

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

Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 6pm

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

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

Carlos Montes, Stephanie Vendig, Susana Betancourt, Vivian Escalante, Don Baisa, Community representatives, LAPD Representative, and Roberto Rubalcaba,, CalTrans Armando Martinez, staff. Quorum reached with 4 members.

### **Board members Absent and Excused: None**

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

\*Approval of Minutes of PAB meeting for January 16. 2024, 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. Includes Hummingbird of Hope, resource group of Boyle Heights. Also, Officer Johnny Altamirano, an LAPD representative gave an update on crime and issues in the Boyle Heights community.

- CD 14 Representatives, Susana Lopez, and Manuel A. Escamilla, gave an update on Councilman Kevin de Leon's activities in Boyle Heights. Also a review of new programs and community celebrations and events in CD 14.

\*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 April 20. The board agreed to the dates. Vote: 5 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 5 yes, no: 0
3. Elections: No nominations at this time. Vote: 5 yes, no: 0
4. Reviewed the Letter to be sent to Mayor's office, The board voted to meet one more time to revise and submit letter as soon as possible. A committee meeting was planned in April 2024. Vote: 5 yes, no: 0

### **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, July 9, 2024 at 6pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.