

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

Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 6pm  
Submitted: by Armando Martinez, Staff- Ex Officio

### **PAB Members Present: Hollenbeck Auditorium**

Dina Cruz, Stephanie Vendig, Carlos Montes, Vilma Castro, & Susana Betancourt, Community representatives, LAPD Representative, and Roberto Rubalcaba,, CalTrans Armando Martinez, staff. Quorum reached with 4 members. Don Baisa present as community member.

### **Board members Absent and Excused: Susana Betancourt**

\*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 December , 2023, were reviewed and approved by board. Vote: 4 yes, no: 0,

**Community Reports:** \*Various Organizations. Updated the PAB members and community with community organizations who help the local community of unhoused and people looking for mental health assistance. Also, Roberto Rubalcaba shares an update on the Caltrans app and online service reports to be done and will research future possibilities of an Environmental Impact Report to see if its safe for animals or humans to walk and plant in the Caltrans area next to the park.

\* LAPD Officers Representing Hollenbeck PD, Public Safety issues, Reviewed crime in Boyle Heights and how to prevent certain types of crime.

\*Armando Martinez, Director, 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. Updated the community on the trimming, landscape and other improvements in the cleaning and up keep of the buildings at Hollenbeck Park.

Questions raised by Community Concerns: The homeless issue at the Skate Park and around the various restrooms around the park. Armando Martinez, the director addressed it that currently, we are calling both the LAPD and the Park Rangers and

both divisions have had success in getting unhoused to move out and enforced the no camping ordinance. Also Don Baisa share info on the infrastructure of the park. His concern is that we will need to act now to prevent future erosion of the park retainer walls on the south side of the park are crumbling and also the need to renovate the bridge which has been closed for eight months.

### **Matters Under Board Consideration:**

1. First Item: The Board discussed on continuing the clean ups for 2024. Also updated info shared that Susana Betancourt as chair of the Clean up committee requested Feb.24 and April 20. The board agreed to the dates. Vote: 4 yes, no: 0
2. Second Item: The Board voted on continuing the partnership plans with Roosevelt High School and the CD 14 Field Office. The board selected Stephanie Vendig to be the chair of the Roosevelt HS and CD 14 partnership to promote school credit, volunteering, and workshops for Hollenbeck clean-ups, biology research and future garden beautification projects. A project outline will be developed to share with the high schools involvement. Vote 4 yes, no: 0
3. Elections: Nomination of Don Baisa, community member to be our new active Park Advisory Board Member, Don Baisa accepts nomination and shares his history and dedication to the park. The members vote on his election. Vote: 4 yes, no: 0 Don Baisa is welcomed as new member.

### **Informational Reports:**

1. 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 Fall programs and success on our Summer classes.

**Next Meeting:** to be Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 6pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.