

Friends of Daley Ranch Board Minutes

October 9, 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 2:30 pm at the Train Depot. The minutes from the September meeting were approved by acclamation.
2. Treasurer's Report: The September Treasurer's report was reviewed by Rick and approved by acclamation. Rick recently emptied \$32 from the La Honda iron ranger.
3. Grape Day Festival: The feedback from this year's event was positive. The Festival seemed to be larger than last year. \$32 in donations was received. A few people signed up for our newsletter.
4. ECF update: The three new informational signs have been installed at the Ranch House, the barn and the utility buildings.
Over 113 new trail markers have been bought and are now being printed. They will soon be set in concrete at the various trail junctures.
The eagle scout construction has begun on the kiosk to be installed at the Cougar Pass Trailhead. Exact site TBD. Dave has the old brochure box from the La Honda entrance that could be affixed to the new kiosk.
5. Old Ranch House Oven Restoration: This historic piece has recently suffered some degradation. The Board believes it is worth restoring. Range Greg to contact a known guy who does such restorations for a quote.
6. FODR Brochures: Our trifolds are in good supply. Dave has them all. He only has about another 60 Trail Guides and 0 Plant Guides. Jerry to check at his Escondido house for more plant guides. Another printing on these will be needed shortly. Donna to send Chris a few edits on the latin names. Dave to provide a new high res photo of the iconic oak as a possible replacement on the plant guide cover page. Chris to add the FODR logo to the cover page.
7. Foreman's Quarters: Item tabled for the time being.

8. Ranger Jessica's Table for Sand Tracks: This education item costing approximately \$500 was proposed by Rick, seconded and approved. An exact quote from Jessica is forthcoming.
9. 7th Grade Trips: It was proposed to gather all the 2026 volunteers sometime in January for a luncheon meet and greet with the board. The date options are January 14, 21 or 28. Rick to firm up the date with the volunteers. Jerry suggested summarizing the feedback received from the previous trips. This can be shared in the newsletter and/or with the city council to garner continued support for this important program.
10. November 2 FODR Picnic: Greg Gould arranged a secure shuttle that includes a lift for any attendees needing that. Chris will add this info to the website and our FB page. The Rangers have agreed to manning a table and saying a few words to the gathering. Brocade is arranging the sandwiches, snack bags and cookies from Major Market, and the plates, utensils and napkins. Dave & Marianne to pick up. Donna to coordinate the drinks, ice and paper cups. Rick to bring the large drinking water dispenser. The initial posting of this event went up on the website and our FB page a few days ago and a handful of people have signed up. The mayor and city council have been invited. The plan is to meet at ~8:00 at the Ranch House to begin setting up the tables and chairs.
11. Other
 - a. TECC October 25 Educational Event: No one was available to man a booth at this event but Rick proposed we make a \$500 donation. This motion was approved.
 - b. Stickers!: The purchase of 250 FODR logo stickers was approved by the board. Donna to arrange.
 - c. Newsletter: Content to include: Next "Discussions" event on January 11, a preview of the next season of 7th Grade Trips, a picnic recap, a description of the three new informational signs and trails markers, and a mention of the new trailhead kiosk now under construction.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 6 at 3:00 pm at the Train Depot.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Roberts

