

Skid Row PAB Meeting

Regular Meeting Minutes

May 15th, 2024

1:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

- Adelene Bertha called to order the regular meeting of the PAB at 1:11 p.m. on May 15th, 2024, via Zoom and in person at UCEPP Building – 800 E. 6th St., Los Angeles CA, 90021.

2. ROLL CALL

- Deann Placencia conducted a roll call. Quorum was declared based on having the presence of the following board members:

ADELENE BERTHA, VICE-CHAIR
DEANN PLACENCIA, SECRETARY
CHARLES PORTER, TREASURER
MARNELL BANKS, BOARD MEMBER
RAY LEWIS, BOARD MEMBER
ALISHA THOMPSON, BOARD MEMBER
TIFFANY ROSE, BOARD MEMBER

3. PAB-RULES/VOTING

- Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary are the roles for the upcoming term. No renewal of the role of Treasurer.
- Chair Nominations
 - Adelene Bertha and Charles Porter are both nominated.
 - Charles Porter motioned to have two Co-Chairs vs. Chair and Co-Chair. Marnell Banks seconded the motion.
 - Roll call vote taken and passed unanimously for Adelene Bertha and Charles Porter as Co-Chairs.
 - Deann Placencia was nominated for Secretary.
 - Roll call vote taken and passed unanimously for Deann Placencia as Secretary.

4. BADGES

- Mark needs the correct spelling of name and address for each member. He will work through the city process to get us the badges. Working on quotes. Badges will have first and last name with Skid Row PAB.

5. PARK UPDATES

- Emails Adelene sent out (broken glass)
 - This is in San Julian where we place bulletins. The glass is broken, and someone scratched hand on the glass. Can we get it placed as soon as possible?
 - Need to order a new case versus repairing what is there. Mark will call maintenance to have it removed in the meantime.
 - Do not put information inside the glass anymore.
 - Adelene will google options for the bulletin board replacement.
- Park Hours
 - Closing earlier than it should be. Does park and recs have any info on that? If it is still light outside why is the park closing? Can we extend park hours? Does that mean more staff?
 - Maintenance opens and closes the park, and they work until 6 pm. It is a combination of the operation budget and what maintenance has for parks.
 - Mark can speak with Jarvis and Chris Antonelli about getting help to have park open longer. It will not only be maintenance help but security also. To extend the hours Mark will have to have that discussion to see if there is a way to get that budget.
 - What dates and times would we need for the park to be open later? 8 am – 8 pm, 3/15 to 10/15 for dates. However, for this year we will ask from 7/1 -10/15.
- San Julian Park Renovation
 - Work with the planning and construction division for updates on bathrooms and what updates they are planning for the park. The grass is full and looks great.
- Park Safety
 - How do we create a safe park? Connection with others creates wellness, health, and safety. Events and activities in the park as

well. How can we support community building as a way to enhance safety? The security we have are they coming into the park? Is that what we feel is best or what the community responds to? We have heard that security stays outside the park and just look and see if they are needed in the park, but do not really stop. Is funding going to security or staffing and resources that can help the park?

- Available RAP openings
 - Could be a window of opportunity until 6/30. If interested, you have to be fingerprinted, TB tested and space is limited to get tested.
 - Not sure what the budget is for part time. Mark cannot guarantee hours.
 - Jarvis asked for the announcement to be sent out again.
- Gregory Young Introduction
 - His background is people services. He shared he leads in love and authority. Understands the importance of connecting with the community. Personal friend of Belinda for 30+ years. Was asked if he would consider coming and working with EXPO and Mark Rose would be his supervisor. He shared that he sees the PAB as the primary decision makers in the community. Expo is the support system for us. He will be a visible person on Saturdays.

6. PARK EVENTS

- Movies in the Park
 - June start with the 2nd Wednesday. First Movies in the Park will be at Gladys Park with a 6 pm start. Mark will put together flyer and banner.
- Resource Fair
 - Quarterly fairs. Starting within June through September. Jarvis asked if we could add resource fair to the movies in the park?
 - Some resources come to the movies in the park. We could do the last movies in the park event and then do the Friday following that date.
- What events have been planned already? Cesar keeps the calendar. Mark will talk with Cesar to see what he can share.
- Send pics to Mark of events. Pictures go a long way to show the value of what is being done. 3-5 sentences about the event. How many attended?
- Parking (police ticketing)
 - CD14 can make an ask for parking but seldom do they do relaxed parking.
 - Invite DOT to a PAB meeting (Jarvis will ask)

- Adelene is working with Metro liaison and may be able to join us at a PAB meeting to see if they can support us in any way.
- General Jeff Mural installation/opening at Walk the Talk
 - Working to rename park and community members created a General Jeff mural to install.
 - Big event on the 25th called Walk the Talk and they will be acknowledging Adelene Bertha. Procession that goes through neighborhood and they want to end here and do a formal unveiling of the General Jeff mural. Time is 3:30-4 pm.
 - LA commons will be there, and they want PAB there.
 - Working with Assistant General Manager of Parks and Rec and planning and construction AGM.
 - Bottleneck is that the plaque would go on existing building at the entrance of park. We discussed it at a pedestal which threw it to the left. This makes it a construction project. That has hit a major snag because it would break ground.
 - Could we put it in another location in the park? Do we reconsider putting it on the building? Or by the stage area there are some planters there and could we put a decorative boulder in the planter. Or could we put the pillar in that area?
 - Still looking at pricing for plaque and still in early stages. Will take about a month to get the cost. 3 months to get it completed. Tried going through LA Parks Foundation. Take a 12% admin fee. CD14 said they could send money to them and that could make it go faster. That would be a non-construction route.
 - To be a non-construction route, Mark suggested that the General Jeff plaque/pillar/pedestal be located near the stage area. Not including or limited to plaque/pillar/pedestal or boulder.
 - Deann motioned to approve. Charles seconded the motion.
 - Roll call vote taken was taken and five out of seven in favor.
 - We will still be going with what language we voted on.
 - Might be stainless steel.
 - Signage for park and renaming going through task force committee with board of commissioners. Mark is in communication about it. CD14 will fund sign if it is a metal sign. Traditional signage would be paid for through PAR.

7. SUBCOMMITTEES

- Budget (funding efforts: DLANC)
 - DLANC came to our meeting, and she spoke about getting grants/funding for PAB events. She wanted to be able to give us a grant to support what we do in the park. How do we connect back with her for funding?
- Social Media
 - What are we doing for Social Media?

8. OLD BUSINESS

- Do we want to meet quarterly or every other month? What days and times?
 - Adelene wants to meet quarterly. Deann as well.
 - We can also have a special meeting with 48-hour notice.
 - Continue to utilize subcommittees as a way of communication.
 - We were supposed to have also a resource fair/events subcommittee. Is this still our intention?
 - Next meeting scheduled for 8/21 at 1:30 p.m.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

10. CLOSING

- Charles Porter adjourned the meeting at 3:05 p.m. Adelene Bertha seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments from the public on Agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction will be heard during the Public Comment period. Public comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker unless waived by the presiding officer of the Board Agenda is posted at <https://www.laparks.org/info/volunteer/pab-agendas/2020> .*ADA* As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and upon request, will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services, and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request. To ensure availability of services, please make your request at least three business days (72 hours) prior to the meeting you wish to attend by contacting mark.rose@lacity.org.