

## **Friends of Daley Ranch Board Minutes - FINAL**

**March 25, 2026**

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 February meeting were approved by acclamation.
2. Treasurer's Report: The February Treasurer's report was reviewed by Rick and approved by acclamation.
3. Rick Meeting with Brian and Greg - Rick relayed Brian's request to be cc'ed on communications with his staff. Concerning illegal trails, it was reported that trail cameras are now in place in problem areas.
4. 7th Grade Trips - Rick reported that so far all the sessions have gone well. Six more to go.
5. Walk for Animals debrief - Good attendance at the event and good traffic to our booth. We sold a few hats and got a few donations and new sign-ups for our newsletter. Dave noted that it has been convenient to have all our supplies and equipment in the storage unit.
6. Discussions event for April 12 - Donna reported that we are mostly all set to go - though we are still awaiting Brian T's confirmation of the shuttle vehicle. Sunday, July 12 was chosen as the date for our next event, entitled "Turtles" to be presented by our own Donna.
7. Plaque Discussion - Possible locations within the Ranch House were discussed as well as the plaque size and layout. It was agreed that the plaque would have 3 categories and an overall dimension of around 14" x 11". Rick to contact the local vendor, Glaser Bailey.
8. Memorial Benches - We obtained a hard copy of the City's rules and procedure for installing memorial benches. Chris to digitize. It was decided that we post on our website and FB page a request for volunteers to refurbish the existing

“O’Neill” bench.

9. Bio Monitoring - Brian reported that the final document is virtually done. We can expect to receive a copy fairly soon.
10. Volunteer Work Day - An idea was floated to recruit volunteers via our membership and website for a work day at Daley Ranch. Possible projects include trash pick-up, removing invasive species, and anything the Rangers might have on their to-do list. Rick to check with Brian about possible dates, most manageable number of volunteers and projects. Dates initially floated are October 17 and 24.
11. Aircraft noise - Rick emailed our complaint to the FAA highlighting the need for a minimum flight clearance over a “preserve” lands. No word back. May take a while!
12. Picnic Date Revisit - Saturday, November 7 is the tentative choice for our annual FODR picnic. One idea is to invite a number of sister preserve organizations to have tables and possibly speak briefly at the event. The Rangers could also give an update on their Daley Ranch activities.
13. Other -
  - a. CEO Revival - Decided to table this idea until such time that there is a major environmental/preserve issue that would impact the greater north county area.
  - b. Oven Refurb - Donna emailed her contact but has so not received a reply.
  - c. Sager Ranch - Reportedly a small amount of road grading was done to address an erosion issue but otherwise this issue has been quiet.
  - d. Adjacent Property - Jerry to follow up with the land owner.
  - e. Bench Shade - Rick had earlier submitted this project idea to the Boy Scouts but has not heard back. This structure could possibly be a volunteer project.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 28, 2:00 pm at the Train Depot.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Roberts