

Hollenbeck Park Advisory Board Minutes of Meeting:

Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 6pm
Submitted: by Armando Martinez and Staff

PAB Members Present: (The meeting was conducted using Zoom and entirely telephonically.)

Dina Cruz, Carlos Montes, Kimberly Arazo, David Silva, 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, Vivian Escalante

*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 May 11, 2021, were reviewed and approved by quorum. Vote: 5 yes, no: 0, 2 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 Fall 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. The justification was to select two art instructors and five high school students to be involved with the art project of painting 15 trash cans at Hollenbeck Park. Includes art stipends, the purchase of art supplies, refreshments and lunches for the art project and the culminating event expenses. A letter will be sent to park sponsors. Approved by quorum. Vote: 5 yes, no: 0, 2 absent.
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. We need a formal reply in order to proceed. Approved by quorum, Vote: 5 yes, no: 0 and 2 absent .

*Director's Report: Armando Martinez, shared with the PAB and community, the current status of the restrooms and their maintenance. Also, the approval by the Board of Commissioners on the Micro Forest at Hollenbeck Park. Also reviewed new plans for the outdoor patio with new benches, lights and guard rails.

Standing Committee:

1. Art Beautification Project for Hollenbeck, Dina Cruz, sub-committee chair: Nothing at this time. Waiting for response to our Support letters..
2. Dog Park Project, Carlos Montes, sub-committee chair: Nothing at this time. Waiting for a response to letter sent to Caltrans.

Next Meeting: to be Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 6pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.