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

DRAFT MINUTES

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

**In-person meeting location: Marina del Rey Middle School,
12500 Braddock Dr, Los Angeles, CA 90066**

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Spanish Translation is available on Zoom for this meeting.

1. **Call to order and Introductions:** President Ravi **Sankaran** called the meeting to order at **7:02 p.m.** Member **Hegedus** called the roll and **quorum** was met.

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

Members Absent: Siegal, Roth.

2. Update on Board activities and announcements

- a. Update on prior motions and/or events
 - i. Culver-Slauson Recreation Center Holiday Party, Saturday, December 21
Sankaran noted it was a successful event and Councilwoman Park was there to read to the kids as Mrs. Claus.
- b. Upcoming events
 - i. LAHSA Homeless Count, Thursday, February 20, 8pm, Culver City Presbyterian Church. Register to volunteer at <https://count.lahsa.org/>
Ron Kato, lead organizer, asked people to sign up online on the LAHSA website. Kato noted volunteers will be divided into groups to cover the 15 divided areas of Del Rey.
 - ii. 2025 NC Board Election- refer to <https://www.delreync.org/elections>
 - Candidate Forum Tuesday, February 18, 6pm, Zoom
20 candidates running for 15 seats on board. Vote by March 9th.
 - Ballot request deadline Monday, March 10
 - Ballot mailing deadline Tuesday, March 18
 - iii. Earth Day Tree Adoption event, Saturday, April 19 (subject to board motion)
Member **Sankaran** noted they are giving away 150 trees to residents in LA.

3. Government Reports and Presentations

- a. LAPD Pacific Division SLOs Aceves & Ramirez
Officer **Aceves** stated crime statistics from January, showing overall reduction in crime. A burglary prevention town hall meeting was held to inform individuals on home and vehicle safety, and the theft penalty was put into effect.

Member **Bhagat** noted areas of concern near Braddock Elementary, Inglewood, Centinela, Ballona Creek, and people speeding across single resident family streets. Aceves stated they will ask traffic staff to be there along with Mindanao Way.

- b. LA City Council District 11: Councilwoman Traci Park and Matthew Halden, Field Deputy, Matthew.Halden@lacity.org
1. **Park** stated they resigned as 2028 Olympics chair to work with new ad hoc committee to manage, rebuild after the fires. Park noted **Julio Torres**, the new **CD11** office liaison who will work with Matthew Halden. Park stated a joint jurisdictional meeting on Feb. 18th with CHP, CALtrans, LAPD addressed encampment issues.
 2. A Del Rey community town hall will be held on Feb. 24th from 6-7:30 pm on Zoom. A meeting on the Vista Motel will be held Feb. 26th at 3 p.m. CD11 is hosting a tax prep and resource fair at Mar Vista Gardens resource fair on March 1st. Park stated they are working with HACLA, DOT and LAPD on parking issues in Mar Vista Gardens.
 3. Member **Tropp** asked what steps are taken to protect undocumented immigrants. **Park** stated the LAPD policy is they do no work on behalf of ICE And the office is working with civil rights and legal clinics. Members **Bhagat** and **Turquand** asked about infrastructure. Park stated there is no time like the present to talk about aging, crumbling infrastructure but the price tag is roughly half a billion-dollar deficit.
- c. LAUSD Board Member Nick Melvoin: Allison Holdorff Polhill, Senior Advisor and District Director
- Polhill** stated they relocated Pali elementary, Brentwood schools, Pali high school due to the fires. Polhill stated 60-70% of the campus is intact and they will reopen Jan. 2026. LAUSD Ed. Foundation has a collection fund for the school and an Amazon wishlist for rebuilding efforts.
- Member **Tropp** asked about DEI in sports, what the Department of Education and LAUSD are doing to protect students and identities. **Polhill** stated they have 100% protections, names safe at any school site, student led protests, students and families educated, active and pro bona law firms working with families on all levels in preparation.
- d. LA Mayor's Office: Marian Ensley, West Area Representative, Marian.Ensley@lacity.org
- Ensley** noted while focus has been on the Palisades fire and recovery, they haven't lost sight of Del Rey concerns. Ensley stated a Jan. 5th meeting focused on water toxins in Ballona Creek and concerns on pipelines. There will be a multi-jurisdictional meeting on encampment concerns along the 90 Freeway and Inglewood and city-wide cleanups will pick back up again.
- Ensley noted Tax Day and gave information on immigrations rights concerning ICE. Member **Turquand** noted the Prop 36 sanctuary clause and concern from constituents.
- e. LA County Supervisor Holly Mitchell: Tracy McGee, Constituent Engagement Deputy, tmcgee@bos.lacounty.gov
- f. CA Assemblymember Isaac Bryan: Michelle Persoff, Senior Field Representative, Michelle.Persoff@asm.ca.gov

g. CA State Senator Lola Smallwood-Cuevas: Carlos Penilla, District Representative,
Carlos.Penilla@sen.ca.gov

h. US Congressman Ted Lieu: Janet Turner, Deputy District Director,
Janet.Turner@mail.house.gov

Turner stated the Congressman is enraged on illegal things going on in Washington D.C. with 35 pieces of litigation going on. Turner noted the two pieces of legislation introduced include the Public Taxpayer Safety Act, which delineates who can and cannot access public tax information, and the other is a bill on immigration.

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

Chamber shared information from the city clerk: allowing NC's to contribute funding to fire relief efforts and categorize expenditures as outreach. There is a new website for neighborhood empowerment at lacity.gov which can be used for election outreach.

Chamber noted the board needs to renew their annual zoom license for \$200 and there will be an advocacy virtual workshop for budgeting on Thursday, March 6th from 6-7:30 pm. They will overview the city budget, programs, NC's and communities can participate.

j. LA Fire Department (LAFD): Captain Lance McCloskey

k. 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.

Elizabeth stated oversight is needed for the east side of Area E, Vista Motel and Venice 405 overpass, unhoused individuals.

Ed Sullivan stated carcinogenic chemicals are flooding the Ballona Creek, Centinela storm drain, and they would like a motion to speak on the issue in the future.

A long time **Del Rey resident** stated after coming back from two deployments, a lot has changed as minorities, families are losing housing, a long-term issue.

Edwina Magana, an Area A homeowner asked the education council about land rezoning.

Carol Taubman, a Mandeville Canyon resident, stated the monthly Vista Motel meeting with the city has changed to a CD11 safety meeting. Taubman stated they raised the point at Dec. meeting that the lease with the city is invalid, unprotected from insurance, liability standpoint and need help with issue since there is no action.

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 5th, 2024 General Board Meeting.

Member **Sankaran** set a **motion to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by member Schonwald.**

Motion **approved** with **12 yeses** from members **Sankaran, Schonwald, Perez, Menendez, Hegedus, Bhagat, Damata, Rosenthal, Reynolds, Richards, Tropp, Sanchez and Turquand.**

- b. **Motion (Daniel Perez):** The DRNC approves the December 2024 and January 2025 Monthly Expenditure Reports (MER). **Seconded by member Schonwald.**

Member **Perez** joined the meeting late. **Perez** stated in response to emergency from wildfires, they are authorized to spend \$1,000 without approval as an effort to support wildfire relief.

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

- c. **Motion (Green Committee):** The DRNC supports CF 24-1222 to instruct LADOT to report back on guidelines for establishing priority signal timing for at-grade rail lines and Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) lines. (backup materials in meeting folder)
- d. **Motion (Education Committee):** The DRNC supports a \$514 NPG for Friends of Short Avenue Elementary to establish an outdoor classroom space.
- e. **Motion (Education Committee):** The DRNC supports a \$500 NPG for the Pathfinder Network to provide supplies for the POPS program which supports youth impacted by incarceration, deportation, and detention.
- f. **Motion (Education Committee):** The DRNC supports a \$300 NPG for Marina del Rey Middle School to provide food for its annual Telescope Night on March 6th.

6. New Business:

- a. **Motion (Daniel Perez):** The DRNC approves the following emergency expenditures made with the approval of the DRNC President in response to the Mayor's Local Declaration of Emergency related to the Palisades wildfire:
- i. \$287.62 at Target for toiletry supplies distributed by PATH to evacuees
 - ii. \$350 to World Central Kitchen
 - iii. \$360 to LAFD Foundation

- b. **Motion (Ravi Sankaran):** The DRNC agrees to hold an Earth Day Tree Adoption event on Saturday, April 19th, at Marina del Rey Middle School, in partnership with Council District 11, LADWP and other City departments. **Seconded by member Hegedus.**

Member **Sankaran** stated they are giving out 150 trees as part of an Earth Day resource fair.

Member **Bhagat** asked if it was possible to be planted on the street sidewalks. Member **Sankaran** noted they would need a separate policy for sidewalk, not parkway trees.

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

- c. **Motion (Education Committee):** The DRNC supports a \$1,000 NPG for Short Avenue Elementary School for purchase of audio book materials. **Seconded by member Schonwald.**

Member **Hegedus** noted it has already been passed by the education committee.

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

- d. **Motion (Daniel Perez):** The DRNC approves up to \$750 for the purchase of DRNC-branded quarter-zip sweaters for the board members. **Seconded by member Schonwald.**

Member **Sankaran** noted they have reservations on spending this much money for merch and would rather buy sweaters with their own money. Members **Rosenthal** and **Bhagat** stated it needs to go to the community.

Motion **does not pass** (6-5) with members **Sankaran, Hegedus, Reynolds, Bhagat, Turquand, Rosenthal** voting no. Members **Schonwald, Perez, Menendez, Richards** and **Sanchez** voted in favor.

Members **Damata** and **Tropp** abstained from the vote.

- e. **Motion (Ravi Sankaran):** The DRNC appoints Jeffrey Tropp as its Homelessness Liaison with the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE). **Seconded by member Hegedus.**

Member **Bhagat** noted if they are going to be representing the board and Del Rey community, they need to be speaking on behalf of what the majority thinks. Member **Sankaran** noted it is

not a policy making group, they are listening to perspectives.

Prabhjot Chamber stated it has nothing to do with policy making, they will be the bridge between NC's and broader community partners, a resource information program contributing efforts towards combatting homelessness.

Member **Reynolds** stated they can vouch for member **Tropp**, who has lived experiences and speaks on behalf of the community with a goal to get people services and inside.

Member **Turquand** noted they came on the board to defend neighborhoods from homelessness but stated they think Jeffrey would do a great job.

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

f. **Motion (Green Committee):**

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles is committed to environmental sustainability and reducing waste through enhanced recycling efforts;

WHEREAS, the Culver Median, owned by LA County Metro, and other areas within the Del Rey neighborhood including Stoner Avenue between Braddock and Lindblade currently lack accessible public recycling bins adjacent to existing trash bins, leading to potential recyclables being discarded as waste;

WHEREAS, the placement of public LA Sanitation & Environment (LASAN) recycling bins, similar to those on Venice Boulevard, would provide residents and visitors with convenient opportunities to participate in recycling and contribute to the city's waste reduction goals;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Del Rey Neighborhood Council supports the installation of public recycling bins on the Culver Median and throughout the Del Rey neighborhood, strategically located next to existing public trash bins;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Neighborhood Council requests that LA Metro permit the placement of City recycling bins on the Culver Median in coordination with LASAN;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Del Rey Neighborhood Council urges the City of Los Angeles LASAN to allocate necessary resources for the installation and ongoing maintenance of these recycling bins to ensure continued community benefit and environmental impact.

Seconded by member **Perez**.

Member **Sankaran** noted they need to be strategic in how they lobby.

Motion **approved** with **12 yeses** from members **Sankaran, Perez, Menendez, Hegedus, Bhagat, Damata, Rosenthal, Reynolds, Richards, Tropp, Sanchez** and **Turquand**.

7. Area Director Reports

- A Damata:** coyotes in area, stop sign on Moore and Ida, put down speed strips, collecting data. Uptick in homelessness near Costco.
- B Rosenthal:** Gopher holes in Rosendahl park, parking.
- E Richards:** Culver Slauson holiday party a success.
- F Tropp:** Bingo night 5pm, food giveaway fourth Thursday request clothes and diapers.
- H Turquand:** 90 freeway meeting, looking at same motorhomes since before Covid.

8. Executive Committee Member Reports:

- a. President's Report (Ravi Sankaran) Participate in candidate forum next Tuesday.
- b. Vice-President (Jeremy Schonwald)
- c. Treasurer (Daniel Perez) \$15,000 left in funds, looking at couple thousand for egg hunt, falling under \$10,000 threshold for rollover funds, in good financial standing.
 - i. Budget link: <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/NCFundPortal/Dashboard.html>
- d. Secretary (Sara Siegal)
- e. Outreach Officer (Jillian Hegedus) Outreach, egg hunt April 11th.
- f. Communications Officer (Jonathan Menendez)
- g. Land Use Officer (Pooja Bhagat) Paseo Marina project, Beach Ave. project,

9. Committee Reports

- a. Land Use and Planning Committee – Thursday, February 20, 7pm, Zoom
- b. Executive/Outreach/Budget & Finance – Wednesday, February 26, Zoom
- c. Green Committee – Tuesday, March 4, 7pm, Zoom
- d. Education Committee – Thursday, March 6, 7pm, Zoom. Zen Garden approve for March meet.

10. **Next Board Meeting:** Thursday, March 13th, 2025, 7pm, Zoom

11. **Motion to Adjourn:** President Sankaran adjourned the meeting at 9:47 p.m.

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