

# MAIN BEACH PARK Dedication Ceremonies



Commemorative medallion  
Designer and sculptor, Boris Buzan

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|                       | 1902 | First boardwalk constructed along the Main Beach.   |
|                       | 1925 | The "new" boardwalk installed by the property owners.   |
|                       | 1940 | City attempts to purchase sand and boardwalk, but fails to convince one property owner.   |
|                       | 1945 | City obtains by court action public easement to part of boardwalk.  |
| <i>M.N.L. FAILURE</i> | 1950 | First bond election to purchase Main Beach Park fails with 65% affirmative vote (66-2/3 required).                                  |
| <i>FAILURE</i>        | 1960 | Second bond election fails by less than one percent of required 66-2/3%.  |
| <i>HILL MEMBER</i>    | 1961 | Laguna Beach Civic League formed for purpose of acquiring Main Beach Park.  |
| <i>"</i>              | 1962 | First Main Beach Park Committee appointed by City Council.  |
| <i>"</i>              | 1963 | Civic League opinion poll shows continuing overwhelming citizen support for the park.   |
| <i>"</i>              | 1965 | Second Main Beach Park Committee appointed by City Council, and recommends lease-purchase of Park by City.                          |
| <i>"</i>              | 1967 | Council unanimously moves to obtain Park by lease-purchase and forms Laguna Beach Public Improvements Corporation for that purpose. |
| <i>SUCCESS</i>        | 1968 | First bond issue by the Corporation and purchase of most of the Park for the City.  |
| <i>"</i>              | 1972 | Third Main Beach Park Committee recommends development as beach park with minimum commercial activity.                              |
| <i>"</i>              | 1973 | Festival of Arts makes long-term financial commitment to Main Beach Park.   |
| <i>"</i>              | 1974 | Federal, State and County Grants and Funds committed to Main Beach Park. Construction and dedication of our Window-to-the-Sea.      |

*"Look to the Oyster*

*That takes a troublesome piece of sand*

*And makes a pearl." — M. N. Hoyer*

