May 2026 Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 5th, 2026
7:00 pm in the Theatre

1. Greeting and Meeting Opening
    a. Called to order at: 7:01pm
    b. Members Present: Ashley, Bob, Tobi, Jordan, Henry, Dan
    c. Members Absent: Walter
    d. Approve Apr 7, 2026 meeting minutes
        i. Motioned to approve by Ashley, seconded by Jordan. Minutes approved 6-0
    e. Approve Apr 27 special meeting minutes
        i. Motioned to approve by Dan, seconded by Henry. Minutes approved 6-0

2. Local Candidates- 3 minutes each
    a. Rae Huang- Mayor - present
    b. Joel Lava- US House - present
    c. Henry Mantel- CD 5 - present

3. Current Issues:
    a. KTLA story on PLB
        i. Thanks to the efforts of independent resident's group, the issues have been brought up to KTLA. The PLBRA is ready to be allies and support them in their endeavor to make change happen.
        ii. Their recent meeting was attended by 100 ~residents and representatives from City Attorney and Katy Yaroslavsky's office.

4. Guest Speaker Updates, possibly including:
    a. Asm. Rick Chavez-Zbur, AD 51 - none
    b. Katy Young Yaroslavsky, CD 5- Michelle Flores
        i. Budget and Finance Committee: Last week the committee began departmental hearings on the Mayor's proposed 2026–27 budget. Coming week's committee will review the budget memos requested during the hearings and give direction to the Chief Legislative Analyst to prepare a report with recommended changes to the Mayor's proposal.
        ii. Community Conversation on Renters Rights - virtual event on May 12 from 12:30 - 2:00 PM - zoom link to follow soon.
        iii. D-Line Subway Grand Opening May 8 from 12:00 - 5:00 PM
    c. Daniel Park, Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell's office- none
    d. Academy Museum – Eden Bui (or colleague) - none

5. Committee Updates:
    a. Community/Senior Services Committee
        i. Tobi has written a letter asking Park La Brea management to provide the mold test results. Bob requested that he and Henry review the letter first before she sends.

b. Technology & Operations Committee
    i. Jordan built a new website and is requesting feedback from the board. Digital presence update. Website strategy/goals. Chatbot. Board Baseball Cards.
    ii. Mailing list gained 29 new subscribers in the last 90 days
c. Security & Safety Committee
    i. No updates
d. Events Committee (Wellness Fair, Elections Information Fair, etc)
    i. Elections Forum Report
        - Special shoutout to Nicole as she hosted another successful Candidate Forum.
    ii. Endorsement Report:
        - State Assembly District 51: Colin D. Hernandez
        - CD 5: Henry Mantel
        - State Senate District 28: No Endorsement
        - US House District 30: Laura Friedman
        - City Attorney: Marissa Roy
        - Mayor: Nithya Raman
e. Member & Community Engagement Committee
    i. Bob will be shifting his efforts to collaborating with the independent residents group. The hope is to increase the PLBRA's membership numbers. Bob voiced they deserve all the credit for the movement they have accomplished.
f. Fundraising/Strategy Committee
    i. Will be planning another membership drive soon.
    ii. Holly is available with her laptop after the meeting for anyone who would like to sign up to be a member.
    iii. Bob voiced the importance of becoming a member and that dues helps cover the cost of things like insurance.
g. Movies Committee
    i. May 21 - Some Like It Hot

6. President's report
    a. Connecting residents group to City officials
        i. Candidate forum was a successful event and Bob was able to personally introduce numerous representatives (like Yaroslavsky and Feldstein Soto) to Mark Garcia.
    b. Likely legal action by City against Park La Brea
    c. Political canvassers thrown out of Park La Brea (ACTION ITEM)
        i. Park La Brea patrol threw canvassers off the property. We cannot allow management to decide which political canvassers are allowed or not.
        ii. Motion: Look for a pro bono lawyer to potentially pursue a lawsuit; motioned by Bob, seconded by Jordan. Motion approved 6-0
        iii. Motion: PLBRA welcomes political campaigns (both candidate-oriented and issue-oriented) to engage with residents (canvassing) Motion approved: 5-0-1

7. Vice President's Report
    a. Recap of April's meeting with management
        i. Street Lighting Fee initiative (George)
            - 1 in every 10 streetlights are out in the city largely due to copper wire theft; less people to help deal with maintenance backlog
            - Proposal to adjust property tax assessments (breakdown by % of acreage)
            - Ballots are going out today (4/17)

- Impact: ability to procure more resources and reducing waittime for streetlight repairs

ii. Resident concerns shared with "questions@plbra.org" were brought to managements attention in the meeting.

b. Next PLBRA x Prime meeting is Friday, 5/15

8. Treasurer's Report
   a. Opening Balance: $15,882.28
   b. Closing Balance: $15,708.81
   c.

Advertising	**$0.00**
Newsletter Subscriptions	**$0.00**
Member Dues	**$0.00**
Donations	**$0.00**
Google Workspace	-$97.20
Mailchimp	-$57.75
Zoom	-$18.52
NET CHANGE	**-$173.47**

   d. In possession of multiple keys for a range of storage facilities that contain many financial records, archives of newsletters, and other files and property of PLBRA.

9. Secretary's Report
   a. Membership Update-
      i. 89 Paid/Active members for 2026
   b. View all upcoming meeting dates HERE-

10. Public Comment by PLBRA Members and Guests
    a. What is the strategy to combine efforts of the PLBRA and the independent residents group?
       i. We want to support and respect the work that they are doing and not step on their toes in their efforts. We are ready to be allies and want to help where we can.
    b. Resident wanted to know additional details with potential lawsuit with the City Attorney
       i. Bob voiced it was due to the large amount of open request tickets that were not being closed in a timely manner. The City Attorney also stayed well past the event time to hear resident concerns.
    c. Resident voiced that we should formally offer support to the resident group. This is an opportunity to show members there is a return on investment.

11. Good of the Order shared by PLBRA Officers
    a. Next Meetings:
       i. Thursday, June 4th via Zoom

12. Adjourn: motioned by Ashley, seconded by Tobi - motioned passed 6-0/ meeting adjourned at 7:59pm