

Friends of Daley Ranch Board Minutes

June 18, 2025

Present: Jerry Harmon, Donna Leon, Rick Mercurio, Brocade Harmon, Chris O'Donnell and Dave Roberts were in attendance.

1. Minutes: Jerry opened the meeting at 2:05 pm at the Train Depot. The minutes from the May meeting were approved by acclamation.

2. Treasurer's Report: The May Treasurer's report was reviewed by Rick and approved by acclamation.
 - a. Rick made spare keys for the La Honda gate iron ranger and gave copies to Donna, Dave and Jerry. Going forward, Dave will check the iron ranger whenever he refills the FODR brochure box located there.
 - b. Chris made a non-expiring QR code for donations. Donna will create a few donation signs that Rick will affix inside each of the kiosks.
 - c. Rick noted that the term of our investment CD had come to an end, and he re-upped it for another 7 month term.

3. Website and Google Drive updates: Chris replaced the board member phone numbers on our contact list with links that open a form that can be filled in and sent to the appropriate person.
 - a. Chris has tidied up our list of FODR emails.
 - b. Chris noted that many of our meeting minutes posted on line were in HTML format. She suggested going back and converting them to PDF's for better security.
 - c. Bill Sherrard gave us permission to include excerpts from his Daley Ranch trail guide on our website. Chris will start this work. Dave gave her the trail guide CD.
 - d. Dave sent Chris the latest PDF file for our Trifold. She updated the website with it.
 - e. Chris has begun adding animal content including new photos and text. Dave to continue sending her animal and plant photos. It was suggested to include a link to Wikipedia for each of the animals and plants we feature.
 - f. Chris removed the low-value landing pages that some of our website menu items had. Now they simply go to a drop-down sub-menu.
 - g. Options for streamlining our Google Drive were discussed. Needs to be revisited at later meetings.

4. Steps for Shuttle Vehicles: The Rangers notified Rick that this upgrade was approved. Great news because it was an on-going issue for some of our less mobile Discussions event attendees. Exact details of what was done are still to come.

5. Next "Discussions" Event:
 - a. We are confirmed for Sunday, July 13, at 11:00 am at the Ranch House. The topic is "Snakes!", presented by Tom of Tom's Snake and Rattlesnake Rescue. Set up begins at 9:00 am.
 - b. Donna has secured donated snacks from Jimbo's. Rick will bring the water vessel. Donna to bring new signage and swag. Brocade to bring the FODR donation box and vintage shirts.
 - c. We will do the usual postings on our website and newsletter, and local newspapers, etc. Chris to create a form that on-line people can use to sign up for the event and request shuttle service.
 - d. Donna noted that Justine Daniel of the California Native Plant Society showed interest in being a presenter. Could be good for Spring, 2026.

6. Gifts for 7th Grade school trip volunteers: Previously approved. A note of thank you will be put into the Summer newsletter.

7. ECF Grant Status: Rick reported that almost all of the money has been spent. Still to be installed are the trail markers, new info signs and new split rails at the Cougar Pass TH. Rick drafted the text for the info signs and sent it out to be translated into Spanish. The art work for the signs is in progress.

8. Newsletter: Topics for the next newsletter include:
 - a. A recap of the last Discussions event.
 - b. An announcement for the next Discussions event.
 - c. The species of the season.
 - d. An ECF grant update.

9. Parcel Acquisition: Donna updated the current acquisition activities of TECC concerning parcels close to Daley Ranch.

10. SDG&E Donation: Supposedly SDGE is in a donation cycle but they have not replied to any of our recent enquiries. Rick to contact again.

11. Other

- a. Bio-Monitoring: No status reports received so far from the Park Supervisor. Rick to check in one more time.
- b. Rick to give Dave more Trail Guides. Dave solicited any content ideas for the next printing of the Trifold.

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, July 18, at 10:00 am at the Train Depot. Jerry to check with the city about possibly using one of their meeting rooms in the future, if ever needed.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Roberts