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**Del Rey Neighborhood Council (DRNC)
Board of Directors General Meeting
Agenda**

**Thursday, January 11th, 2024, 7:00 pm
Zoom Meeting Online or By Telephone**

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1. **Call to order and Introductions:** President Ravi Sankaran called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Member Schonwald called the roll and quorum was met.

Members Present: Sankaran, Schonwald, Perez, Menendez, Hegedus, Rosenthal, Reynolds, Richards, Tropp, Turquand, Sanchez.

Members Absent: Siegal, Roth, Clements, Bhagat.

2. Update on Board activities and announcements

- a. Update on prior motions and actions taken
 - i. Recap of MdR Holiday Boat Parade December 9th
Member Sankaran shared pictures and stories of the annual parade.
 - ii. Recap of Culver Slauson Rec Center Winter event December 16th
The Del Rey Neighborhood Council provided financial support for the event.
 - iii. Holiday Lights by Area
Standout displays from areas A, B, D, E, and F were shown and shared on social media by member Menendez.
- b. Upcoming events
 - i. Homeless Count, Wednesday, January 24th, 8pm, Culver City Presbyterian Church. Member Hegedus shared details on the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) point in time count of unhoused folks and RV's in LA County to determine where services are needed.

3. Government Reports and Presentations

- a. LAPD Pacific Division SLOs Aceves & Ramirez
Officer Aceves reported on recent crimes, noting four stolen vehicles this year and an incident of a homeless man throwing rocks at cars near Centinela. Officer Ramirez shared information of a blood drive hosted by Pacific Station on Jan. 24.
- b. LA City Council District 11: Ashley Lozada, Field Deputy, Ashley.Lozada@lacity.org
- c. LA Mayor's Office: Marian Ensley, West Area Representative, Marian.ensley@lacity.org
West Area Rep. Ensley gave a recap of the 2023 year in review and emphasized public safety is at the top of the mayor's list for 2024. Ensley noted the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) is still looking for a general manager.
- d. LA County Supervisor Holly Mitchell: Tracy McGee, Constituent Engagement Deputy, tmcgee@bos.lacounty.gov

- e. CA Assemblymember Isaac Bryan: Michelle Persoff, Senior Field Representative, Michelle.Persoff@asm.ca.gov
- f. CA State Senator Lola Smallwood-Cuevas: Elizabeth Birks, District Representative, elizabeth.birks@sen.ca.gov
- g. US Congressman Ted Lieu: Aurelia Friedman, Senior Field Representative, Aurelia.Friedman@mail.house.gov
Sr. Field Rep. Friedman provided updates on the bipartisan bill on AI guidelines, stating the bill passed from the house and senate. Friedman also noted a service academy day on Feb. 23.
- h. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE): Prabhjot Chamber, prabhjot.chamber@lacity.org
 - i. Chamber stated the survey to choose the next general manager for DONE is still open and the mayor's community engagement team wants to hear from the public. Chamber noted there is an EMPOWER LA youth conference at city hall on Jan. 27.
 - ii. Member Sankaran asked about updating the bylaws by the April board meeting deadline and Chamber stated the earlier is better and to aim for March.
- i. Park Advisory Board: Brent Goshen and Jacqueline Lauderdale
- j. TBD additional govt reports

4. Public comment on Non-Agenda items – Members of the public will have 2 minutes to speak on any non-agenda subject.

Susan Vogelsang asked for support from the DRNC for preferential parking for staff at a hospital that began demolition for expansion.

Kalani Whittington noted an incident she had with a homeless resident at Maxella and emphasized the need for mental health institutions.

Daisy Vega gave comments in Spanish.

5. Consent Calendar- *Items that are routine in nature and do not require debate; any item may be pulled from the consent calendar for debate at the request of any Board Member*

- a. **Approval of Minutes** from December 7th, 2023 General Board Meeting.
- b. **Motion (Daniel Perez):** The DRNC approves the December 2023 Monthly Expenditure Reports (MER). Motion was set to approve the consent calendar, **seconded** by Schonwald.
Motion passed with 10 yeses from members Sankaran, Schonwald, Perez, Hegedus, Rosenthal, Reynolds, Richards, Tropp, Sanchez and Turquand.

6. New Business:

- a. **Presentation** from PATH about their homelessness services in the LA area. (Tentative)
(Pushed to March)
- b. **Presentation and Training:** Presentation from DRNC President Emeritus Matt Wersinger on DRNC ByLaws and Standing Rules.

- i. **Wersinger** provided details on how the DRNC has worked on bylaws in previous years. Wersinger stated bylaws involve elections, voting rules, changes within the board and the structure everyone lives by on terms approved by DONE.
- ii. **Wersinger** urged board members to read up on all the items before meetings and noted any recusal of vote should be limited to the letter of the law. Member **Schonwald** noted the board may lose the ability to vote if quorum is lost and suggested abstaining from voting rather than recusing.

- c. **Motion (Daniel Perez):** The DRNC approves a \$1,000 Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG) to Short Avenue Elementary School to support their Playaway Audiobook program.
Seconded by Schonwald.

Naama Levy, a librarian from Short Elementary shared with the council a wishlist of audiobooks for students to check out. Levy stated it gives opportunity for kids that struggle with reading the ability to listen to complex stories.

Public Comment:

Daisy Vega gave comments in Spanish.

Board Comments:

Member Schonwald stated they can ask for this any time as contributes to students learning.

Member Hegedus noted this was passed this in education committee.

Member Tropp stated 8.7% of children in the U.S. have ADHD and it helps to have audiobooks since a lot of people could benefit from this.

Motion passed with 10 yeses from members Sankaran, Schonwald, Perez, Hegedus, Rosenthal, Reynolds, Richards, Tropp, Sanchez and Turquand.

- d. **Discussion (Jonathan Menendez):** Update on website and rebranding updates.
Formal review executive committee meeting.

Member Menendez met with the board to redesign the website, learn how people navigate through it and is working with a web designer. Member Sankaran noted the designs are subjective and feedback is welcome from board members on logo revisions.

7. Executive Committee Member Reports:

- a. President's Report (Ravi Sankaran) **Still working on Marina Del Rey middle school. Candidate forum Feb. 8 at middle school or Del Rey Square.**
- b. Vice-President (Jeremy Schonwald) **Bylaws committee held on Monday, Jan. 15.**
- c. Treasurer (Daniel Perez)
 - i. Budget link: <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/NCFundPortal/Dashboard.html>
- d. Secretary (Sara Siegal)
- e. Outreach Officer (Jillian Hegedus) **Homeless count, annual egg hunt, movie night, outreach on Jan. 31.**
- f. Communications Officer (Jonathan Menendez) **Working with members Tropp and Hegedus on video for campaign, homeless count.**
- g. Land Use Officer (Pooja Bhagat)

8. Area Director Reports

B Rosenthal: Biona Wetlands Creek, CALTrans

E Richards: All good, Area E had the best Christmas lights

F Tropp: Report on Jason from Area F

G Sanchez: Mar Vista Gardens

9. Committee Reports

- a. Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee – Monday, January 15th, 7pm, Zoom
- b. Land Use and Planning Committee – Thursday, January 18th, 7pm, Zoom
- c. Education Committee – Thursday, January 25th, 7pm, Zoom
- d. Executive/Outreach/Budget & Finance – Wednesday, January 31st, 7pm, Zoom
- e. Green Committee – Next meeting TBD

10. Next Board Meeting: Thursday, February 8th, 2024, 7pm, in-person location TBD.

11. Motion to Adjourn: **President Sankaran set a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m.**

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