



Minutes

City of Los Angeles - Department of Recreation and Parks MacArthur Park Community Center Park Advisory Board

Tuesday, January 23, 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 5:30. pm
2. Roll call
 - a. Marco Pacheco- Present
 - b. Evelyn Balderas- Present
 - c. Angelique Lara- Present
 - d. Jennifer Gill-Present
 - e. Deann Placencia- Present
3. Approval of Minutes for November
 - a. Minutes were approved for November.

Staff Reports: Stephanie Galvez

1. Report on youth programs, special events, volunteer programs, park and facility updates.
 - a. Winter- Classes/Sports
 - i. Wrestling
 1. Enrollment is at 10 participants.
 - ii. Fishing Club-
 1. The First fishing event will be on February 5th, 2024.
 2. May 4th and May 18 will be fishing derby days.
 - iii. Upcoming Play LA events
 1. Looking to bring in Pickleball and table tennis as actual classes in Spring at MacArthur Park.
 - b. After School Club
 - i. 10 spots are left.
 - ii. For Scholarship of \$15 there needs to be proof of low-income status.
 - c. Holiday Toy Giveaway Event- Recap
 - i. 300 toys were given away.
 - ii. 500 tacos were given out to the community.
 - iii. The toys were distributed by a "Blind toy giveaway."
 1. The child had to be present.
 2. All toys were wrapped by color, age, and gender.
 3. 1 Toy was stolen.
 - iv. Thank you, senior Lead offer, for the support.



- d. Playground Ribbon Cutting
 - i. The sponge ground has been laid.
 - ii. Sent CD1 email for councilwoman to join for the ribbon cutting ceremony.
 - iii. There will be a pizza giveaway.
 - 1. Parks and Recs currently looking for sponsorship for donation of pizza.
- e. Spring Egg Hunt Event
 - i. March 23rd, 2024 in the playground area.
 - ii. There will be tacos for kids, carnival games and 2 jumpers.
- f. Issues/Concerns
 - i. Food distribution groups must obtain a permit and have a certificate of liability to distribute around park.
 - 1. This is due to someone can potentially get hurt at MacArthur Park.
 - ii. New Needle boxes
 - 1. People are placing trash in the needle boxes.

Agenda Items: New Business

- 1. LAPD updates/questions- Officer Diaz via zoom
- 2. Officer Diaz makes note that the holiday event was a positive thing for the community.
- 3. There were some negative things that happened during the last few weeks.
 - a. After New year's around 1-3 am there was a shooting caught on camera.
 - b. The gang unit is working on getting suspect in custody.
 - c. Bandshell is closed.
 - i. Source of shelter from the rain for the homeless.
 - ii. There was a fire on the stage.
 - iii. Personal belongings have been found.
 - d. This past weekend at the bandshell a fight broke out with guns.
 - e. An individual was hit with a metal pole.
 - f. Some individuals got intoxicated causing aggravated assault.
 - g. **Encampments**
 - i. There are 5 homeless encampments in the park.
 - 1. LAPD has called the circle program to help those living in those homeless encampments.
- 4. KYCC-
 - a. Currently looking to host small clean ups.
 - i. Goal is to have something recurring.
- 5. CD1- information
 - a. In all four sharp needle containers there were 2,500 needles counted in total.
 - b. Containers have been vandalized.
 - c. Under a federal grant the city was able to purchase the Mayfair to house homeless from Skid Row.
 - d. Love my neighbor community clean up.
 - i. Large scale community clean up with a resource fair.
 - ii. February 17th
 - iii. The areas targeted are Wilshire, Parkview, and Alvarado.
- 6. LA Commons Presentation- Lakeside planters- update on ROE
 - a. Application is in.
 - b. There is funding from *Stop the Hate* for 2 new murals.
 - i. LA Commons is currently looking for walls.
 - ii. Artist selection meeting has been scheduled.



7. RAP Department PAB meetings- 2024
 - a. Meeting have been changed for monthly every 3rd Monday of the month.

Community Comments:

1. Public comments for items on the agenda. 2 minutes maximum per speaker.
2. Levitt-LA
 - a. Has present their schedule for Summer 2024.
 - i. There will be 10 concerts in total starting June 22 to August 31, 2024.
 1. This schedule is tentative and waiting on approval from RAP department.
 2. Also trying to coordinate with Public Health for vaccines resource fair.
 - b. Some issues are restroom and park cleanness.
 - c. Levitt is looking other partnerships to host other concerts throughout the year.
3. New business, recommendations for future agenda items.
4. **Next meeting: February 12**
5. ADJOURNMENT 6:53 pm

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