

Hollenbeck Park Advisory Board Minutes of Meeting:

Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 6:05 pm

Submitted: by Stephanie Vendig and Armando Martinez, Staff- Ex Officio

PAB Members Present: Hollenbeck Auditorium

Stephanie Vendig, Susana Betancourt, Don Baisa, and Vilma Castro, Community representatives, Joshua Smith, Alfredo Rodriguez, Office of the Mayor, Officer Johnny Altamirano, Senior Lead Officer, LAPD Community Members, Claudia Mancía, Annabella Mazariegos, Sophia Valadez, Teen Representative, Noemi Valadez, Armando Martinez, Ex Officio, Alicia Prieto, Hollenbeck RC staff. Quorum reached with five members.

Board Member Absent: Excused Carlos Montes

Director A. Martinez, welcomed community representatives and requested that Stephanie Vendig lead out on the Agenda items and Stephanie Vendig accepted. Meeting Began at 6:05 pm Approval of Minutes of PAB meeting for February 11, 2025, were reviewed and approved by board. Vote: 5 yes, no: 0,

Community Reports: *Various Organizations. Updated the PAB members and community with local organizations who help the local unhoused community and people looking for mental health assistance. Sophia Valadez is our new teen PAB representative for Hollenbeck RC. This is a new city policy requirement to prepare teen students for community leadership.

- Claudia Mancía, Proyecto Pastoral: Shared info on current ICE raids in the community and the need to establish a Rapid Response Network, Also shared info on a legal team Hotline: (323) 805-1049.
- Rosie Echeverria, Office of Ysabel Jurado, CD 14, Gave an update on the activities of their office to service the community of Boyle Heights. Also gave the office number (323)526-9332. Shared info on future food banks, Immigrant Rights workshops and future activities in Boyle Hts.
- Alfredo Rodriguez, the representative of the Mayor's Office shared information on starting an email campaign with the Mayor and her constituents. Spoke also about some false reporting on ICE adding to the

climate of fear. Also, on the importance of working together with the new Councilmember of CD 14, also that we continue to connect with the senior lead officer Johnny Altamirano of Hollenbeck Station on issues of clean ups and the unhoused population. Also shared info on Mental Health care for the unhoused and local community

- David Ebner, Officer with the Park Rangers of Rec. & Parks, Requested that we continue to place Job Orders to remove the Unhoused Encampments and for emergencies to call LAPD, 911, and for the Unhoused issues to contact LAHSA and CD 14 to get medical attention for Unhoused. Also gave us the dispatch number which is 323-644-6661. Shared limited patrol due to only 30 Park Rangers and dealing with 400 parks.

Matters Under Board Consideration:

1. First Item: Susana Betancourt as chair of the Clean-up committee Saturday, April 26, 2025 for Earth Day. This was an update, no vote necessary. (Permit was Submitted)
2. Second Item: Environmental Study & Soil Analysis: The board is exploring funding for our Environmental Study report so we can understand more the toxic nature of the water run off from the freeway. The CalTrans will review the study and return with more info. Skipped no new info.
3. Third Item: The Board is continuing the research on the partnership plans with Roosevelt High School and the CD 14 Field Office on the high schools involvement. Stephanie Vendig will be working on developing a working outline. Info only, still working on details.
4. Fourth Item: Review of the Historic Hollenbeck Band shell Renovation Project . Built circa 1940's, discussed that this is a secondary issue and the most important is funding for Hollenbeck security through the night.

5. Fifth Item: Don Baisa shared his observations and recommendations to improve the crumbling infrastructure and ways to improve the park. Some examples are the crumbling concrete retainer walls on the southwest side of the park, the crumbling bridge, and the need for new modern drinking fountains. A formal letter from the PAB members was recommended.
6. Sixth Item: Since there is no response yet from the Mayor's office on the letter sent to her in December of 2024. Since no response yet we will ask our representative to follow up or plan a new strategy.

Informational Reports:

1. President's Report: None at this time.
2. Director's Report: Armando Martinez, shared with the PAB and community, the current status of the restrooms and their maintenance. Also updated the board on the Hollenbeck Lake Restoration which we hope begins in the Summer of 2028.

Meeting adjourned at 7: 35pm

Next Meeting: to be **Thursday, June 12, 2025 at 6pm.**