



CITY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS
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**Hollenbeck Park Recreation Center
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

HOLLENBECK PARK ADVISORY BOARD

Thursday, October 16, 2025, 6:00pm – 7:30pm

**Meeting Location:
Hollenbeck Recreation Classroom**

Carlos Montes, President
Stephanie Vendig, Secretary
Susana Betancourt, Board Member
Don Baisa, Board Member
Vivian Escalante, Board Member
Vilma Castro, Board Member
Sophia Valadez, Teen Representative

Armando Martinez, Staff (Ex officio)
Alicia J. Prieto, Staff (Ex officio)

1. CALL TO ORDER,

- i. Bienvenidos/Welcome to the Community
- ii. Roll Call for Board Members
- iii. Excused Absence

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: (10 minutes)

- i. Discussion/Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting of August 14, 2025, (Minutes to be approved.)
- ii. Board discussion: (2 minutes per board member)
- iii. Board Vote: Yes: ____ No: ____

3. **SPECIAL GUESTS:** Updates from City, County, State, or Federal Agencies.
(Each speaker gets 5 minutes followed with Questions & Answers)

- i. Elsie Garcia & Rosie Echeveria, Field Deputies, CD 14, Ysabel Jurado's Council Office, Update
- ii. Claudia Mancía, Proyecto Pastoral, Boyle Heights, School Greening, Cal Fire Grant & Rapid Response Network & Community Updates.
- iii. Sarapia Jimenez, Representative of the CalTrans System, for the Boyle Hts Area.
- iv. Johnny Altamirano, Senior Lead Officer, LAPD Hollenbeck Division Update.
- v. Sandra Villalobos, Community Action Group, Update on Special Projects
- vi. Alfredo Rodriguez, Office of the Mayor, Community Information Update
- vii. David Ebner, Park Ranger, Update on Hollenbeck Park & Boyle Hts Community.

5. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT:** (Each speaker gets 2 minutes).

Members of the public who wish to comment on other matters not listed on the Agenda and under the Jurisdiction of the Park Advisory Board.

6. **MATTERS UNDER BOARD CONSIDERATION:**

- i. **First Item:** Update on the Hollenbeck Park Clean-Up, New Possible Clean-Ups. Report, Susana Betancourt.
- ii. Public Comment: (2 minutes per speaker)
- iii. Board Comment: (2 minutes per speaker)
- iv. Vote
- v. **Second Item:** Update on the partnership with Roosevelt HS and CD 14 to
 - a. promote credit/ volunteer hours for projects at Hollenbeck Park, Need Curriculum
 - b. Future Butterfly Gardens,
 - c. Discussion on Future meetings with Biology teachers. Any Update? Discussion, Nothing to Vote on.Carlos Montes & Stephanie Vendig. Approved but needs Outline & Curriculum.
- vi. Public Comment: (2 minutes per speaker)
- vii. Board Comment: (2 minutes per speaker)
- viii. Approved
- ix. **Third Item:** Review the Historic Hollenbeck Band shell, Renovation Project, 2025. In order to use the Band Shell, we need to work with various funding sources and develop strategies in programing the Band Shell for 2026. Need to develop a committee group.
- x. Public Comment (2 minutes per speaker)
- xi. Board Comment (2 minutes per speaker)
- xii. Approved

xiii. Fourth Item: Review of the Restoration and Beautification of Hollenbeck Park: This is an infrastructural concern on the bridge, the drinking fountains, the collapsing retainer walls on the South east side of the park, right below the Maintenance Service Yard. A strategy of action needs to be developed to address the priorities for 2026. Update: Need to develop a committee group .

- xiv Public Comment:
- xv, Board Comment:
- xvi. Approved

xvii, Fifth Item: Explore ways to get Recreation & Parks to start the process to Fund a Night time Security team to patrol the Park at Night to prevent crime and vandalism. We need to develop a committee group.

- xviii. Public Comment:
- xix. Board Comment:
- xx. Approved:

7. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS : Standing Committees and Director's Report

- i.** Presidents Report: Carlos Montes: Update & Concerns at Hollenbeck Park
- ii.** Director's Report: Armando Martinez, (5 minutes) (Park Update)
 - a. Structural Issues: Bridge, drinking fountains, & crumbling retainer walls
 - b. New funding for Hollenbeck Park Lake: 25.1 Million plus, CalTrans 15 million approved for a five year project. Still waiting for an Update.

8. BOARD BUSINESS:

Requests by Board Members to Schedule Specific Future Agenda Items:

- i. Request for an update on Maintenance, Planning and Construction at Hollenbeck Park
- ii. Future Clean-ups at the Park & Lake: Small Community projects.
- iii. Future Events: October 6, Classes, Begin, for the Fall Quarter 2025 We had over 40 Classes for children and two class for adults for the past Summer Session. For a total of 290 students registered for Summer 2025.

9. NEXT MEETING:

The next Regular Meeting of the HOLLENBECK PARK ADVISORY BOARD is scheduled to be held on **Thursday, October 16, 2025 at 6:00pm**. The meeting will be in person in the Hollenbeck Auditorium. The Hollenbeck PAB will be once every other month on the second Thursday of the month.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments from the public on Agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the Agenda

that is within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction will be heard during the Public Comment period. Public comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker, unless waived by the presiding officer of the Board. Agenda is posted for public review at <https://www.laparks.org/info/volunteer/pab-agendas/2020>.

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