



## PAB MINUTES

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

Monday, June 17, 2024

2230 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Los Angeles, CA 90057

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, Marco Pacheco- President  
, Evelyn Balderas- Vice President  
, Angelique Lara- Secretary  
, Jennifer Gill- Member  
, Deann Placencia- Member

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### Welcome and introduction

1. Call to order at 5:17pm
2. Roll call
  - Marco Pacheco- President- present
  - Evelyn Balderas- Vice President-Present
  - Angelique Lara- Secretary -present
  - Jennifer Gill- Present
  - Deann Placencia- present
3. Approval of Minutes for April and May
  - a. **Motion from President Marco Pacheco approve minutes from April and May**
    - i. **Voted: 5 in favor, 0 opposed.**
    - ii. **Resolved: Motion carried, Minutes approved for April, however May 20 minutes were approved with following update:**
      - **Paul from Levitt has raised concerns about cleanness and the crimes that are happening in the park.**

### Staff Reports: Stephanie Galvez

1. Report on youth programs, special events, volunteer programs, park, and facility updates.
  - a. Summer- Classes/Sports-
    - i. Summer session has official started.
    - ii. Currently taking registrations for soccer.
    - iii. During Spring season 240 youth registrations were recorded and paid.
    - iv. Fall season is MacArthur league time.
  - b. Fishing Club- no meet up in July due to holiday- will resume in August.
  - c. Summer Camp- starts 6/12- completely full.
    - i. Starts this Saturday, June 22 2024.
    - ii. Possible 1-2 spots have been opened. A family had stepped away.
    - iii. Field trip to Rampart police station.
  - d. After school pick up
    - i. Prices back up to \$65 dollars.
    - ii. Staff focuses on homework.
  - e. Summer concerts and park permits.
    - i. Summer Concerts
      1. Starts this month.

There is a safety and funding concern. Concerts have been cut down to 10 concerts this season.



- ii. Park Permit-
  - 1. Everyone needs a Permit. Weekends are harder to check for permits, but Stephanie lets units know who has a permit.
- f. Issues/Concerns-
  - i. Encampments
    - 1. The LAPD has addressed the early morning crew to help with maintenance.
    - 2. LASHA is the only service provider for the park. LASHA has a wide service area, and we might not see the provider go into the park as often as we like.

#### **Agenda Items: New Business**

- 1. LAPD updates/questions- Carlos Diaz
  - a. School groups have come visited the station with station promoting self-awareness and personal safety.
  - b. The heat is making people want to be outside, which has been mixed in with crime increase.
  - c. Officer Diaz makes note to be aware of your surrounding area.
  - d. There was an argument between individuals, and one individual was thrown into the lake and drowned.
  - e. Tagging
  - f. Encampments
    - i. An RV was parked outside of park on Wilshire/ Alvarado. Hotspot of illegal activity.
    - ii. The RV showed up again, but policed addressed the owner of the RV and the RV left.
    - iii. Stephanie has made note that individuals are tapping into power sources by removing sealed plates and taking off bolts. Which creates a safety hazard for all those around.
  - g. President Marco Pacheco had made note of a possible Town Hall Meeting regarding the crimes and overall safety concern of MacArthur Park.
    - i. It was mentioned to contact CD1 with their resources to have a Town Hall Meeting.
  - h. **Motion from President Marco Pacheco to write up and submit an email letter to CD1 Field rep Diane Vicente about having a Town Hall Meeting about addressing the crime of MacArthur Park.**
    - i. **Voted: 5 in favor, 0 opposed.**  
**Resolved: Motion carried.**
      - Officer Diaz had made note that LAPD Rampart will echo their concerns.
- 2. CD1- information-No representative in today.
  - a. Opening new office location on 6<sup>th</sup> and Bixley.
  - b. July 22 there will be a movie night in the park from 7-10pm.

#### **Community Comments:**

- 1. Public comments for items on the agenda. 2 minutes maximum per speaker.
  - a. KYCC- August 10<sup>th</sup> Park clean up by concert stage.
  - b. Levitt- AT LACMA gallery called *Dining with the Sultan*.
- 2. New business, recommendations for future agenda items.
- 3. **Next meeting: July 22, 2024**
- 4. ADJOURNMENT at 6:22pm

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