

LA JOLLA SHORES ASSOCIATION
Approved Minutes
Wednesday, January 13, 2020— 6:00-8:00 pm
VIA ZOOM

Attending: Keys Allan, Andi Andreae, Pamela Boynton, Charlie Brown, Joe Dicks, Dede Donovan, Brian Early, Janie Emerson, Sharon Luscomb, Ed Mackey, Mary Coakley Munk, Ross Rudolph, John Shannon, Coco Tihanyi, Phil Wise. **Absent:** none

Welcome: Introductions & Establish Quorum - Janie Emerson

Approval of the Agenda

MOTION: To approve the January meeting agenda.

Moved by – Pam Boynton 2nd – Andi Andreae

Vote – no opposition, therefore passes

Approval of Meeting Minutes

MOTION: To approve the minutes for October and November meetings.

Moved by – Andi Andreae 2nd – Keys Allen

Vote – no opposition, therefore passes

Reports:

President’s Report – Updates & Announcements

Elections coming up in March.

UCSD deed restriction hearing set for 1/21/21.

Treasurer’s Report – Pamela Boynton reported a balance of \$3,186, of which \$3,000 is for future tree project in Kellogg Park. Directors & Officers Insurance due middle of march. Since we don’t have physical meetings and can’t pass the donation box around, the treasury has no income. Therefore this year each Director will be assessed approx. \$60 for the insurance. State and Fed taxes filed today.

Secretary’s Report – Nothing to report concerning director attendance. John Sheridan has resigned due to health reasons.

Public Comment: Non-agenda items (2-minute limit):

Charlie Brown – received email from Rick Kent that El Paseo Grande street condition is so poor he is concerned falls and accidents will happen to bike riders possibly causing lawsuits for the city. Steve Hadley will look into it.

Andrew Perry – asked about the status of the undergrounding in La Jolla Shores. Steve Hadley responded that the utility crews are now pulling wire into the conduits which is not as visible an operation. Andrew said SDGE told him there was still 30% of the conduits to finish so the project is pushed out another year. Steve said delays are due to Covid.

Representatives’ Reports (3-minute limit):

UCSD Representative Report – Anu Delouri/Alyssa Helper: Absent, but sent email stating the monthly Community Update would be sent out to distribution list soon.

Janie stated the Theater District Living and Learning Center has broken ground. We still have active lawsuit with them and are in settlement discussions. On 1/21 there is a Land Use and Housing hearing with the city about the deed restriction of 510 acres.

Rock Bottom Brewery property has been bought by UCSD and they are putting in an Innovation Learning Center at 7 stories tall. Anu reported since land is owned by the University they are not restricted by city/county rules and they can build whatever they want. Comment period will be opening up soon. Reason why deed restriction preservation is so important is that any property (such as homes/houses) someone has given to the University (life estate, wills, etc) will not come under city/county building rules.

Council District 1 - Steve Hadley: City revenue has decreased significantly due to Covid restrictions – transient occupancy tax is down since no conventions. Need to get our restaurants back up in business.

Assembly District 78th - Mathew Gordon: Absent

Lifeguard Report – Lt. Lonnie Stephens: Absent

Police Report - Officer Brandon Broaddus: SDPD busy with Protests in Pacific Beach. 2 new police investigative service officers who will be working evening and graveyard. Pam asked if staffing is still down – yes, but a nationwide problem. More officers in academy. New Lt. Rick Agular will be taking Brandon’s place.

San Diego Park & Rec – Dan Daneri: Absent.

Proposal for Monitoring Airborne Microplastics - Dimitri Deheyn (ACTION ITEM)

Presentation on monitoring platform to study effects on our health

From the 1/21/21 edition of The La Jolla Light, by Elisabeth Frausto:

Dimitri Deheyn, a professor at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography in La Jolla, studies microplastics and is concerned about those that are airborne. (Elisabeth Frausto)

The La Jolla Shores Association is answering a call for support from a Scripps Institution of Oceanography researcher in his effort to acquire machines that measure microplastics in the air people breathe.

Dimitri Deheyn, a professor at the La Jolla institute who is studying plastics pollution, led a presentation during the association’s Jan. 13 meeting on what he called a “proposal of interest to the habitants of La Jolla” and called for further monitoring of airborne microplastics.

Microplastics, Deheyn said, are often found in the ocean from everyday items like straws. Such items break down over a time period “difficult to assess,” anywhere from five to 2,000 years, he said.

“These items end up being small microplastics,” he said, “which are physically in diameter 1 to 100 microns ... about a fifth of the diameter of your hair,” making them hard to see, detect and quantify.

To aid the study of microplastics in the air, Deheyn said he’d like to purchase air sampler devices for Scripps Oceanography. An air sampler is “like a vacuum pump that will physically suck up the air,” collecting particles that can be counted under a microscope and identified as plastic, as opposed to a natural particle.

He said the devices are “very important so we can have a first attempt at knowing when you breathe, are you breathing a lot of plastic relative to other places.”

Deheyn said he hopes to partner with the La Jolla Shores Association on the purchase of the air samplers, which cost \$8,000 to \$10,000 each. “The goal is to have at least one day a week of full monitoring of the quality of the air,” he said.

LISA board member Andi Andreae later told the La Jolla Light that he has placed an order for an air sampler to be used in collaboration with Deheyn to investigate airborne microplastics. Andreae said the sampler is being paid for from research funds of the Max Planck Society, a German research organization.

LISA President Janie Emerson told the Light that “we support and applaud [Deheyn’s] efforts and we will look for funding,” perhaps from the community through the organization’s website. She said LISA “will be looking into” a vote later to financially support the effort.

A report by researchers from Brazil and the Netherlands published recently on the website of the National Center for Biotechnology Information of the U.S. National Library of Medicine states, “There is an increasing awareness that plastic fragments are dispersed in the air and can be inhaled by humans, which may cause adverse effects on the respiratory system and on other systems.” It adds that “it is unclear to what extent exposure to airborne MPs [microplastics] is a threat to public health” and that “new avenues of research are needed to address the plastic pollution challenge.”

Deheyn’s studies focus on what he called “primary microplastics,” as opposed to “secondary microplastics,” which are broken down from plastic bottles and other sources.

“Primary microplastics are the microplastics that are made small to begin with and that you might not be aware of,” he said. Examples are cosmetics that use microbeads, tiny threads from synthetic clothing and small beads used in injections to deliver medicines. “We are exposed to microplastics whether we want it or not.”

Microplastics are carried by winds and “are all over the place,” including the ocean, Deheyn said. “We eat microplastics for sure. We know that more than 94 percent of tap water contains microfibers and microplastics in the United States,” he said.

Microplastics also are found in bottled water. “When they collect the water, they pipe it with PVC pipes and package it with different plastic items,” he said.

Deheyn said California has begun implementing policies to regulate microplastics in drinking water, but “we breathe them ... there is not much [legislation] yet about what we breathe in the air.”

LISA board member Mary Coakley Munk said she asked Deheyn to make his presentation, as “all of us are extremely concerned about the air quality from the fires in the park,” referring to recent efforts to limit beach fires at The Shores.

Many area residents and community group members have voiced concerns about pollution from wood and charcoal beach fires and about safety hazards from hot coals being buried in the sand.

Coakley Munk said she hoped Deheyn’s work would help a joint committee of LISA and La Jolla Parks & Beaches members make a case to the city of San Diego regarding limits on beach fires, saying his findings might show the pollution that beach fires cause and “identify exactly what those [airborne] particles are.”

For more information visit Dimitri’s web site at: <https://deheynlab.ucsd.edu/> or his email: ddeheyn@ucsd.edu

Updates – Status of Items (possible ACTION ITEM)

Hearings – STVR – Steve Hadley – council will address in February

UCSD Deed restrictions – hearing on 1/21/21

Complete Communities - no date yet

Reports:

Elections Committee Report (ACTION ITEM)

There are four directors up for re-election each for a three-year term starting in March and one open position. We have candidates who will be announced at the February meeting where they are requested to give a short introduction of themselves.

AdHoc Public Coastal View Corridor review – appoint 2 representatives. Dede Donovan volunteered. Steve Hadley will try to get a list of the existing view corridors to us.

Shores Outdoor Dining Update - Phil Wise (possible ACTION ITEM)

New permit runs until 12/31/21, as long as the Covid issue still exists. Do not need security overnight now. Trying to get encroachment maintenance removal permit to allow keeping seating on the street. Phil has done a fabulous job getting and keeping this project running. Trying to get Avenida de la Playa the standard bearer for the city.

Parks Plan – Claudia Baranowski reported that Parks and Recreation Coalition (PARC) created presentation to explain issues that need improvement to the Park Master Plan. Asking for LJSA support of these improvements:

- Consult with Community Planning Groups and Rec Advisory Groups
- Retain the park Acreage standard
- Build support for other significant funding sources
- Review proposed points system
- Control commercialization
- Inventory historic resources in parks
- Ensure trails and other public uses are consistent with MSCP purpose
- Ensure Shoreline and Regional Parks have adequate resources and maintenance

MOTION: LJSA supports the PARC’s recommendations to the Parks Master Plan with the addition of Shoreline Parks as Special Destination Parks and to ensure adequate resources for their ongoing preservation and maintenance.

Moved by – Mary Munk 2nd – Andi Andreae

Vote – no opposition, therefore passes

2021-2022 Goals (ACTION ITEM)

Review of 2021-2022 Goals and adoption. Deferred to next month.

Committee Reports (3-minute limit):

Beach Fires Committee: Dorie DeFranco – met with LaCava’s office. When get other beach area support will again meet. Heading toward propane use only – no wood or charcoal due to safety. Mission Beach council also agrees.

La Jolla Shores Business District: Terry Kraszewski – no report

Friends of La Jolla Shores: Mary Munk reported no new data.

Traffic & Transportation: Ross Rudolph reported from November meeting that protected bike lanes are a concern by cyclists. Roundabouts considered at Vallecitos and Calle Frascota. Complaint received about roundabout on Via Capri.

Land Use:	LJSPDO & LJSPRC	President
	LJCPA	John Shannon

LJCPA reviewed UCSD issues, park presentation. Mushroom house bluff collapse cleanup caused large expense for owner.

LJSPRC – project on El Paseo Grande – FAR .96, sent back

Meeting Adjourned at 7:24 pm to closed session.

Next meeting: Wednesday, February 10th at 6:00 PM Via Zoom

Website: www.lajollashoresassociation.org E-mail: ljsa.org@gmail.com

Directions to Scripps Institution of Oceanography (SIO), Building T-29, Martin Johnson House: Take La Jolla Shores Drive North. Turn Left at Naga Way, the Entrance to SIO. At the fork bear right, onto Biological Grade. Go north, up the hill, approximately .2 miles and park in parking lot "P010 or P011".