

Minutes-La Jolla Town Council June 11, 2020 on Zoom due to COVID restrictions.

The meeting was called to order by President Ann Kerr Bache at 1150 Silverado St.

Present : Brennan, Chasan, Cole, Dershowitz, Forbes, Hammond, Hunt, Jones, C., Jones, R., McGowan, Petterson, Pitrofsky. Absent: King, E.

The President presented a recommendation from the Executive Committee to fill vacancies on the Board. Three candidates' names are: Tony Harris, Rick Dagon and James Rudolph. Per By-Laws of LJTC, they have all agreed to serve in writing and are members of LJTC.

MOTION: To approve the filling of vacancies by a vote, with a show of hands, to elect Tony Harris and Rick Dagon to the class of 2018 (ending 2021) and James Rudolph to the class of 2017 ending in 2020. PASSED Unanimously. The new trustees will be installed at 5:30 .

The President asked for ratification of the CPA consent agenda from April 2 and May 7. Slope stabilization at 7365 Remley ; Demo and construct at 5623 LJ Hermosa; Demo and construct at 2521 Calle del Oro; Construct & remodel 5911 La Mesa (lot line in canyon.) **MOTION:** to approve Consent Agenda: PASSED unanimously. Other items from CPA of interest: Reconsideration of 7595 Hillside. Tiny Houses-recommend conditions to mitigate impacts in SFR; form a new Committee to review Shores PDO; T & T diagonal parking on Herschel Ave.

Minutes of February 13th were approved as distributed electronically ,without objection.

New trustees Harris and Dagon joined the meeting in the Silverado conference center via Zoom.

At 5:21 p.m. the preliminary meeting was adjourned to 5:30 p.m.

The public and Community representatives joined via Zoom. Cody Petterson provided tech online.

The Public meeting of the La Jolla Town Council reconvened AT 5:30 p.m. The President welcomed all those gathered on line and begged their patience as we adjusted to meeting via Zoom. The President introduced and installed the three new trustees, administering the oath of office. She is hoping that the strengths of these three newcomers will bolster plans . Especially excited to describe plans to help restaurants and merchants with open streets. The idea would be to permit expanded space on protected rights of way to permit social distancing during trade hours. The streets would be designated and barricaded. Still in working mode; one issue is liability insurance. More to come

Master Plan for Parks & Recreation. The President asked Gail Forbes to report on the City of San Diego Master Plan for Parks and Recreation and the "Complete Communities" planning documents. The Park Master Plan has been submitted to the City Council. Parks and Beaches Committee of La Jolla has taken the lead on responding to the 180 page + document, the first revision in 40 years. The main thrust of the plan is to seek equity in the Park and Rec programs of the City. The plan compares San Diego to five other large cities as benchmarks. The City of Seattle has a park district funded and contiguous with its City Boundaries but operating on its own. That district has developed "Fix it First" which describes the function and goal, a very good idea. The new San Diego plan, if adopted, would develop a point system for evaluating parks (hopefully) without creating monotonous homogeneity. Iconic parks should retain their identity (like Chollas Lake for fishing) and neighborhood character like Barrio Logan. Coastline right of

ways (like Coast Walk) may be adopted as parkland instead of operating under Street Right of Ways. The Park Master Plan comes under a new Planning Department policy replacing the "City of Villages" concept.

Complete Communities www.completecommunitiesd.org is a new four part City policy that includes Park plans along with Housing (a 30 page ordinance) Mobility and Infrastructure. The Housing ordinance contains building incentives, many in the form of waivers and FAR formulas to help San Diego achieve housing goals. It does provide for transition zones (especially near freeways) and in some places permits 3 stories .It has not received adequate public review -possibly due to the COVID quarantine preventing the usual public meetings.

The President recognized City Councilperson District 1, Barbara Bry and asked for comment. Councilperson Bry suggested that a Land Use Committee could vet the document and that it should receive better promulgation when City Land Use and Neighborhood Committees reconvene. After a report to LJTC she will have to depart to appear at another meeting but rep Steve Hadley will remain.

The President recognized Peter Gotfredson, custom publisher, who will be creating Aspire, La Jolla , magazine. This publication aims to assist La Jolla businesses with quality marketing. It will offer a unique magazine offered at fair business rate. They hope to issue September edition. The Town Council co-operated in the formation of La Jolla Link. The Link has helped local merchants during the quarantine. It was well received.

Public Safety Committee. The President recognized Catharine Douglas, committee co-chair. Catharine reported that Police and Lifeguards are gearing up for summer. All beaches and parking lots are reopened. The SD Police Department will have summer 7day coverage, day and night. They have been working a 12 hour shift, with no days off during the days of protest. The Vice Unit will check on businesses to see that they comply with S.D. County Health orders. Crime suppression units are on regular duty. The Northern Division will facilitate traffic for the June 12 protest from LJ Cove to WindanSea. Incident on Girard received quick response.

The President recognized Aaron Brennan Anecdotaly, on beaches, the public is ignoring the 6 foot distance and mask wearing regulations. Many, many calls to the Fire Department have been related to COVID 19 illness and request for aid.

Both speakers asked that the community say thank you to frontline workers.

Community Representatives:

La Jolla Village Merchants Assoc- La JollaListens -Spokesperson Brett Murphy introduced a Diversity spokesperson ,Rehemma Ally-lifa. They outlined new efforts to implement changes, increase awareness about racial issues, and challenge our community to diversify.

City Council District 1, Barbara Bry, addressed the issue of Short Term Vacation Rentals (STVR) as she must depart early. She is committed to the enforcement of current Municipal Code, STVR are illegal in Single Family Residence Zone. Rental of housing can be conducted for less than 30 days. She is concerned that STVR platforms and their operators did not fully comply with Health restrictions from the County. The City Budget passed June 10th with a shortfall in revenue of \$350 million in the general fund. The total allocated for expenditure in the budget \$1.5 billion. She was able to help keep Core services: Library use at 7 days a week, 60 hours a week for Park & Rec, Tree trim, Lifeguard hours, Neighborhood Code enforcement. No new programs provided. The rent on Ash Street Building continues to drain city coffers at \$10

million. Councilperson Bry objected to an allocation of \$3 million to renovate the Mission Bay Golf Course. The course may be altered as part of the "Rewilding Mission Bay" park and restoration project. Her goal to reduce the cost of a bloated middle management was not supported by the action of the City council.

In response to questions:

- 1) She is aware of the hit-run accident at Barber Tract location.
- 2) The Real Estate Assets department is not acting to "Request a proposal" (RFP) for the Gliderport at Torrey Pines to obtain insurance waiver for liability. Hang gliding participants are asking for relief from and have complaints regarding an expensive monopolistic management.
- 3) State legislation now under consideration for increased urban density to meet state housing goals by adding units in residential zones takes away local land use control.. She is opposed to the usurpation. Senate Bill 1069 and Assembly Bill 68 are already enacted and made law. Tiny Homes permits are a part of increasing housing.
- 4) Currently there is no way to police such increased density to prevent them from becoming rentals, even in areas as heavily impacted by STVR as Barber Tract neighborhood. The Mayor refuses to enforce laws.
- 5) The Bathroom design at the Cove has suffered increased costs due to interrupted work process/partly COVID, partly seal birth season, partly summer moratorium. The lack of standardized features and the community driven, unique design happened before she could influence the process of approval. All 3 lifeguard towers in La Jolla have been very expensive.

Short Term Vacation Rentals- Ann Kerr Bache

As chair, Ann recounted the formation of the Community Task Force. She introduced other members: John Thickstun, Karl Rand, Chris Brewster, Gary Wanacott. She reiterated the committee's ideas that enforceable regulations would include: a permitting process, fees for license and permits, enforcement and a public notice on property with a 24 hour response. Over 16,000 apartments and residences have become short term rentals. This is a loss of long term housing for full time San Diego citizens. The President then truncated her remarks to recognize Ann Dynes.

La Jolla Parks and Beaches (P & B) committee Chair, Ann Dynes reported. The committee has been working hard to repair Coastal benches and to maintain and obtain trash receptacles for coast line parks and outlooks. The construction on the Cove Restroom has resumed. Given the picturesque nature of the Cove, no ordinary cookie cutter concrete bathroom would suffice to serve the Scripps Park and LJ Cove beach. Responding to a request for input on the Park Master Plan, P & B has sent a letter to the City with suggestions that coastline right of ways be incorporated into Park & Rec. They revised an original version, recanting a committee suggestion to revise the Community Plan.

La Jolla Municipal Assessment District (MAD). The President recognized Ed Witt. He has led MAD since October 2019 and has received good feedback about improvements made in both sections of the MAD. The MAD has been making the town cleaner and enjoyed support from citizens and merchants.

Returning to **STVR**: The issues are well presented on the La Jolla Town Council website www.lajollatowncouncil.org under the "Hot Topics" section. After initial success in trying to guide regulation, the initiative process, fostered by web platforms for STVR resulted in the rescission of proposed regulations. She reiterated and detailed the four point scheme to regulate STVR.

- 1) Enterprise fund from fees and permits
- 2) Enforcement starting with fines and ending with revocation of permission
- 3) % of home sharing in a community Gary Wanacott, Mission Beach Town Council spoke.
- 4) Information: Provided to renters, Posted contacts for complaints, Good Neighbor Policy

Wanacott - Political solution pending results in November .

Brewster- Neighborhood Focus imperfect solutions

Karl Rand - P.B. Planning ready to act after the Nov. City election

Mack Langston-Univ City newsletter is effective ask for enforcement /unchecked it will grow

Ann K B.- Visitors crowding into the neighborhood without any I. D. is a major difference with Hotel /hospitality industry - Do accommodations meet other safety codes, fire, building ?

John Thickstun-Save S D Neighborhoods with 3000 members who object to lack of enforcement. The loss of housing stock is a real cost to San Diego- city auditor totals 16K units in STVR especially concentrated in the coastal zone. Average cost to build SFR is \$500,000-do the math.

Comment Patti Davidson - Loss of low income and affordable housing as community is transformed by market rates of STVR

.Ann KB . You discover that there is an evolving policy as change in City government occurs.

Thickstun - Lack of enforcement by the Mayor. Great influence of money spent by industry to support initiative.

Question from Fox TXV rep Jackie Sarkissian regarding what streets might be set aside for the Explore/Restaurant expanded space for Covid adjustment. Is insurance the issue ? Unable to provide a good answer until there is more discussion and details of hours and streets developed. May be able to get more details settled in the next few weeks.

The President introduced Joe La Cava, candidate for election to District 1 in November.

Comments on STVR. He advocates for Neighborhood, enforcement.

Community Representative:

Scott Peters Congress 52nd District, Kiera Galloway. Last meeting as she departs for Tulane.

Has enjoyed serving La Jolla. Anthony Winn will continue to field questions for any issues.

Please reach out to Scott's office with comments.

County Supervisor, District 4, Nathan Fletcher, Emily Weir. As a spokesperson with Supervisor Greg Cox during the height (so far) of Covid 19, Mr.Fletcher's office has been very involved.

Pandemic still a reality . Maintain guidelines especially face masks. BE SAFE! Strategy to re-open fully contains safeguards should virulence of infection re-emerge. Triggers include 7 "community outbreaks" in 7 days; less than 20% ICU beds available, decrease in available PPE.

City Council District 1, Steve Hadley - present to assist and answer questions.

UCSD, Anu Dehlouri - yielded time-see below

State Assembly, 78th District, Todd Gloria. Matthew Gordon touched on frustrations of community in LJ and University City .Come to the table . Todd is listening. He has a Facebook page, please visit. Regarding complaints about law enforcement he has co-sponsored a bill, with Mike Gibson, to ban carotid hold in state. Endorsed vote by mail in event of Covid resurgence. Home meals to seniors extended to July 10th

State Senate District 39, Toni Atkins, (president pro tem) - Miller Saltzman rep. . The State Budget preserves vital services- to be submitted June 15th for approval. Seeking solutions to housing shortage- Senate Bill 1120 relating to Accessory Dwelling Units streamlines process for homeowners for duplex- design standards. Senator supports local solutions to STVR. Helping to fund COVID emergency allocations- \$7 million to convention center
Comment to Senator re: effects of Assembly Bill 5 passed and now affecting Independent Contractors. Many are harmed by the bill's constraints and a lack of permission to work freely. Complaints voiced vehemently at the LJTC Mayoral Forum.

UCSD - Anu Dehlouri- the UCSD website carries most information on UCSD. Monthly notices are available . <https://plandesignbuild.ucsd.edu>

COMMENTS from Public

Bill Todway -A Flower March scheduled by Helix High Senior /graduate to march from LJ Cove to WindanSea 1 p.m. To 3 p.m. Supported by LJ Village Merchants

Ernie Casco- La Jolla Torrey Piners Glider port- Problem with fees pilots vs City. Should be a recreational and allow Free Flight Waiver in the park. Insurance and club fees are mandatory here but other communities have found a different way to permit less expensive flights. Tandem School has to accept some of the responsibility for conflict and for resolution.

Bob Kuczewski- Torrey Pines Gliders- has witnessed bullying and assaults Complaints regarding conflict of interest by management unheeded. Would like to be heard. Safety and fair use are major issues a. A private business on public land is making money, making rules and expelling people. A waiver should be considered. More info and answers via Bob@ushawk.com 858-204-7499.

The president will consider that a request to be on the next agenda for a meeting of LJTC.

Meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Forbes

Secretary LJTC