

City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks
Mar Vista Recreation Center (MVRC)
Park Advisory Board Meeting (PAB)

7:00 pm Tuesday, October 21, 2025 at MVRC Auditorium

Draft Minutes

1. Introductions
2. The meeting was called to order by Jerry Hornof at 7:10pm. In attendance were Jerry Hornof, Pammela Jackson, Tom Ponton, Bruce Dembo, Jerome Jontry, Andrew Marton, Keith Rice (MVRC), and Conrad Jones (MVRC). Guest Cliff Chi.
3. Cliff provided an update of the hockey rink repairs. The concrete patching has begun. The damaged kick plates have been replaced. The fencing has been tied down. Tom reported that a new roof has been put on the shed. Jerry reported that equipment in the shed has been reviewed and older no longer used equipment has been discarded. The remaining work is to repair the damaged siding on the shed. Cliff will evaluate and provide a recommendation.
4. Minutes
 - Minutes for the August 19, 2025 meeting were approved. (Tom 1st, Andrew 2nd, Approved unanimously).
5. Upcoming Events
 - Saturday, November 1st – Park Festival in conjunction with the Halloween event. PAB will have a table with Pammela, Bruce, Jerry, and Jerome providing coverage.
 - Los Angeles Recreation and Parks Commission Board meeting – November 6th, 9am to 12pm. Jerry plans to attend.
6. Business Addressed
 - Jerry reported that Eddie Morales contacted him regarding the portable fencing for baseball. Jerry explained the PAB had questions regarding the program and whether it was a private or park related program. The fencing decision is on hold pending a discussion between Eddie and MVRC staff.
 - Pammela is summarizing outstanding issues and will circulate a document prior to the next meeting.
 - Facilities
 - Fields are in good shape.
 - As we move toward Standard Time there is field lighting concerns for practices. Keith is happy with the portable light solution tested earlier in the year. He is working with sponsors to raise funds to procure additional portable lighting. Jerry will provide the reference materials. Pammela noted that the conduit was installed along Palms Blvd to support permanent lighting. This will reduce the cost and should be explored.
 - Previously Keith reported that he was not consulted on the sign location and will talk with the LARAP sign staff. Keith will follow-up.
 - LAPD has been notified regarding the alcohol consumption and gatherings occurring at picnic area 1 after park closing hours. Still no identified process for locking the gates at park closing time.
 - MVRC has been selected for the grass field improvement. Information is

still pending on when that work will begin.

- Off-leash dog issues continues to be a problem without a clear protocol or resources to address the issue. There is the expectation that the fall flag football program will discourage the evening dog activity.
- There was discussion about how to re-initiate the locking of the parking lot gates at the park closing. No clear resolution was determined.
- BBQ sites still not addressed.

Pammela reached out Leon Boroditsky (LA Recreation and Parks Principal Forester). He indicated that he presented the planting proposal (Pammela provided the plot plan diagram to the PAB which included 17 trees locations) for new trees to MVRC Maintenance supervisors and they support it. Leon will meet with them to discuss the irrigation modifications and let us know the estimated cost. Any help we can provide will be greatly appreciated.

- Programming

- Soccer (games on both Saturday and Sunday), Volleyball, Flag Football, and Basketball are very popular.
- This fall the park initiated a cheer leading class which is very popular with ~20 participants.
- There was discussion about some of the issues regarding the sports programming. The issues including finding coaches to match the programming demand. It is recognized there are different aspect to coaching. These include: 1) good coordination (communication, organization, etc.); 2) knowledge about the sport and appropriate practice structure; 3) teaching the skills. A good coach is able succeed in all three aspects. The challenge is how to develop/assist coaches who need support in improving on one or more aspects of coaching. Parents are most concerned when the coordination aspect is deficient. It is a very difficult challenge to try to balance program demand with program coaching resources. Keith noted that his absence has added to the challenge of finding that balance.

- Finances

- Budget is doing ok. Mar Vista Park has not received reimbursement for \$10 program fees as part of the PlayLA program. Estimate is ~\$300K

- Staffing

- Keith has returned as Park Director and Conrad has resumed his role as a Program Director.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30pm (Bruce 1st, Andrew 2nd, Approved unanimously).

Prepared by: Jerry Hornof