

Hollenbeck Park Advisory Board Minutes of Meeting:

Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at 6pm

Submitted: by Carlos Montes, and Armando Martinez, Director

PAB Members Present: (The meeting was conducted using Google Meet and entirely telephonically.) Starting time: 6:04pm

Dina Cruz, Carlos Montes, Kimberly Arazo, Patricia Moreno, Community representatives: Matthew Tenchavez , CD 14 Homeless Coordinator, Isabella Torres, Resources w/Assistant Deputy City Attorney Office, Roberto Rubalcaba, Caltrans DOT, D7 Metro, Johnny Altamirano, LAPD and Armando Martinez, staff -PAB

Board members Absent and Excused: Dina Cruz, Kimberly Arazo, Patricia Moreno. We have two vacancies for board members Vivian Escalante and David Silvas.

*Director A. Martinez, welcomed community representatives and requested that Carlos Montes, lead out on the Agenda items and Carlos Montes accepted.

*Approval of Minutes of PAB meeting for January 11, 2022, were reviewed and we did not have a quorum. Only one board member present and 3 absent.

Community Reports: Isabella Torres, Community Resource Updated the PAB members and community with Social Service organizations who help the local community of unhoused and people looking for mental health assistance, such as Exodus Recovery. Also spoke on the new ordinance approved by City Hall

*Roberto Rubalcaba, Caltrans, District 7, Updated members on Caltrans work in the local area and his interest to continue working with all community organizations and city representatives. Also thanked the board for their contributions to improving the community.

* Matthew Tenchavez, CD 14-Homeless Resource Coordinator: Updated the members on the 21 people that were placed in temporary housing, also on the new May 16 Ordinance and enforcement . Currently looking to house 17 new people.

* Officer Johnny Altamirano, LAPD –Senior Lead, Public Safety issues, Reviewed crime in Boyle Heights and how to prevent certain types of crime.

Locking doors and windows in your house and also securing your cars. Also shared on new City ordinance to take effect on May 16, 2022.

* Susana Lopez, CD 14 Area Director, Shared new information on future funding and current events in the Boyle Heights community. Shared forthcoming Summer events at Hollenbeck Park and in the Boyle Heights Community.

*Carmen Andrade, Civil Engineer and Ida Meisami-Fard, Civil Engineer. Shared their new grant for Hollenbeck Rehabilitation Project- Measure W (Safe, Clean Water, Quality Compliance- Public Funding). A two year grant process, Will need community letters of support and has a deadline of July 31, 2022.

*Arturo Velasco, Supervisor, Maintenance, Rec. & Parks, Shared various projects moving forward at Hollenbeck, such as the daily maintenance, clean-up of restrooms, the daily landscape irrigation repairs and maintenance of the Hollenbeck park infrastructure.

Matters Under Board Consideration:

1. First Item: The Board voted on the Beautification Project for Hollenbeck Park. An upgrade from \$2,400 dollars to \$5,000 dollars. Approved by board in September 2021. On hold until we find new sponsors. No action due to lack of quorum.
2. Second Item: The Board voted to send Rachel Kim, Caltrans Senior Right of Way Agent of the Real Estate Division a letter requesting Caltrans provide access to the LA City Recreation and Parks Department for the future development of a dog park. A letter was approved back in September 2021, but on hold until the unhoused community find shelter. No action due to lack of quorum.

*Director's Report: Armando Martinez, shared with the PAB and community, the current status of the restrooms and their maintenance. Also, the Micro Forest at Hollenbeck Park is thriving. Also reviewed new plans for the outdoor patio with new benches, lights and guard rails. A new funding source are being researched.

Standing Committee:

1. Art Beautification Project for Hollenbeck, Dina Cruz, sub-committee chair: Nothing at this time. Waiting for new funding sources.

2. Dog Park Project, Carlos Montes, sub-committee chair: Nothing at this time. On hold until housing is found for the unhoused community living at the encampment.

3. Hollenbeck Organic Fertilizer: Will continue to research and also work with LA Parks Foundation on the Japanese Garden Pathway development.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm,

Next Meeting: to be Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at 6pm.