, and succeed in the education of the children of the community. She asked the educators to please provide links for following the schools and their successes and issues. They will be posted on the La Jolla Town Council website. www.lajollatowncouncil.org The President also invited the Principals to submit reports-monthly quarterly or whatever best suits the format of the school year and hoped for a return at a future meeting for updates.

Meeting adjourned until February 8th, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Forbes

Secretary, La Jolla Town Council