

Friends of Daley Ranch Board Minutes

September 12, 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 12:30 pm at the Train Depot. The minutes from the August meeting were approved by acclamation.
2. Treasurer's Report: The August Treasurer's report was reviewed by Rick and approved by acclamation.

Chris reviewed the latest website stats. It's nice to see actual numbers showing how our website is being used.

3. Grape Day Festival: The logistics for this September 13 event were finalized. Jerry, Brocade and Rick to do set-up and the first shift. Donna, Chris and Dave to do the second shift and break down.
4. Bill Sherrard thank you: A public thank you is planned, including an article in the FODR newsletter noting his financial contribution helping us complete the informational signs and the inclusion of his Daley Ranch trail information onto our website. Rick to draft the article. It was also agreed that we add his name as a sponsor to our 7th grade field trip program.
5. EDF update: For the new trail signs, all the markers have been bought, along with 30 bags of cement. The new informational signs are also complete and awaiting installation by the Ranger staff. We're hoping that this can be done by the end of September to hit the 12 month completion goal initially set.
6. 7th Grade Trips: Rick happily reported that all the volunteers from last year will be back again for 2026. The first session kicks off in February. Rick met with Kristen to review the comments from this past year's effort. The first planning meeting for 2026 will take place in October. A new idea was proposed to, if possible, gather all the volunteers prior to the first session for a lunchtime meet and greet with the board. Rick to try and arrange.
7. November 2 Picnic Prep: Brocade to again be the coordinator. Rick to again write announcements for the local newspapers and our newsletter. Chris to put a

sign-up page on the website with a home page slash, to include both picnic attendance and shuttle reservation. Donna to create the flier to be posted. Ranch house tours will be offered. Lunch will again be provided. More planning on the food logistics to come. We will try to use the \$500 Target gift card given to us earlier this year for some of the needed supplies. We will invite the Ranger Staff to possibly man a booth at the picnic. We will invite the mayor and city council. The speakers to include Jerry, Rick (7th Grade Trips) and possibly a couple others. TBD.

8. Newsletter: The content is mostly set, to include a picnic flyer, a Bill Sherrard thank you, the species of the season.
9. Lizard Flyer: Rick to place a flier in our kiosk describing a researcher's efforts to monitor a non-native species of lizard that may have taken up residence in Daley Ranch.
10. Other
 - a. Cougar Pass Kiosk: The construction of a new kiosk for the Cougar Pass Trailhead is an Eagle Scout project for "Kyle", in cooperation with his dad and Ranger Joe. The exact installation location is still TDB by the Ranger Staff. The materials needed for the project were all recently purchased.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 9 at 2:30 pm at the Train Depot.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Roberts