



PAB MINUTES

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

Monday, September 23, 2024

2230 W. 6th 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

Welcome and introduction

1. Call to order
 - a. The meeting was called to order at 5:20pm
2. Roll call
 - a. Marco Pacheco- President- Present
Evelyn Balderas- Vice President-Present
Angelique Lara- Secretary -Present
Jennifer Gill- Present
Deann Placencia- Member-Absent
 - Due to a work conflict schedule, she will be out for September and October meeting. She will return for November meeting.
 - b. Meeting is not in quorum.
3. Approval of Minutes for June
 - a. Since meeting is not in quorum the minutes for June, July August and September will be approved in November when Deann Placencia returns.

Staff Reports: Stephanie Galvez

1. Report on youth programs, special events, volunteer programs, park and facility updates.
 - a. Fall- Classes/Sports
 - i. Fishing Club- October- This event was canceled. Due to the playground fire no families are over there.
 - ii. Soccer League-
 1. Still taking Fall registration for senior league division
 - a. 15–17-year-old.
 - b. For those that cannot play in high school.
 - c. Starts next week.
 - d. Plays in Downey recreation off of Broadway.
 - iii. Fall Classes- new 3–4-year-old classes.
 1. Baseball intro for 3-4 years old
 - a. Some concepts taught are how a player positions their feet, how to go in the right direction etc.
 - b. After School Care- scholarships
 - i. Community member Paula had asked if the classes are free.
 1. Stephanie Galvez responded that Sports LA is \$10 with a scholarship Sports LA is \$3.



- c. Mayor's office events in park- This Friday-
 - i. This is the last one,
 - ii. families enjoyed it.
 - iii. During this time the topic of restrooms was brought up.
 - 1. The park has a restroom but in a day the restroom can get damage.
 - 2. We have a maintenance staff for the restroom but no attendant for the restroom.
 - 3. It was also mentioned that families don't let their daughters come to the park because there is no restroom.
 - 4. Paula a community member asked the board if the board is willing to advocate for a restroom attendant by selecting a person from transitional housing, probation etc.
 - a. liaison attendant
- d. Playground- fire- updates-
 - i. There are currently no updates.
 - ii. Stephanie is checking to see if the playground is under warranty.
 - iii. Looking like an arson.
 - iv. She made note that she saw an encampment issue with the playground.
 - v. Secretary Angelique Lara had asked can we put a fence around the playground.
- e. Issues/Concerns-
 - i. Encampments
 - ii. Tagging
 - 1. If we see anything of these two items, please constantly report and send Stephanie an email.

Agenda Items: New Business

- 1. LAPD updates/questions- Senior Lead Officer Carlos Diaz
 - * This topic was moved to the first of the meeting due to Officer Diaz time schedule.
 - a. Officer Carlos Diaz made note that with community members reaching out to the news reports it has been a positive impact that highlight the crime happening in the park. It's a positive thing this community needs to be heard not neglected. This area has not had its just due. When simple things like lighting are neglected, it affects the people that live there.
 - b. A year ago, there was a safety issue with the lighting. There was hardly little to no lighting on the 6th/ Wilshire/ Alvarado streets. A request was made to fix this problem only to have the response back that it takes time. It has since been fixed.
 - c. Officer Diaz made note that lighting is a safety issue because bad lighting increases crime. If we can't see illegal activity, we cannot stop it.
 - d. **Additional police resources**
 - i. Additional officers from neighbors' stations have come to help the surrounding areas of MacArthur Park.



- e. A member of the community named Paula made a comment about adding additional police resources to patrolling the areas of MacArthur Park.
 - i. Office Diaz stated that outside units can be pulled out anytime due to other community situations.
 - ii. Stephanie Galvez mentioned all officers left the area due to a foot pursuit. She was only left with 2 patrolling units. It would have possibly taken a long time for officers to come if there was another community situation in the area.
 - iii. Paula had also made another comment asking who had resolved the issue of the units.
 - 1. Officer Diaz, mention it had come from the LAPD Rampart
 - 2. President Marco Pacheco made a comment that the number of new hires for police officers is not enough. He mentioned that people must voice their concerns. We have a crisis, and that he referred to a 60 minute show that mention MacArthur park being the center of overdoses.
- f. While officers where at the fishing derby they noticed an individual with an aggravated assault warrant and were able to arrest that individual there.
- g. Officer Diaz made note of a firemen response to having to come to the aid of his 6th overdose victim from 6:15am-9am in the morning.
 - i. Statement that additional departments are being affected and now needing more resources.
- h. The fire that burned the playground is under investigation at the fire department.
- i. The night guards are reporting that there is an increase of fire use in the park at night. Night guards are having to put out fire themselves.
- j. The Summer night concerts had change the vibe of the park.
- k. To hear the captain talk, Office Diaz invited everyone to the community police advisory board.
 - i. To address the issues of the park to the captain.
 - 1. LAPD RAMPART 1st Tuesday of every month, PHI COMMUNITY 637 S Lucas ave Los Angeles, CA 90017

Tagging

a. Encampments

- 2. CD1- information-No Rep present
 - a. Fall Friday Nights- updates.
 - i. Families enjoyed it.
 - ii. Those present that night were:
 - 1. Deputy mayor
 - 2. GRID
 - 3. Homies Unidos
 - 4. Urban Barrios
 - iii. On the Alvarado side
 - 1. Homeless services
 - 2. Hot meals
 - 3. Wesley Medical center
 - iv. On the Levitt side
 - 1. Inflatables
 - 2. Hot meals



3. KYCC- members- Evelyn Balderas
 - a. KYCC wants to start a education forum to provide the community a place to discuss substance abuse.
 - b. She asked to collaborate, and for space to have this education information session.
4. Nominations and Elections for 2025-2027 Board- Due October 21 for review
 - a. Applications- looking for a least 2 new members to have a total of 7 board members and be in quorum more often.
 - b. Livescan- everyone must do it.
 - c. Voting- November 18th- last meeting of the year

Community Comments:

1. Public comments for items on the agenda. 2 minutes maximum per speaker.
 - a. Marco mention
 - i. Indigenous People's Day Highland Park October 12, 2024 from 10am to 3:00pm
 - ii. Mayan Corridor Nov 16, 2024.
2. New business, recommendations for future agenda items.
3. **Next meeting: OCTOBER , 2024**
4. ADJOURNMENT at 6:29PM

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