



PAB Minutes
City of Los Angeles - Department of Recreation and Parks
MacArthur Park Community Center Park Advisory Board
Monday, August 26, 2024
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, Marco Pacheco- President
, Evelyn Balderas- Vice President
, Angelique Lara- Secretary
, Jennifer Gill- Member
, Deann Placencia- Member

Welcome and introduction

1. Call to order at 5:20 pm.
*This meeting will be translated in Spanish and English.
2. Roll call
Marco Pacheco- President
Evelyn Balderas- Vice President
Angelique Lara- Secretary
Jennifer Gill- Member-Absent- Arrived late.
Deann Placencia- Member-Absent
 - a. This meeting is not in quorum.
3. Approval of Minutes for June
 - a. Since this meeting is not in quorum, voting and approval for months June/ July will take place next meeting.

Staff Reports: Stephanie Galvez

1. Report on youth programs, special events, volunteer programs, park and facility updates.
 - a. Fall- Classes/Sports-Fall season is starting.
 - i. Fishing Club- is on Sept 14 at 12pm
 - ii. Soccer League-
 1. Summer soccer is playing at MacArthur Park and at Downey.
 2. Park is taking Fall registrations for soccer.
 3. Fall Soccer is offering for the first time a 16/17-year-old division. If participants are not on a high school team, they can join the league for \$10.
 - iii. Fall Classes- new 3-4-year-old classes.
 - iv. Baseball on the field this Saturday at 9 am.
 - b. Summer concerts- ending- bandshell open for permits.
 - i. After this Saturday, churches and other organizations can reach out to obtain an application for a permit to use the bandshell.
 - ii. Applications are needed 4-5 months in advanced.
 - iii. This is the last concert, please come out.
 - c. After School Care- scholarships
 - i. To have a scholarship you must show proof of income.
 - ii. After School Care schools are
 1. Charles White Elementary
 2. MacArthur Park Elementary
 3. Esperanza elementary



- d. Mayor's office events in park
 - i. Starting Fall Sept 6 there will be 2 events in 1 for families and homeless individuals.
 - ii. On Alvarado side there will be a homeless outreach with UCLA medical team and LASHA, and the Circle team to assist the homeless population.
 - iii. On the other side there will be soccer games, inflatables and a food give way from 5pm-8pm.
 - iv. The event is free.
- e. Issues/- Concerns
 - i. Encampments- encampments longer than 3 days contact Stephanie or Melissa.
 - ii. Tagging- If you see any tagging, you can use the 311 app.
 - 1. Stephanie can see how many requests have been sent in for a tagging incident. The more request that gets sent in the more the incident gets tagged for importance.

Agenda Items: New Business

- 1. LAPD updates/questions- Officer Diaz
 - a. Office Diaz opened this topic with stating his patrolling areas, crime and homelessness and hazard waste. Then officer Diaz opened the floor to ask various community members in the meeting if they live in his patrolling area.
 - i. Mirna mentions she part of the Westlake Neighbor council.
 - ii. Sandra expressed the need that when she needs an officer, they don't come quick enough.
 - iii. Ana expressed that children are witnessing homeless individuals doing inappropriate things.
 - 1. Officer Diaz responded with this.
 - a. With 1,500 officers for the entire city, this number doesn't meet the amount for the city.
 - b. Officer Diaz also went over the general sequence of an arrest.
 - iv. Paula mentioned she is a stakeholder and a long-term resident.
 - 1. She had mentioned she had a concern with what officer Diaz said. She mentions that the officer said if the community sees unsafe tactics to report it verses the Officer Diaz mentioning there's not enough officers for the city.
 - 2. Officer Diaz responded with this.
 - a. Stakeholders have more of a voice that he does, and with the statistics and community input, it can show what is happening in the area.
 - b. He also mentioned that there is a monthly CPAB meeting with the captain at the first Saturday of the month at the Good Samaritan Hospital.
 - 3. Paula mentioned on how she would like to know how to collaborate with the park on hosting a resource fair.
 - a. President Marco mention that she must get a permit first.
 - b. Tagging
 - c. Encampments
- 2. CD1- information-Diana Vicente
 - a. Movie night- recap
 - b. Town Hall meeting:
 - i. Diana Vicente made note that there is no hiding the state of MacArthur Park. Every department is having to face an issue with it.
 - ii. Diana also mentioned that right now is not a good and productive time to have a townhall regarding the state of MacArthur Park. She mentioned letting the council women hear the main issues from the leaders of the community and then bring a united front meeting to deal with these issues.
 - iii. Diana had also mention that the council women will be at the MacArthur Park Neighborhood council this Wednesday at 7pm.
 - iv. President Marco had made note that the MacArthur Park Neighborhood council is not the only voice of Macarthur Park in the area.



3. KYCC- members
 - a. Vice President Evelyn introduced the Guardianes del Park members of the KYCC.
 - b. This is the Guardianes del Park final activity. Which is attending this meeting, before their graduating ceremony.
 - c. The Guradianes Del Parque drafted a letter to the PAB on improving MacArthur Park.
4. Round table meeting with CM Hernandez

Community Comments:

1. Public comments for items on the agenda. 2 minutes maximum per speaker.
 - a. Paula would like to host and be sponsored for an event. She mentions that this event would be considered a safe place for women and children.
 - b. Stephanie asked her boss Juan Guzman how Parks and Recs works in that area. His response was that they can support but cannot guarantee a sponsorship. A discussion can determine what they can do. 2) It could blend with Friday mayor's event.
 - c. He mentioned that an organization is taking on the fees, and the liability insurance.
 - d. Stephanie made note that she can get the word out and see anyone would like to collaborate or partner up with Paula.
2. New business, recommendations for future agenda items.
 - a. Stephanie made note that new board elections are happening in November. Plus, applications for 2-year advisory for new boards members are coming up. Applicants must have a live scan fingerprint done in November.
 - b. There will be a Hope and Peace Park clean up this Thursday at 8am from 10am.
3. **Next meeting: September 23 2024**
4. ADJOURNMENT at 6:39pm

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