

La Jolla Town Council Minutes May 13th, 2021

Meeting by Zoom due to COVID

The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm with a Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: James Rudolph, Ann Kerr Bache, Jerri Hunt, Rick Dagon, Brooke Baginski, Ron Jones, Cody Peterson (Joined late), Aaron Brennan, Ernie Casco, Jeffrey Chasan, Cody Decker (Absent), Christy Littlemore, Carolyn Marsden, and Tara Hammond, Charles Merriman, Michael Dershowitz, Cathay Jones (Absent)

President's Report:

Summer Parking Issues: Faded red paint and no parking signs around La Jolla Blvd. that has always caused issues with people parking where they're not supposed to. Parking is not enforced on Sundays, Venders by permits are extended and this is causing an issue by the cove.

Summer Issues Impacting La Jolla: Chuck Merriman

Fireworks are back in La Jolla Update: Jack McGory

Emergency Services Report:

SDPD Northern Division-Officer Brandon Broaddus Could not attend this meeting.

Minutes: Motion to Approve: Unanimous approval to move forward quickly with bathroom project at Scripps Park.

STVR's:

Summary: How to solve problems that STVR's bring such as drinking on the beach.

Environmental Report:

Laura Walsh: Surfrider Foundation

Summary: A call for an implementation plan to make meaningful change with our climate impact. We need to funnel climate adaptation strategies through regional and local decision making. With regards to the storm water problem, it is a huge infrastructure issue that must be addressed. The community needs more projects that turn flood water and recycle it into usable water. With bluff erosion, more people are now viewing the tide pools and our other natural ocean resources causing unsustainable amounts of bluff erosion. We need to improve coastal access so that it supports and improves coastal resilience while mimicking nature. We need to support adaptation strategies that mimic nature but also improve coastal resilience. Finally, the issue of gas powered leaf blowers must be addressed. Gas powered leaf blowers can be incredibly taxing to the environment and to peoples health. It is estimated that gas powered leaf blowers and other machines that produce large particulate air pollution contribute to over 6,000 deaths in the city of Los Angeles alone. Yes, it would cost more to have workers use rakes and brooms, but the health benefits outweigh any of the economic benefits leaf blowers bring.