

Friends of Daley Ranch Board Minutes

May 29, 2026

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

1. Minutes: Jerry opened the meeting at 2:30 pm at the Train Depot. The minutes from the April meeting were approved by acclamation.
2. Treasurer's Report: The April Treasurer's Report was reviewed by Rick and approved by acclamation. He noted a \$2000 donation from Palomar Audubon!
3. 7th Grade trip update: Rick reported that the trips went well overall. Kristen from EUSD has already set tentative dates for 11 field trips next year beginning in February and ending in late April. Rick will be attending a Consortium meeting next week at Safari Park along with the other organizations that provide outdoor education for each grade level in EUSD.
4. Next Newsletter: Items to appear include:
 - a. Preview of Donna's July 12 Discussions presentation on all things turtles.
 - b. Species of the season
 - c. 7th Grade trip wrap-up
 - d. Summary of the April Discussions event with photos.
 - e. Save the date for Volunteer Work Day Oct. 24 and Picnic Nov.
5. Discussions: Donna is set to go for the July 12 event on our friends the turtles. Rick to submit announcements to the Roadrunner, T-A and the UT. We will have a 45 person seating limit.
6. Grape Day is scheduled for September 5 during Labor Day weekend. FODR will participate, and Donna is coordinating and has submitted an application for a booth.
7. Biological Survey: Chris provided AI summaries of the report to the Board via email. Rick to contact Brian about any input he would like to offer before FODR publicizes it.
8. Old Oven: Donna said the San Diego Archaeological Center cannot help but they sent referrals for companies which Donna is working on now.
9. Potential Board Member: Chris has reached out to Danielle Parsons who lives in Escondido and works for TECC. She and Mike will look for more possibilities.
10. Five Acre Parcel: Jerry hopes to contact Paul Van Elderen.
11. Benches: Irina has submitted a formal request for a new bench at the intersection of Engelmann Oak and Bobcat Trail which has been looped to Brian. She is awaiting word on its status. Rick will inquire about next steps. Jerry will paying a worker to refurbish the existing two benches at Middle Pond overlook.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 16 at 2 pm in the Train Depot.

Respectfully submitted, Rick Mercurio for Dave Roberts