

La Jolla Town Council Minutes, April 11, 2019

La Jolla Rec Center, Prospect Street, La Jolla Ca

Meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call. Present: Bache, Brennan, Cole, Dershowitz, Forbes, Jones, C.

Jones, R. McGowan, Murphy, Petterson, Pitrofsky, Valencia

Excused: De Guzman, Haskins, King, Shannon

Minutes of March 14 were entered on the website, by electronic voting and addendum.

Consideration of Consent agenda and Actions from L J Community Planning Association

Motion: Brennan/ Dershowitz to approve LJ Community Planning Association Consent Agenda. The vote was 11-0 in favor of approval..

The President reviewed the process for meetings, forums and actions that developed into coalitions, or working groups.

Community Groups reports

UCSD Plans Update- Bob Brown UCSD Community Advisory Group will meet on April 15th.

San Diego City Council District 1, Community Rep. Mauricio Medina April newsletter handed out. Focused on budget hearings . Mayor presents on Monday 15th Hearings at LJ Village Community Center sponsored by Councilperson Bry May 4th from 10-12. An independent budget analyst will attend to comment.

US Congressman 52nd District Scott Peters , Community Rep. Kiera Galloway. Congressman Peters working on Energy Issues- Climate change . Bills HR * deals with Universal background checks for firearms. HR 1 voter reform bill passed. Introduced Climate Playbook - his collection of bipartisan bills previously considered and a viable alternative to the “Green New Deal”. The Annual Congressional Art Contest begins for students from San Diego.

Congressman Peters appreciates the volunteer work performed by trustees in the community. Kiera Galloway presented the certificates to the President and thanked all the members of the Council.

State Assembly 78th District, Todd Gloria, Community Rep. Javier Gomez (unavailable)

County Board of Supervisors, District 3 , Kristin Gaspar, Community Rep

State Senate, 39th District, Senator Toni Atkins, Community Rep, Chevelle Tate (delayed - but communicated here for continuity). The La Jolla Light contained a news report that needs clarification about Senate Bill #330. The article outlined legislation that would suspend or eliminate the 30 foot Coastal height limit. This is a misinterpretation of the proposed law. The law maintains a 30 ft height limit but it will not permit a community to reduce a height limit to lower than 30 feet. The existing 30 foot height limit in the Coastal Zone will stand.

County Supervisor 4th District , Nathan Fletcher www.supervisornathanfletcher. Community Rep , Emily Weir (delayed but communicated here for continuity) e-mail : emilyweir@sdcounty.ca.gov phone 619-531-5544. Ms. Weir introduced herself and informed the audience that the County is considering the annual budget in a transparent process. County employs approx 17,000 workers- Budget will be approx \$6 Billion .

Presidents Report from Ann Kerr Bache cont. *January* retreat for trustees highlighted community concerns about transit and homelessness. *April* Public safety and homeless people. *May* Transportation. *June* - Short term vacation rentals possible

Public Forum organized by LJTC Safety Committee -Moderator, Debbie Adams.

President Bache explained Behavior and Rules : Be Courteous or be gone, Consider all points of view. Submit questions on index cards. We will treat all with Fairness and within time constraints . The meeting has a time to conclude .Agendas in the back of the meeting room.

Safety Committee has done a good job on variety of issues, Neighborhood Watch, Fay Ave Bike path monitoring, HOT team visibility , “Get it done” cell phone application awareness. Thanks to Cynthia Chasen, Catharine Douglas, Debbie Adams ,panelists tonight, and Northern Division of San Diego Police Department. Working to reach out make services available to those in need.

Community efforts. Debbie Adams made a heartfelt description.The approach is to observe, to listen, to learn. Residency in the neighborhood includes the homeless- at church, at library. The community is compassionate. The aim is to assist the homeless - get them off the street . Recent census (Jan 2019) collected data points.(Point in Time Count PITC) .Neighborhood policing efforts go hand in hand with outreach efforts - particularly the Homeless Outreach Team (HOT).The homeless represent a layered and complex problem. There are myriad reasons for homelessness and a variety of times in life when Homelessness may become an issue.

Supportive Housing

Panelists: Karen Brailean Regional Task Force on the Homeless . The hope is to make homelessness a rare occurrence and a brief occurrence. It is occurring all over the City , County and State and nation. . Reduction in numbers has occurred (Utah, Houston, Tennessee) . The reduction is accomplished by actions that are consistent, caring and trustworthy, People need to be convinced to come into shelter - especially when it is removed from the immediate scene- GO downtown for shelter. Many parts of City have no official supportive services .

Shelter includes, services to homeless; it is supportive housing. Now institutions use a housing first model. Rapid rehousing has proved viable- :Monetary incentives for landlord willing to offer housing; pay some of the costs of moving; use vouchers,pay portion of rent, or first and last or a narrowing support over time . Social workers help the client meet goal, chief of which is to become self-supporting.

Permanent Supportive Housing will be building for a population that will have support on site. Reasons for problems may be mental, physical, injury , accident, addiction disability, Behavior can change over time. Priority given to safety, cleanliness and healthy. Aim for reducing harm. Persistence is necessary. Offer people love and respect. People can integrate into society. **Coordinated Entry System** (CES) will match people to program or solution.

Housing: Clean, safe . Funding must continue for success . Expensive. St Vincent de Paul - 400 units coming online hope for 2020 =83, 2021=270, 2022=135 units

Wakeland Housing Units - seniors 205 units; Beacon 44 units; Talmadge =60 units

Alpha Project taking over housing and performing work to bring them online.

Neighborhood Policing, Lt. Keira Pick, has 8 teams. Partnering with Parks and Libraries to stay in contact and aware of the community. Get it Done has become a popular mode to bring

problems to police and city's attention. Homeless Outreach Team (HOT). Psychiatric services and social welfare workers. The city uses professionals and civilians . Each component is important to help place people get to the right position - a form of triage. Police drive vans not cop cars. Make offers not arrests. There are shades of homelessness. Police build relationships, build trust, direct people to the appropriate target. The process is complaint driven . Every Thursday all teams are working 6:30- 9:30 A.M. 20 people are coordinating the effort.

Coalition on Vehicle Habitation, Glen Volk , Pt Loma, - Citizens are concerned about another form of homelessness that has been observed in his beach community. Sleeping in vehicles. The City repealed a local ordinance after a 9th Circuit Court of Appeals judgement that eliminated enforcement of vague regulations. The occupiers hang out or "post up" to enhance their lifestyle choice. KPBS video of VAN LIFE explored the aspect of the high cost of rent and the now viable option of living on the street in a car or van or RV. Some may never own or (want to own) a home- escape the norms of suburban living. The van life requires a different skill set to survive. Printouts of an electronic bulletin board , duplicated and presented to the audience support the allegations about health and safety, vagabond attitudes, defecation and public urination, trespass. Beach Communities are severely impacted. Neighborhoods are becoming campgrounds with all the drawbacks to the community; garbage, sanitation, noise, obstructed sightlines from driveways and windows, sense of stranger in the street.

The Coalition :1) Access to resources 2) Recognize that van life is repugnant from health viewpoint ; Van lifers are truly careless not just carefree. 3) Best recourse is good legislation to control the alternate lifestyle 4) designated parking lots corral the effects and can mitigate the deleterious effects to neighborhood. Fiesta Island, Mariner's Point, Ocean Beach

Questions and Answers:

The President directed written questions, submitted from the audience, for answers from the panelists. Thirteen questions were received and 11 questions answered.

That interaction will be recorded as an addendum to the minutes.

After the Q&A a motion was presented for action. After discussion and debate, the trustees amended the original wording. The trustees were asked to vote on a **MOTION**: Forbes/ Brennan. To recognize the health and public safety issues brought forth by vehicle habitation on public streets, the La Jolla Town Council requests the San Diego City Council enact City Codes to regulate such activity. Passed 7-1-1.

Adjourned at 7:15 p.m. Next meeting May 9th , 2019

Respectfully submitted, Gail Forbes, Secretary

Calendar of local events:

April 28 Sunday -1/2 Marathon road closures:Del Mar,Torrey Pines, LJ Shores, Coast,Scripps Park

May 18 Saturday , La Jolla Historical Society, Secret Garden Tour

May 13-18 Women's National Tennis Tournament, LJ Beach & Tennis Club