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

Thursday, March 13th, 2025, 7:00 pm

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<http://tinyurl.com/DRNCdocsMarch2025>

Spanish Translation is available on Zoom for this meeting.

1. **Call to order and Introductions:** **President Sankaran** called the meeting to order at **7:00 p.m.** **Secretary Siegal** called the meeting to order and quorum was met.

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

Members Absent: None.

2. Update on Board activities and announcements

a. Update on prior motions and/or events

- LAHSA Homeless Count, Thursday, February 20

Organizer **Ron Kato** thanked board members, volunteers and member Hegedus for setting it up.

b. Upcoming events

- 2025 NC Board Election- refer to <https://www.delreync.org/elections>
 - Ballot request deadline Monday, March 10
 - Ballot mailing deadline Tuesday, March 18
 - Elections results certified Wednesday, April 2

Member **Sankaran** noted they can mail or drop off at a local public library.

- Community Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 12, 10:30am-1:30pm, Bill Rosendahl Park (subject to board motion)

- Earth Day Tree Adoption event, Saturday, April 19, 9am-12pm, Marina del Rey Middle School

Member **Sankaran** stated CD11 is active in planning their event. Member **Reynolds** noted there will be a resource fair, local organizations and government agencies focusing on sustainability and green issues.

3. Government Reports and Presentations

LAPD Pacific Division SLOs Aceves & Ramirez, 39174@lapd.online email for Aceves

- i. **Aceves** stated crime is down overall by 36% on the westside of Centinela With 49 less crimes in all compared to a year ago. On the eastside, crime is up by 4.5% with 88 reported crimes this year. Ramirez noted Care Plus operations in area with CD11 are taking place and they are working with CALtrans and alley county public works on the 90 freeway and Ballona Creek.
- ii. **Aceves** stated they have been working on trespassing operations to arrest people on private property even when the business owner is not present by filling out a form, and filing to the office to authorize arrest on the owner's behalf. In addition, a warning form supplements the trespass authorization on file that will automatically arrest the person if they return within 24 hrs.

iii. Member **Schonwald** asked if graffiti falls under property crimes and **Aceves** stated less less than half of graffiti is gang related, 20% of it is and is handled by the Pacific Division gang unit. Member **Roth** asked where the crime stats can be found and **Aceves** stated they are posted online. Member **Rosenthal** stated lots of cars are speeding on Mindanao and **Aceves** stated they will have a bigger presence to stop and cite. Member **Tropp** asked who can authorize trespass forms if the owner has passed and **Aceves** stated next of kin, authorized people on property, a trust or attorney would determine it.

- a. LA City Council District 11: Matthew Halden, Field Deputy, Matthew.Halden@lacity.org
 - i. **Halden** stated they had successful operations in Inglewood and the 90 freeway, Braddock, 405 freeway and Culver City. Halden noted repopulation is anticipated and they will keep locations on tab to offer services and working on getting CAO operations.
 - ii. **Halden** stated the DOT connect Del Rey project will help Samford folks with issues including unhoused individuals. Halden noted traffic calming measures for Inglewood Blvd. with no traffic light, a project for enhanced crosswalk on the creek channel, and phase 2 HLA proposal for buses, bikes and scooter lanes in need of funding. Halden noted a Ballona Creek cleanup with Renaissance on April 5th and Earth Day tree event where houses can get up to seven trees on April 19th from 9am to 2pm.
 - iii. Member **Rosenthal** asked what CAO stands for and what they do when areas repopulate. Halden stated the City Admin Office work on RV task force operations and establish 4118 zones. Member **Reynolds** and **Tropp** asked why unhoused folks aren't getting services. **Halden** stated there is a lack of beds in the westside and folks aren't always willing to go outside of their area for care. Member **Richards** asked about a CAO operation on Sawtelle and Braddock, Halden stated it is a priority.
- b. LA Mayor's Office: Marian Ensley, West Area Representative, Marian.Ensley@lacity.org
- c. LA County Supervisor Holly Mitchell: Tracy McGee, Constituent Engagement Deputy, tmcgee@bos.lacounty.gov
- d. CA Assemblymember Isaac Bryan: Michelle Persoff, Senior Field Representative, Michelle.Persoff@asm.ca.gov
- e. CA State Senator Lola Smallwood-Cuevas: Carlos Penilla, District Representative, Carlos.Penilla@sen.ca.gov
 Senior Field Rep. **Penilla**, stated they send FEMA and state updates on a daily basis. Penilla stated they met with the Protective League and noted lack of communication with CALtrans CHP, LAPD and the offices and would like to coordinate efforts on issues.
- f. US Congressman Ted Lieu: Janet Turner, Deputy District Director, Janet.Turner@mail.house.gov

Aurelia **Friedman** returned from maternity leave and stated a bipartisan bill on fentanyl overdoses was introduced after Tyler Shamasha, a 19-year-old, overdosed in 2018. The bill has bipartisan support and Janet Turner helped work on it. Friedman stated **HR8340** would amend the statute department of housing and income (HUD) and ensure disability doesn't affect veterans' eligibility for housing. Friedman noted a congressional art competition coming up for high schoolers with an April 4th deadline and a virtual youth town hall on May 18th.

- g. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE): Prabhjot Chamber, prabhjot.chamber@lacity.org

Chamber stated board members can apply for the Monday series featuring members doing impactful work in the community and to study on Robert's Rules for meetings. Chamber noted upcoming events including service day LA, community cleanup on Sat. March 15th in honor of Women's History month. Member **Schonwald** added in to study Robert's Rules, for meeting rules and decorum.

- h. Park Advisory Board: Brent Goshen and Jacqueline Lauderdale

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

Edwina Magana, from the Education Committee in Del Rey, asked where to go for information on Short Ave.

Wendy Berger expressed concern, as a condo resident at the Marina Gateway, over a lot of break ins, a sentiment shared with the 135 residents as well.

Kalani Whittington stated, as a westside stakeholder, they have not received their ballot yet online.

- 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 February 13th, 2025 General Board Meeting.
- b. **Motion (Daniel Perez):** The DRNC approves the February 2025 Monthly Expenditure Reports (MER).
- c. **Motion (Daniel Perez):** The DRNC approves up to \$200 for the Zoom license renewal fee.
- d. **Motion (Daniel Perez):** The DRNC approves a reimbursement of \$876.50 to DRNC board member Jonathan Menendez for website update costs.
- e. **Motion (Daniel Perez):** The DRNC approves a \$250 payment to Kristina Smith dba The Mailroom for ongoing website maintenance.
- f. **Motion (Daniel Perez):** The DRNC approves a \$250 NPG/Emergency Outreach expenditure to Raise Pali for wildfire relief for Palisades Charter High School.
- g. **Motion (Daniel Perez):** The DRNC approves a \$250 NPG/Emergency Outreach expenditure to Friends of Marquez for wildfire relief for Marquez Elementary School.
- h. **Motion (Daniel Perez):** The DRNC approves a \$500 payment to artist Melissa Whyte for

repairing murals in Del Rey.

- i. **Motion (Education Committee/Jillian Hegedus):** The DRNC approves a \$686 NPG grant to Playa del Rey Elementary Booster Club to fund a revamp of their butterfly garden and development of a Zen Garden.

Motion passed with 14 yeses from members **Sankaran, Schonwald, Perez, Siegal, Menendez, Hegedus, Bhagat, Rosenthal, Roth, Reynolds, Richards, Tropp, Sanchez, Turquand.**

6. New Business:

- a. **Motion (Daniel Perez):** The DRNC approves up to \$500 to purchase Neighborhood Watch signage and/or CIRCLE program decals to support mitigation of issues related to the Inside Safe interim housing site at the Vista Motel. **Seconded by member Richards.**

Public Comments:

Member Perez stated a neighborhood watch will support around the Vista motel in an effective, efficient way.

Kalani Whittington stated they support with reservation from a bad experience with CIRCLE.

Member Tropp stated a certain percent of households on the street have to be part of the neighborhood watch and stated they were also not fond of CIRCLE.

Member Richards noted it will be a way to show support to neighbors and do something within their jurisdiction and power.

Member Sankaran asked how it will get made. **Member Perez** stated if moved forward, the neighborhood watch would coordinate with LAPD, have CIRCLE decal signs and report services through a phone number.

Member Rosenthal stated every little bit helps, and they are all on board.

Motion passed with **12 yeses** from **Sankaran, Schonwald, Perez, Siegal, Menendez, Hegedus, Bhagat, Rosenthal, Roth, Reynolds, Richards, Turquand**

Tropp voted **no**.

- b. **Motion (Outreach Committee/Jillian Hegedus):** The DRNC approves a budget of \$2,000 for the 4th Annual Community Egg Hunt to be held on Saturday, April 12 at Bill Rosendahl Park **Seconded by member Schonwald.**

Public Comments:

Edwina Magana stated they are not voting but affirming the motion.

Kalani Whittington asked if they were purchasing fewer eggs because of rising costs, if they are real or plastic eggs and expressed liability concerns about holes in the park but support it.

Member Hegedus stated they applied for the maximum budget, will use plastic eggs, re-used from last year and will ask for eggs back for the next officer. Hegedus stated they have 3,000 eggs and any liability is covered through the park service. Hegedus noted the Del Rey Jazz Band is double booked and not going to be able to play this year.

Member Schonwald thanked Member **Hegedus** for their past years of service to the board.

Motion passed with 13 yeses from members **Sankaran, Schonwald, Perez, Siegal, Menendez, Hegedus, Bhagat, Rosenthal, Reynolds, Richards, Tropp, Sanchez, Turquand.**

Member **Roth left** the meeting prior to the vote.

- c. **Motion (LUPC/Pooja Bhagat):** The DRNC approves the proposed 6 story, 76' feet tall affordable housing project at 12538-12628 W Culver Blvd subject to the conditions listed below. The project would demolish the existing perimeter fence and 1-story school buildings and clear the site for construction of a new 5-Story Type III-A Multifamily Residential Building over 1-Story Type 1-A housing with 122 affordable housing units.
- The applicant shall study traffic safety measures along Culver Blvd – in particular the westbound traffic entering into the parking lot and the Braddock-facing elevation.
 - The applicant shall study the possibility of the area facing Culver Blvd being a public-facing amenity.
 - The applicant shall rename the project to recognize the Del Rey neighborhood identity.

Seconded by member **Sankaran.**

Andrew Yick, project manager at Community Corp at Santa Monica, introduced architect **Arturo Yanis**, project manager **Trisha Das**, and **Tim Moran**. Ayick@communitycorp.org

Yick stated Community Corp. is branching out to the westside and Vista Del Rey would be a 100% affordable space with 122 units.

Public Comments:

Kalani Whittington stated they love the design and it would be perfect across Ballona Creek Channel Playa Vista since it is way too large on Culver Blvd.

Tommy asked if parking is extra or comes with the unit. **Yick** stated there is no fee, parking comes with the unit.

Member Schonwald stated there is less than 1:1 parking on a high volume street and is too close to the beach.

Member Reynolds stated the location is interesting from a public transportation perspective, since it is next to public transportation maybe they can collaborate with the buses.

Member Rosenthal stated a big building would set a precedent for the rest of the area.

Member Perez stated they hope it starts a precedent since there is a housing crisis.

Member Bhagat stated the land use and planning commission applauds the fact that it is affordable and non-profit housing is extremely difficult to fund.

Member Turquand asked if LA county residents need more housing units, water use and stated it will be out of place.

Member Tropp stated most Angelinos have two cars per household so they would need 244 parking spaces and the bus in the area only runs on weekdays at certain times.

Member Menendez asked if there's opportunities for the DRNC and others to use the space.

Yick addressed the public comments stating with a legislative directive to address low income housing, some things have to give such as parking. **Tim Moran** clarified behind the property is an R1 zone and they cannot have vehicular access through there. **Yick** stated a randomly based lottery system will determine how applicants are selected and is open to everybody. Yick noted affordable housing developer/third party handles the lottery.

Member Siegal stated everybody needs to do their part in increasing housing stock in LA, and it is not without issues but we need to make small sacrifices.

Member Hegedus stated they are never going to be a perfect solution and need more abundant affordable housing in LA to set a precedent because homelessness will persist if affordable housing is not built.

Motion passed with **11 yeses** from members **Sankaran, Schonwald, Perez, Siegal, Menendez, Hegedus, Bhagat, Rosenthal, Reynolds, Richards, Tropp.**

Member **Turquand** voted **no**.

- d. **Motion (LUPC/Pooja Bhagat):** The DRNC approves the proposed residential project at 13474-13476 Washington Blvd, (in Culver City) and on 13477-13481 Beach Ave (in Los Angeles) on the condition that the applicant provide community benefit funding to be agreed upon by the board.

Postponed.

- e. **Motion (Jeffrey Tropp):** The DRNC strongly supports [Council File 19-1020](#), which seeks to establish a Commission on Lived Experience with Homelessness (CLEH), composed entirely of individuals who are currently or have recently experienced homelessness in Los Angeles. The DRNC urges the Los Angeles City Council and Housing and Homelessness Committee to take immediate action to extend and reintroduce CF 19-1020, which expired on November 18, 2024. The CLEH is a vital initiative that ensures people with lived experience of homelessness play a direct role in shaping the systems intended to serve them. (full motion text in meeting folder) **Seconded by member Hegedus.**

Public Comment:

Kalani Whittington stated they cannot support and asked what constitutes homelessness and who can qualify.

Member Sankaran noted this was an expired council file they brought back.

Member Hegedus stated they will vote yes and think it is really important to have lived experience, one of the ways to determine solutions.

Member Siegal asked if other Westside NC's support this, what is the cost and role.

Member Tropp stated it is one staff member to an advisory board, funding is approved and ten NC's support it. Tropp stated unhoused voices rarely get heard and this would give them a say with the housing crisis.

Member Reynolds stated they think it is a great idea and they support this, seeing firsthand Jeffrey's lived experience and connection to others which would dispel distrust in the system.

Member Turquand stated they are all for Jeffrey, but there is so much effort being put in for homelessness and not how to mitigate the situation for residents.

Member Sankaran stated it is valuable to have lived experiences, and it would help facilitate the process for commission, layers to get back into the housing and homeless committee.

Motion passed with 12 yeses from members **Sankaran, Schonwald, Perez, Siegal, Menendez, Hegedus, Bhagat, Rosenthal, Reynolds, Richards, Tropp, Turquand.**

7. Area Director Reports

B Rosenthal: Homeless count, not many problems in Del Rey, meeting with Debbie Diner Harris from hospital. Gopher holes look good, area clean.

- D Reynolds:** Culver Median looking cleaner, homeless count, DFAG 24 in those areas, more in Area D.
E Richards: Thank Daniel and board for Motion 6A, supporting neighbors in east LA.
F Tropp: Venice Japanese heritage on Sat. April 5th at 5 pm. Cleaned up Sepulveda channel to Kensington. Collecting signatures to get alley near Braddock paved, mural funding approved.
H Turquand: Everything covered in reports, been four years and still talking about same people, places.

8. Executive Committee Member Reports:

- a. President's Report (Ravi Sankaran)
- b. Vice-President (Jeremy Schonwald)
- c. Treasurer (Daniel Perez)
 - Budget link: <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/NCFundPortal/Dashboard.html>
- d. Secretary (Sara Siegal)
- e. Outreach Officer (Jillian Hegedus)
- f. Communications Officer (Jonathan Menendez)
- g. Land Use Officer (Pooja Bhagat) **No land use meeting this month.**

9. Committee Reports

- a. Land Use and Planning Committee – Thursday, March 20, 7pm, Zoom
- b. Executive/Outreach/Budget & Finance – Wednesday, March 26, 7pm, Zoom
- c. Green Committee – Tuesday, April 1, 7pm, Zoom
- d. Education Committee – Thursday, April 3, 7pm, Zoom

10. Next Board Meeting: Thursday, April 10th, 2025, 7pm, Zoom

11. Motion to Adjourn: **President Sankaran set a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:04 p.m.**

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