The land that would later become Glassell Park was originally part of Rancho San Rafael, granted in 1784 to Spanish army corporal José María Verdugo. Attorney Andrew Glassell received part of Rancho San Rafael from the lawsuit known as the Great Partition of 1871. Glassell eventually settled in the area with his family, for whom many streets, including Toland Way, Drew, Andrita and Marguarite Streets are named.

Overall, Glassell park is a quiet, largely residential, ethniclly and economically diverse neighborhood, with a large industrial corridor along San Fernando Road which parallels Union Pacific railroad tracks and low-rise commercial buildings along Eagle Rock Boulevard.

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