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

**Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 7:00 pm**

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- (E) (i) An eligible legislative body that provides a timed public comment period for each agenda item shall not close the public comment period for the agenda item, or the opportunity to register, pursuant to subparagraph (D), to provide public comment until that timed public comment period has elapsed.
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- (iii) An eligible legislative body that provides a timed general public comment period that does not correspond to a specific agenda item shall not close the public comment period or the opportunity to register, pursuant to subparagraph (D), until the timed general public comment period has elapsed.

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<http://tinyurl.com/DRNCdocsNovember2024>

***Spanish Translation is available on Zoom for this meeting.***

1. **Call to order and Introductions:** President **Sankaran** called the meeting to order. Member **Schonwald** called the roll and quorum was met.

**Members Present:** Sankaran, Schonwald, Perez, Bhagat, Damata, Roth, Reynolds, Richards, Tropp, Turquand, Sanchez.

**Members Absent:** Siegal, Hegedus, Menendez, Rosenthal.

## 2. Update on Board activities and announcements

### a. Update on prior motions and actions taken

- i. Recap- Large Dog Park Grand Re-Opening, Saturday, October 12  
Member Sankaran showed an Instagram video recap of the event.
- ii. Recap- Northgate Market neighborhood cleanup, Saturday, October 19  
Member Reynolds stated the small but mighty group cleaned up a lot of trash along the street and the Mar Vista Gardens community. Reynolds noted a young boy named Finnegan was an all-star helper during the first Green Committee neighborhood cleanup and they are hoping to do more in the future
- iii. Recap- Del Rey Day 2024, Sunday, October 27  
Member Sankaran showed a video recap of **Del Rey Day** made by member Rosenthal. The next committee night will be **Tues. Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>** for next year's event.

### b. Upcoming events

- i. 2025 NC Board Election Candidate Filing November 15 – December 30  
Candidate Filing opens tomorrow, voting happens next year until March 9<sup>th</sup>  
Vote by mail ballot, no in-person polling place  
Member Sankaran noted they will put up lawn signs to encourage candidates to file for positions on the board.
- ii. Marina del Rey Holiday Boat Parade, Saturday, December 14, 6pm (board motion to follow)
- iii. Boys & Girls Club of Mar Vista Gardens Holiday Party, Wednesday, December 18, 3-6pm (board motion to follow)  
The new day for the event will be **Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>**.
- iv. Holiday Party in partnership with Recreation and Parks Dept. date TBD (board motion to follow)

### 3. Government Reports and Presentations

#### a. LAPD Pacific Division SLOs Aceves & Ramirez

- i. Officer **Ramirez** stated crime statistics in Del Rey: **West of Centinela**, radio calls are down 14% and theft and burglary are happening along Maxella. **East of Centinela**, grand theft is taking place on Inglewood. Ramirez advised locking vehicles, leave nothing in plain view, especially for Kia Souls and Toyota Tundras, and to pick up packages from the post office or lock box.
- ii. Officer Ramirez noted vehicle and RV impounding operations along Inglewood and the 90 Freeway, Sawtelle and Braddock, Mesmer and Beatrice. Members Sankaran, Richards, Turquand, Tropp and Roth asked questions regarding the RVs, if housing was offered, and noted other areas for operations. LAPD Pacific Division is planning a Santa sleigh route for the community.

#### b. LA City Council District 11: Matthew Halden, Field Deputy, [Matthew.Halden@lacity.org](mailto:Matthew.Halden@lacity.org)

- i. **Halden** noted there was an operation on Inglewood and 90 in which they engaged with a group of residents and are working with the Dpt. of Transportation for longer term solutions, red curbs and dedicated bike lanes.
- ii. **Halden** stated the OLA property is in process of demolition as they have cleared the entire lot, surrounding brush and demo contractors are keeping an eye out for trespassers. Halden noted the Vista Motel has been quiet as of late and Mar Vista Gardens are having a turkey donation event.
- iii. Member **Schonwald** thanked Halden for help with Area C. Member **Reynolds** asked why services offered aren't being accepted. Halden noted scarcity of beds, qualifications, barriers and those who want help have already accepted. Members Richards and Tropp asked about the OLA property.

#### c. LA Mayor's Office: Marian Ensley, West Area Representative, [Marian.Ensley@lacity.org](mailto:Marian.Ensley@lacity.org)

- i. **Ensley** noted **Chief McDonnell** was recently sworn in as the 59<sup>th</sup> sheriff of LA. There will be a cleanup Sat. **Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>** and a **homelessness count Jan. 21-23**. Residents can sign up to volunteer at [Count.lahsa.org](http://Count.lahsa.org).
- ii. **Ensley** stated the mayor's office focus is on homelessness and it is down for the first time in 20 years as more than 3,000 Angelinos have been housed according to Inside Safe. Ensley stated there have been three Inside Safe RV operations and they are looking at encampments under the 90 freeway and having monthly meetings regarding the Vista Motel.
- iii. Member **Turquand** stated they are trying to get the council to take care of the Quagmire area through an executive order. Member **Tropp** asked why people and vehicles are still out after Inside Safe visited the bird island encampment. Member **Schonwald** asked the status of LA tax incentive for the film industry.

d. LA County Supervisor Holly Mitchell: Tracy McGee, Constituent Engagement Deputy,  
[tmcgee@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:tmcgee@bos.lacounty.gov)

e. CA Assemblymember Isaac Bryan: Michelle Persoff, Senior Field Representative,  
[Michelle.Persoff@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Michelle.Persoff@asm.ca.gov)

f. CA State Senator Lola Smallwood-Cuevas: TBD District Representative

g. US Congressman Ted Lieu: Janet Turner, Deputy District Director,  
[Janet.Turner@mail.house.gov](mailto:Janet.Turner@mail.house.gov)

Turner stated Rep. Lieu will serve in Congress for a 6<sup>th</sup> term. Lieu urged President Biden to keep DDT contamination off the California Coast of Rancho Palos Verdes. Turner noted there was a ribbon cutting ceremony for a new permanent housing building with 730 units in West LA that will house veterans by 2025.

h. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE): Prabhjot Chamber,  
[prabhjot.chamber@lacity.org](mailto:prabhjot.chamber@lacity.org)

**Chamber** noted the Empower LA youth conference for 100 neighborhood council youth board members ages 14-17 at city hall to learn about the NC system and elections. Chamber stated the office of the city clerk is hosting regional election information sessions and there is a homelessness liaison meeting on Sat. 1-3 p.m. on Zoom. Chamber noted there will be a celebration of 25 years empowering LA and the impact of LA NC's at city hall on **Friday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>** from 6-9 p.m.

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

j. 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.

**Kalani Whittington** asked for more efforts on the Marina Freeway near Mindanao as the homeless encampment and dry brush are potential hazards.

**Daisy Vega** stated junk cars take up parking spots for everyone in Mar Vista and there is almost no parking in everyday life. Vega stated they want help and their voices to be heard.

**Ron Babcock** stated area of access roads from Mesmer to Centinela parallel to the 90 Marina Freeway have problems occurring as repair work stopped in March and encampments are growing with fires daily.

**Mary Shelliby** voiced their concern for the OLA property people are scattered on the streets now and asked what services are provided to them.

**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 October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 General Board Meeting.
- b. **Motion (Daniel Perez):** The DRNC approves the October 2024 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER).
- c. **Motion (Daniel Perez):** The DRNC approves the annual inventory report.
- d. **Motion (Daniel Perez):** The DRNC approves a \$438 reimbursement to board member Jillian Hegedus for expedited shipping costs for Del Rey Day supplies.
- e. **Motion (Daniel Perez):** The DRNC approves a \$102.38 reimbursement to board member Daniel A. Perez Del Rey Day supplies.
- f. **Motion (WRAC/Ravi Sankaran):** The DRNC, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), believes that there is a clear need for oversight and accountability for negligent property owners and developers who allow construction sites to remain incomplete and/or abandoned for extended time periods. The DRNC therefore supports CF 24-1128 (Hernandez), which calls for a report back by LADBS on consequences and solutions to the problem of abandoned / incomplete construction sites, which pose a risk of fire and other hazards and are a threat to public safety and welfare.
- g. **Motion (WRAC/Ravi Sankaran):** The DRNC, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), supports the letter dated August 5, 2024, from Councilwoman Traci Park to Governor Newsom and Caltrans, requesting that State authorities coordinate with CD 11 in addressing encampments on State property within the district, pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order # N-1-24. The DRNC further requests a prompt response, effective action and accountability by State authorities.

**Item D moved from Consent Calendar to 6.g.**

Member **Sankaran** set a **motion to approve the Consent Calender. Seconded by member Schonwald.**

**Motion approved with 10 yeses from members Sankaran, Schonwald, Perez, Bhagat, Damata, Reynolds, Richards, Tropp, Sanchez and Turquand.**

**6. New Business:**

- a. **Motion (Daniel Perez):** The DRNC approves the attached revised FY2024-2025 budget, moving \$2,000 into Neighborhood Purposes Grants educational opportunities. **Seconded by member Sankaran.**

Member **Perez** stated the DRNC has a rollover of \$4,200 and anticipate interpretation costs for next year will not be as high so they can move money into NPGs (Neighborhood Purpose Grants) and non-promotional items.

Member **Sankaran** stated last year they had to pay \$6,000 since the city didn't reimburse the funds and they still use translation services for in-person meetings. Sankaran stated the DRNC went 25% over budget for Del Rey Day as well.

**Kalani Whittington** asked regarding translation services if they could use a software or Google Translate cheaper than \$6,000. Member **Sankaran** stated they use Zoom captions.

**Motion passed with 10 yeses** from members **Sankaran, Schonwald, Perez, Bhagat, Damata, Reynolds, Richards, Tropp, Sanchez** and **Turquand**.

- b. **Motion (Daniel Perez):** The DRNC approves a \$500 NPG to the Boys & Girls Club at Mar Vista Gardens to support the Holiday Carnival event. **Seconded by member Schonwald.**

**Yackie**, the director of Boys and Girls Club Santa Monica, stated they service to 90% Mar Vista Gardens community and open on non school days for students, providing tutoring, civic engagement, visual performing arts. Yackie stated they will have a toy drive **Dec. 13**, 3-6 p.m.

**Motion passed with 10 yeses** from members **Sankaran, Schonwald, Perez, Bhagat, Damata, Reynolds, Richards, Tropp, Sanchez** and **Turquand**.

- c. **Motion (Daniel Perez):** The DRNC approves up to \$1,500 for a December holiday event in partnership with the Culver-Slauson Recreation Center, date TBD. **Seconded by member Richards.**

Member **Perez** stated the DRNC has partnered with them before and this time will be a collaborative event including the Del Rey Jazz Band, food, games, prizes, cookie decorating and Santa letters. Member **Sankaran** asked for a budget breakdown and Perez noted a majority will be food for 300 people and other groups are partnering in the event.

**Motion passed with 10 yeses** from members **Sankaran, Schonwald, Perez, Bhagat, Damata, Reynolds, Richards, Tropp, Sanchez** and **Turquand**.

- d. **Motion (Ravi Sankaran):** The DRNC supports the 2024 Marina del Rey Holiday Boat Parade on Saturday, December 14, and invites Del Rey residents to attend. While not in Del Rey but in neighboring Marina del Rey the Holiday Boat Parade and other programming at Burton Chace Park provide recreational value and enhance quality of life for Del Rey residents. (for more info: <https://mdrboatparade.org/>) **Seconded by member Perez.**

**Kalani Whittington** stated people viewing from Chase Park have trouble watching the parade.

**Motion passed with 10 yeses** from members **Sankaran, Schonwald, Perez, Bhagat, Damata, Reynolds, Richards, Tropp, Sanchez** and **Turquand**.

- e. **Discussion (Ravi Sankaran):** Discuss outreach plans for 2025 DRNC Board Election with key dates below. (More details at <https://www.delreync.org/elections-2025>)
  - i. Candidate filing period November 15 – December 30, 2024
  - ii. Vote-By-Mail period January 17 – March 9, 2025
  - iii. Election Day March 18, 2025
- f. **Discussion (Jonathan Menendez):** Update on new DRNC website.
- g. The DRNC approves a **\$300** reimbursement to board member Jillian Hegedus for expedited shipping costs for Del Rey Day supplies. **Seconded by member Schonwald.**

**Motion amended from \$438 to \$300. Seconded by member Sankaran.**

**Amended motion approved with 10 yeses from members Sankaran, Schonwald, Perez, Bhagat, Damata, Reynolds, Richards, Tropp, Sanchez and Turquand.**

**Motion passed with 10 yeses from members Sankaran, Schonwald, Perez, Bhagat, Damata, Reynolds, Richards, Tropp, Sanchez and Turquand.**

## 7. Area Director Reports

**A Damata:** Feedback from neighbors, Culver stop sign on Moore St., handing out election signs.

**E Richards:** OLA property, working with Tracy McGee on jurisdiction.

**F Tropp:** Woman on Kensington and Culver now indoors, Venice Family Food Clinic 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of month.

**G Sanchez:** Food delivery in Slauson park.

**H Turquand:** Homeless moving back and forth.

## 8. Executive Committee Member Reports:

- a. President's Report (Ravi Sankaran)
- b. Vice-President (Jeremy Schonwald) **CALtrans progress in clearing brush.**
- c. Treasurer (Daniel Perez) **Budget meeting Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>.**
  - i. 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) **Westside Community Plan feedback. No November Meeting. Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>.**

## 9. Committee Reports

- a. Land Use and Planning Committee – Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 7pm, Zoom
- b. Executive/Outreach/Budget & Finance – Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7pm Zoom
- c. Green Committee – **TBD**, 7pm, Zoom
- d. Education Committee –No December meeting planned



**10. Next Board Meeting:** Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 7pm, Marina del Rey Middle School Library

**11. President Sankaran set a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:33 p.m.**

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