

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

Tuesday, September 12, 2023 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, Susana Lopez & Manuel Ayala Escamilla, CD 14 Field Office, Johnnie Altamirano LAPD Representative, and Armando Martinez, staff.

**Board members Absent and Excused:** Kimberly Arazo

\*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 June 13, 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.

\* Johnny Altamirano, LAPD Officer, Representing Hollenbeck PD, 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.

\* Susana Lopez & Manuel A. Escamilla, 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.

\*Rafael Gonzalez, 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. Also, shared that the restrooms are now being open until 7:30pm each night. 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.

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

1. First Item: The Board voted on continuing the clean ups once per quarter. Also update given by Susana Betancourt as chair of the Clean up committee. Vote No vote, just Update.
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. Just an update given.  
Vote: No Vote Just Update

### **Informational Reports:**

1. President's Report: Dina Cruz shares her various art projects in the community. Shares her support for the local artists, both students, and adults. Currently Dina is working with the Neighborhood Council to help fund new art projects for the community and to raise funding for several student art projects.
2. 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 new guard rails and benches at the outdoor patio area next to the parking lot which was donated by the Sikand Foundation Also updated the board on the Fall programs and success on our Spring & Summer classes.

**Next Meeting:** to be Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 6pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.