

Hollenbeck Park Advisory Board Minutes of Meeting:

Thursday, June 12, 2025 at 6:05 pm

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

PAB Members Present: Hollenbeck Classroom

Stephanie Vendig, Susana Betancourt, Vivian Escalante and Vilma Castro, Community representatives, Claudia Mancia, Annabella Mazariegos, Sophia Valadez, Teen Representative, Angela Sanchez, Sandra Villalobos, Noemi Valadez, Rosie Echeverria, CD 14, Armando Martinez, Ex Officio, Alicia Prieto, Hollenbeck RC staff. Quorum reached with five members.

Board Member Absent: Excused Carlos Montes & Don Baisa

*Director A. Martinez, welcomed community representatives and led the Advisory meeting. Stephanie Vendig took notes as secretary. Meeting began at 6:05 pm. Approval of Minutes of PAB meeting for April 8 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.

- 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.
- Claudia Mancia, 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.
- Sandra Villalobos, Community Action Group: Proposed a new collaborative clean-up with the local community and Hollenbeck Park. Also recommended more activities for Senior programs at Hollenbeck Park.

Matters Under Board Consideration:

1. First Item: Susana Betancourt as chair of the Clean-up committee Gave an update on our successful, Clean up, Saturday, April 26, 2025 for Earth Day. This was an update, no vote necessary.
2. Second Item: Environmental Study & Soil Analysis: The board is exploring funding for our Environmental Study report so we can understand the toxic nature of the run-off water 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 & Carlos Montes 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: 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: There is no response from the Mayor's office on the letter sent to her in December of 2024 regarding night time security for Hollenbeck Park.

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, October, 16, 2025 at 6pm.**