

LA JOLLA VILLAGE MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Our mission: We bring business to La Jolla Village businesses.

13 August 2025 | La Jolla Riford Library | 3:45 - 4:00 Networking | 4:00 Meeting

MINUTES – MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

1.	Call to Order - Monthly Board Meeting	Action	AJ Johnson
2.	Roll Call - Scott Blaul, Secretary; Klara Chavarria; Rey Castillo, Jamie Mae Cheng; , Ernesto		Scott Blaul, Secretary
	Carrola, Esq.; Elnaz Iraj, Vice President; AJ Johnson, President; Carrington Kelso; Mark	ABSENT	
	McDonald; Joline Mann; Gene Padigos, Jr.; Jason Peaslee; Japhet Perez Estrada; Bill Podway,		
	Treasurer; Chad Taggart; Jodi Rudick (Executive Director).		
3.	Approval of July Minutes 1st Bill 2nd Jamie	Action	Scott Blaul
4.	Non-Agenda Public Comments	Information	AJ Johnson
	Updates from Community/Political Leaders		
	All other public comments (limited to two minutes)		
5.	Financial Report		
	 Approval of Financials – June Year End FY 2025 1st Jason 2nd Elnaz 	Action	Bill Podway, Treasurer
6.	Organizational Excellence		
	• Election update – Election Packet has been mailed via USPS (per our by-laws) to all	Information	Scott Blaul
	current BID members (as of July 31 BID list). Self-nominations for both current board		
	members reaching the end of their two-year term and first-time candidates are due by		
	September 5. Forms and information available on our website		
	 Presentation of 2024-2025 Annual Report 1st Scott 2nd Carrington 	Action	Jodi Rudick, Executive
_	Community Constitute City of Constitute Office of the Commission on Bellin Breatier	If	Director
7.	Community Spotlight – City of San Diego Office of the Commission on Police Practices	Information	Yasmeen Obeid
8.	Merchant Engagement		A 1 1 - h
	1. Upcoming and Recap Events (Typically occur on the 4 th Tuesday of Each Month)	Information	AJ Johnson
	 July 23 Recap – Business Breakfast at Subterranean Coffee. Thanks to Gene Padigos for hosting a fantastic event full of collaboration and ideas. 		
	b. August 26 – Change of location Sculptured Spaces		
	c. September 23 – Mix and Mingle at Hennessey's		
	d. October 23 – Business Breakfast at Shepard Family YMCA Firehouse		
9.	Promotions and Events		
	1) Social Media Update – Discussion of new milestones, analytics, possible new platforms,	Information	Commune Marketing
	and opportunities to get involved		
	2) Email Marketing Update – After conducting a thorough list cleanup, we have exceeded	Information	Bill Podway
	the 10,000-contact threshold and will be upgrading our subscription. This is a significant		
	accomplishment for the association, as we have over 10,000 subscribers who regularly		
	open our emails.		
	3) Posh at La Plaza, August 8 – Recap	Information	Bill Podway
	4) Art Walk Themes – All themes are listed on the Event Calendar and on Our Blog	Information	AJ Johnson
	July 11 Recap – Highest number of preregistrations in Art Walk history (over 700);		, 5 301113011
	enhanced participation due to theme from community groups and French-themed		
	businesses. Red, White & Bleu (Moved to 2 nd Friday, July 11. French Theme in		
	honor of Bastille Day. This is likely going to be our best-attended Art Walk ever.		
	Huge boost from the partnership with Fashion Week San Diego and their designer		
	pop-ups.		
	 August 1 – Ocean September 5 – Learn October 3 – Spirits 		
	November 7 – Gratitude December 5 - Holidays		
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