

## **Hollenbeck Park Advisory Board Minutes of Meeting:**

Tuesday, January 11, 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, David Silva, Vivian Escalante, Patricia Moreno Community representatives: Michelle Bertinelli, CD 14 Area Director, Cynthia Gonzalez, Assistant Deputy City Attorney, China Gerstner, Caltrans, Johnny Altamirano, LAPD and Armando Martinez, staff -PAB

**Board members Absent and Excused:** Patricia Moreno, David Silva, Carlos Montes

\*Director A. Martinez, welcomed community representatives and requested that Dina Cruz, lead out on the Agenda items and Dina Cruz accepted.

\*Approval of Minutes of PAB meeting for September 14, 2021, were reviewed and approved by quorum. Vote: 4 yes, no: 0, 3 absent.

**Community Reports:** \*Cynthia Gonzalez, LA Deputy City Attorney. 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.

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

\* 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.

\* Michelle Bertinelli, CD 14 Area Director, Shared new information on future funding and current events in the Boyle Heights community. Shared forthcoming Winter events at Hollenbeck Park and in the Boyle Heights Community.

\*Arturo Velasco, Supervisor, Maintenance, Rec. & Parks, Shared various projects moving forward at Hollenbeck, such as the daily maintenance, clean-up of restrooms and taking out the trash three times per day.

**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.
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.

\*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 is 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 7:20pm,

Next Meeting: to be Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at 6pm.