

**Friends of Daley Ranch Board Minutes**  
**July 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 10 a.m. at the Train Depot. The minutes from the June meeting were approved by acclamation.
2. Treasurer's Report: The June Treasurer's report was reviewed by Rick and approved by acclamation. Rick noted several donations made in July.
3. ECF Grant Update: Rick said the split rail fence has been installed at Cougar Pass. An Eagle Scout is planning to build the kiosk there with grant money to be paid for the materials. Ranger Joe is the coordinator for the City. Ranger Jess has taken charge of a new plan for trail signs. These will probably be much more expensive than those budgeted in the original grant. Rick will look into options: carsonite trail marker signs, and splitting extra costs among the City, ECF, and FODR.

Rick has completed the three signs, which together with the metal stands, are also costlier than budgeted. He has sent Brian a request for approval from the City's Appearance Committee as soon as possible. We will need someone to help with industrial glue to attach the signs to the stands, as Ron had done this before. Dave will contact Ron. Rick will compile a budget-to-date for the grant.

4. Discussions Debrief: The snake presentation on July 13 was very well attended with 55. Tom was very good and was appreciated by the diverse audience. The new shuttle worked out well, as did Chris's new online sign-up form. Chris commented that the screen was too low for viewing from back row. She suggested a stand. Donna suggested a larger TV screen. Coyotes and mountain lions as possible topic. Ideas for future events: tours of Ranch House; City booth with animal ambassadors and presenting; Mayor speaking.
5. Biological Monitoring: Brian Thill responded to our inquiry about status of the ongoing biological monitoring project paid for by the City. He is awaiting the final report. He sent us a link to pursue other information from the City about the contract and potential progress reports. Chris will follow through with the City. We would like to get Liz Ridder back on our Board, and Dave will reach out to her after his trip.
6. Newsletter: Topics for the next newsletter include
  1. A recap of the July Discussions event.
  2. An announcement for the annual picnic on Nov. 2.
  3. The species of the season.
  4. An ECF grant update.

7. Website Report: Chris has been working hard on the website. She created a report of all her work including statistics. She has added info on various animals with links. She will add additional photos and info on insects. Chris has worked to incorporate Sherrard's Trail Description for Bobcat Trail on our website. He mentions a "French Settlement" along this trail. Chris researched this. Rick will help edit this part. Chris discussed back up people and access to various sites. We discussed Facebook access and posting more items as Daley Ranch.
8. Trifold Order: Dave made a few small changes to the trifold, which the Board agreed to re-order.
9. Next Meeting: Wednesday, Aug. 27 at 2:30 at the Depot.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rick Mercurio for Dave Roberts